



ID card of case study: Nuclear Waste Management

Title	Citizens' engagement in designing future scenarios for nuclear waste management in France
Short description of the case	<p>The participants will advise a state agency on how to organise participatory exercises that will involve local populations in the management of nuclear wastes.</p> <p>They will be asked:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To define the frame in which local participation can take place according to the agency objectives and constraints and thus make clear the objectives of public participation 2) To consider how previous experiences in other countries may help in the design of this participatory process 3) To propose initiatives for the citizens' engagement in the scientific, technical and social aspects of a project concerning high-activity and long-life nuclear waste management. <p>This case corresponds to a real demand of the French National Agency for Nuclear Waste Management (Andra) in relation with the current studies about the conception of a deep geological repository.</p>
Training objectives	<p>Participants will learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To take into account the importance of institutional conditions in designing deliberative processes - To consider the existing tension between framing and overflowing in decisional process at multiple levels (local, national, international) - To deal with the difficulties of designing a participatory initiative with affected population on a complex socio-technical issue <p>This case is especially devoted to project consultants of public participation in relation with policy decisions about science and technology issues. It can be of great relevance for people interested in the institutional aspects of public participation or willing to reflect in these topics.</p>
Training method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to the exercise - Participants work in small groups on the three tasks mentioned above - Each group present their first conclusions and discuss with Andra's representatives in plenary - Work in groups on the main elements and the rationale for a participation programme to be addressed to the French National Agency for Nuclear Waste Management - Presentation of the programme and general discussion in plenary.
Previous knowledge required	Participants should be acquainted with the issue at stake well in advance. A fairly good knowledge on the topic of public participation in science and technology in general is also necessary (see CIPAST resources).
materials	Paper boards, computers with internet access, video projector
Resources and further reading	See package materials.
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