

EURAD-2 Webinar on RWM Infrastructures – DG ENER policy updates

9 March 2026

EP Pilot Project

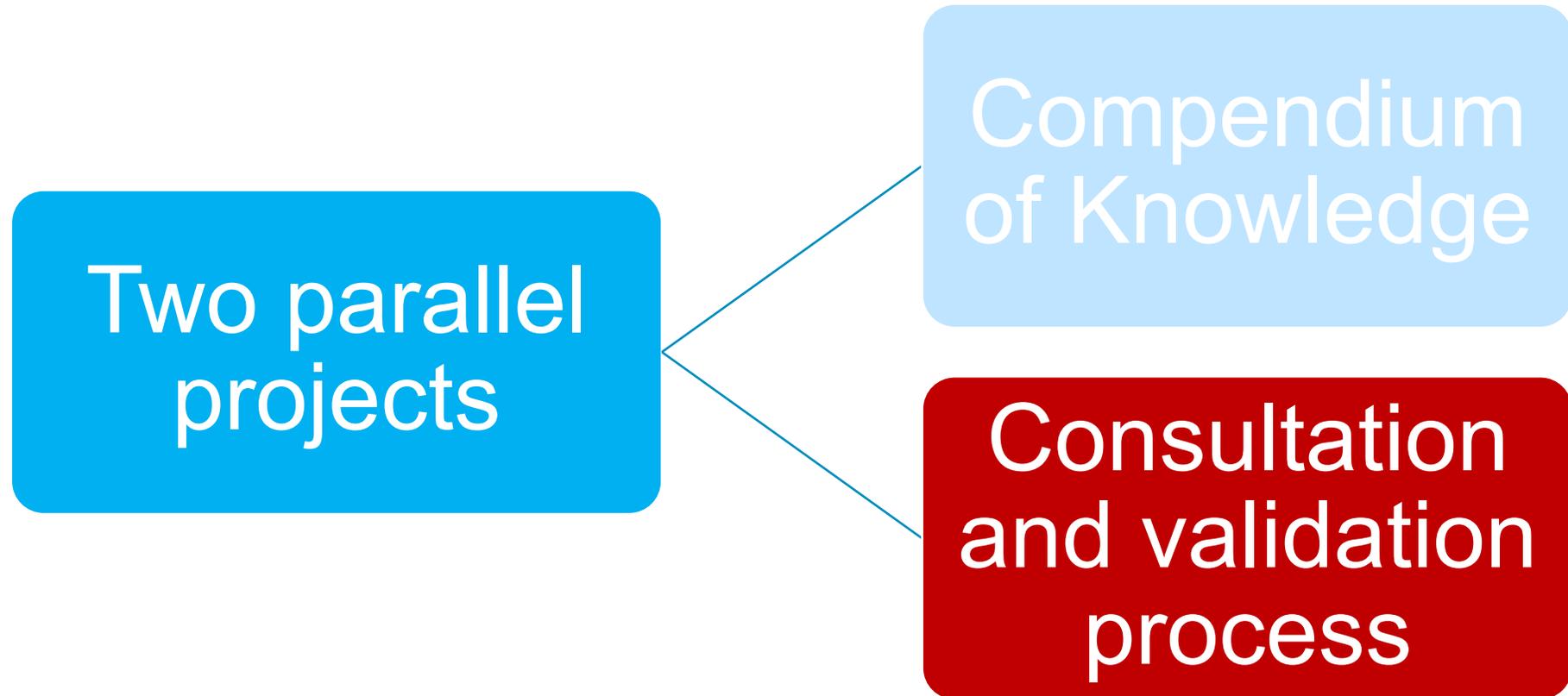


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Form

Focus

DG ENER response



Consultation process



General objective

Phase I

Phase II

Consultation process - structure



Stakeholder Group

Steering committee

4 workstreams

Consultation process - workstreams

1. Forum for EU MS policymakers to explore shared RWM opportunities

2. Transparent communication and effective involvement of the public and civil society

3. Removal of political and administrative barriers for creating a fully functioning and efficient European market(s)

4. Structure of multinational system(s) for RAW disposal

2nd workshop - 12-13 November 2025 Brussels

- The closing event of the 'Consultation on a joint European approach towards radioactive waste'
- Participants from 21 MS, representing ministries, regulators and waste management organizations
- Key note speeches by - Jan Panek, Director, Directorate D and Christophe Grudler, Member of European Parliament (France) – Pilot Project initiator



Outcomes of the workshop



The participants:

- endorsed the results achieved in 2025
- supported the transformation of the Consultation into a continuous, informal policy dialogue forum called 'Forum on Joint Approaches to Radioactive Waste Management'
- Agreed in principle on the Terms of Reference and Programme of Work of the new Forum

Next steps

- Follow up event in Q2 2026 to approve the final texts of the Terms of Reference and the Programme of Work for 2026-2027
- DG ENER to seek political validation from the Member States
- Back-to-back plenary meeting with ENEF 2026 where the Forum shall introduce itself



The Nuclear Illustrative Programme (PINIC)

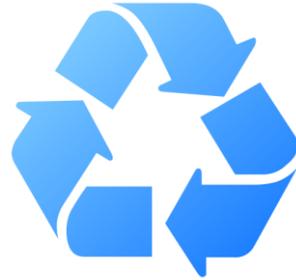
- Art. 40 Euratom Treaty: Commission must obtain opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) on PINIC
- Commission adopted PINIC for the EESC's opinion on 13 June 2025
- **EESC adopted its opinion on 4 December 2025 (1)**
- **Commission to adopt "final" PINIC**, taking EESC's opinion into account
- Communication, currently scheduled for **Q1 2026**
- Commission services are currently contributing feedback

Effective management of nuclear backend



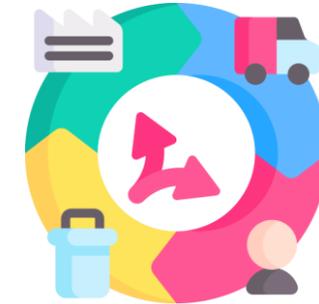
Need for backend infrastructure

Adequate funding



Experience from Decommissioning Bohunice

**95% recycling
8.33 €/MWh**



Backend and circular economy

EUR 300 billion

SMR Communication

- Planned for adoption in **March 2026**, linked to the **Clean Energy Investment Strategy**
- Strategically frames the initiatives of the SMR Industrial Alliance and proposes actions complementing the Alliance activities
- Creating the conditions to deliver concrete SMR projects in the EU in the early 2030's
- **Energy** and **industrial policy**, with the challenges of an emerging technology sector