



Nuclear: New cooperation mechanism established between the EU and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

The first Senior Officials' meeting bringing together officials from the European External Action Service, the European Commission and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) takes place in Brussels today. The discussions focus on enhancing cooperation in all areas relating to nuclear technologies, including safety and security of nuclear energy production and research activities. The cooperation between the IAEA and the EU institutions has grown significantly over the last years, with the EU being a major contributor to the activities of the IAEA, both in terms of financing and technical expertise. Traditionally the cooperation has focused more on non-proliferation and ensuring that all nuclear material is used only for peaceful purposes. After the Fukushima accident, nuclear safety has gained more momentum. Given the scale of the challenges, close coordination between the EU and the IAEA is essential for further strengthening nuclear safety and security worldwide.

- [Joint Press Statement of the first EU-IAEA Senior Officials Meeting on 25 January 2013](#)
- [FACT SHEET: EU support to the International Atomic Energy Agency \(IAEA\)](#)

Further information can be found on the following websites:-

On external action and energy policy:

http://eeas.europa.eu/energy/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/international/organisations/iaea_en.htm

On the instrument for nuclear safety co-operation:

http://eeas.europa.eu/nuclear_safety/index_en.htm