

**Euratom-Ukraine met  
to explore opportunities for bilateral co-operation in nuclear fission research and  
training**

The European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom), represented by the Directorate General for Research of the European Commission (EC), and a high level Delegation from Ukraine met on 16 February 2010 in Brussels to discuss opportunities and ways to enhance co-operation in nuclear fission research under the 7<sup>th</sup> Euratom Framework programme (Euratom-FP7) for nuclear research and training activities (2007-2011).

At the meeting both sides presented their respective organisational structures, strategic orientations and state of play of the research programmes. Topics of high priority and mutual interest for research and networking were identified together with possible instruments for cooperation.

Nuclear energy research, as promoted and co-ordinated at EU level through the Euratom Framework programme for nuclear research and training activities, is dealing with issues such as long-term management of radioactive waste, nuclear and radiation safety, the potential of advanced nuclear reactors – especially regarding economic feasibility and environmental sustainability in the context of the climate change global challenges – and the need to promote education, training and knowledge management throughout the nuclear energy sector. These issues, together with the promotion of the highest nuclear safety culture, form the key axes of the Euratom-FP7 international co-operation strategy.

The co-operation may be reflected in active Ukrainian participation in Euratom FP projects in the above areas, strengthening the international dimension of the Euratom Research programme and the role and impact of research in nuclear science and technology in general, for mutual EU-Ukrainian benefit. Such co-operation will be encompassed under the existing "**Agreement for Co-operation between Euratom and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine in the field of nuclear safety**".

The EC delegation was headed by the EC Director for Energy (Euratom) Research, Dr. Octavi Quintana Trías; the Ukraine delegation was lead by Acad. Ivan Neklyudov, Director General, Kharkov Institute of Physics and Technology, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. Among the Ukrainian participants were academicians and scientists from the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, high ranking representatives from the state administration - Ministry of fuel and energy of Ukraine, the State Nuclear Regulatory Committee of Ukraine and the utility National Nuclear Energy Generating Company EnergoAtom, diplomats and representatives of the International Organization Science and Technology Centre in Ukraine (STCU).