

NUCLEAR SAFETY

absolute priority for the European Union

Nuclear Safety Directive

<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/09/st10/st10667.en09.pdf>

Nuclear Safety

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/nuclear/safety/safety_en.htm

Nuclear Energy

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/nuclear/index_en.htm





Nuclear Safety is an absolute priority for the EU.

Council's unanimous adoption of the [Nuclear Safety Directive](#) on 25 June 2009 sets up a [common legal framework](#) and a [strong nuclear safety culture](#) in Europe.

The EU becomes the [first major regional nuclear actor](#) to provide [binding legal rules](#) to the main [international nuclear safety standards](#), namely the Fundamental Safety Principles established by the IAEA and the obligations emanating from the [Convention on Nuclear Safety](#).

The Directive establishes a dynamic to protect [workers](#) and the [general public](#) with reinforced independence and resources of the national competent regulatory authorities.

It will also [continuously improve](#) and strengthen the [responsibility](#) of license holders and [transparency](#) of regulators, based on [expert](#) groups, [international cooperation](#) and regular [peer review](#) schemes.