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European Nuclear Society (ENS) & European Atomic Forum (FORATOM)

Nuclear Energy Sector Ready to Show its Strength

ENC 2002, the European Nuclear Conference taking place in Lille, France, on 6-11 October, will provide visible proof of the vitality and ‘staying power’ of the nuclear energy sector in Europe and other parts of the world.

Hundreds of nuclear specialists are signed up for this international event that will focus on nuclear in relation to overall energy policy, and on new technological developments, including future reactor types. In parallel, about 140 companies and other organisations will be showcased at the ENC 2002 industrial exhibition. The ENCs, as they are such large-scale undertakings, are held only once every four years.

Due to the revived debate about the future role of nuclear energy, there will be an extra dimension to this year’s ENC, called ‘The European Energy Event’. Organised by FORATOM – the Brussels-based trade association for the nuclear industry in Europe – this new element of the conference will take the form of an open and wide-ranging debate on nuclear in the context of energy consumption, sustainable development, security of supply, safety and deregulation.

This part of the conference will be held on the first full day of ENC 2002 (Monday 7 October), and those taking part will include **top industrialists** from the power generation sector, representatives of the **European Commission, politicians, nuclear regulators** and **Friends of the Earth**, the environmental NGO. In addition, a global perspective will be given by **high-profile speakers** from the **US, Russia** and the **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)**.

Journalists are invited to cover The European Energy Event. A press conference will take place at 12 noon, and further details can be found in the Press Room section of the ENC 2002 website (<http://www.enc2002.org>).

During ENC 2002, journalists requiring further information or interviews should use this mobile phone number: +32 478 23 41 48.

ENC 2002 is co-organised by the European Nuclear Society (ENS), representing nuclear professionals from across the continent; its US counterpart, the American Nuclear Society (ANS); and the European Atomic Forum (FORATOM). The conference is co-sponsored by the Japan Atomic Industrial Forum (JAIF), the Washington-based Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), the OECD’s Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) and the World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO).

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