



Council of the  
European Union

Brussels, 2 June 2016  
(OR. en)

9688/16

ATO 40  
ENER 228  
RECH 216

#### INFORMATION NOTE

---

From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Council  
Subject: Action 10 of the SET-Plan on nuclear safety  
- Information from the Austrian, German, Greek and Luxembourg  
delegations

---

Delegations will find attached an information note from the Austrian, German, Greek and Luxembourg delegations.

**Information from the Austrian, German, Greek and Luxembourg delegations regarding Action 10 of the SET-Plan on nuclear safety**

Austria, Germany, Greece and Luxembourg welcome any EU initiative to reinforce nuclear safety in Europe and beyond and to improve nuclear waste management in the framework of the Euratom Treaty.

Austria, Germany, Greece and Luxembourg are respectful of the EU Treaties and the right of Member States to determine their own energy mix.

Nevertheless, the recent SET-Plan Draft Declaration of Intent on Strategic Targets in the context of Action 10 'Maintaining a high level of safety of nuclear reactors and associated fuel cycles during operation and decommissioning, while improving their efficiency', should concentrate on cooperation in the field of R&D corresponding to the objective of the SET-Plan.

Austria, Germany, Greece and Luxembourg cannot accept that these targets include, at EU level, the development and deployment of advanced and innovative fission reactors (point 4 of the Draft Declaration of Intent), nor the “availability of all potential EU funding options, e.g. InnovFin, EFSI or ESIF” as it is foreseen under the title “key enabling conditions” of the Draft Declaration of Intent.

Austria, Germany, Greece and Luxembourg wish to point out that EU funding can only be granted for safe and sustainable low-carbon technologies, whereas nuclear is an expensive risk technology. Therefore, Austria, Germany, Greece and Luxembourg oppose EU funding or any supportive framework for nuclear power plants.