

EURAD : A step change in European joint collaboration towards safe radioactive waste management

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A leap forward

“A step change in European collaboration towards safe radioactive waste management (RWM), including disposal, through the development of a **robust and sustained science, technology and knowledge management programme** that supports timely implementation of RWM activities and serves to foster mutual understanding and trust between participants.”



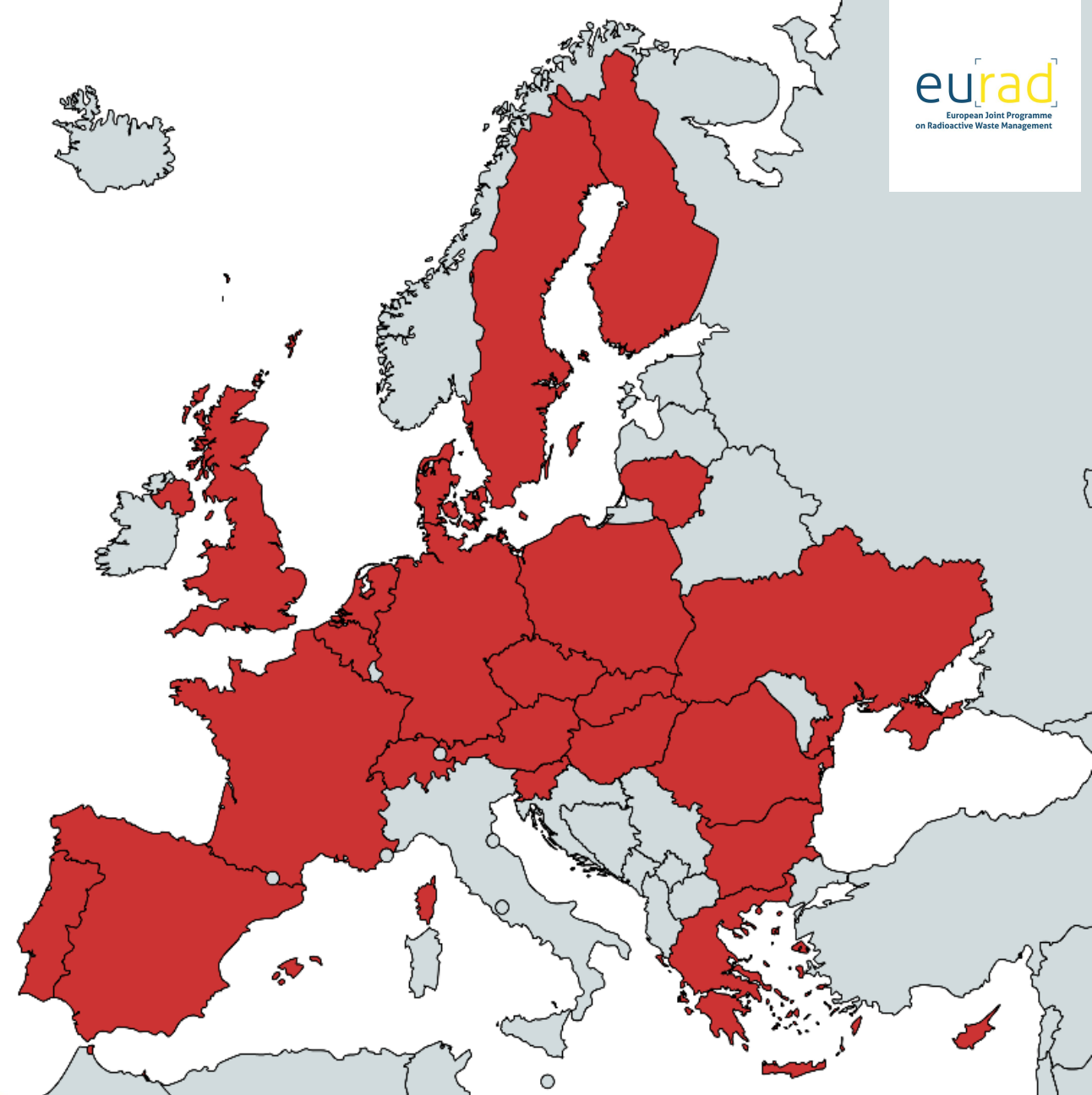
Objectives

- Implement a robust and sustained state-of-the-art science and technology programme
- Consolidate efforts across Member-States, organisations and generations on Knowledge Management
- Elaborate upon complex issues and identify emerging ones by bringing together all interested actors to jointly conduct Strategic Studies
- Foster mutual understanding / trust between participants as well as other stakeholders, incl. from Civil Society

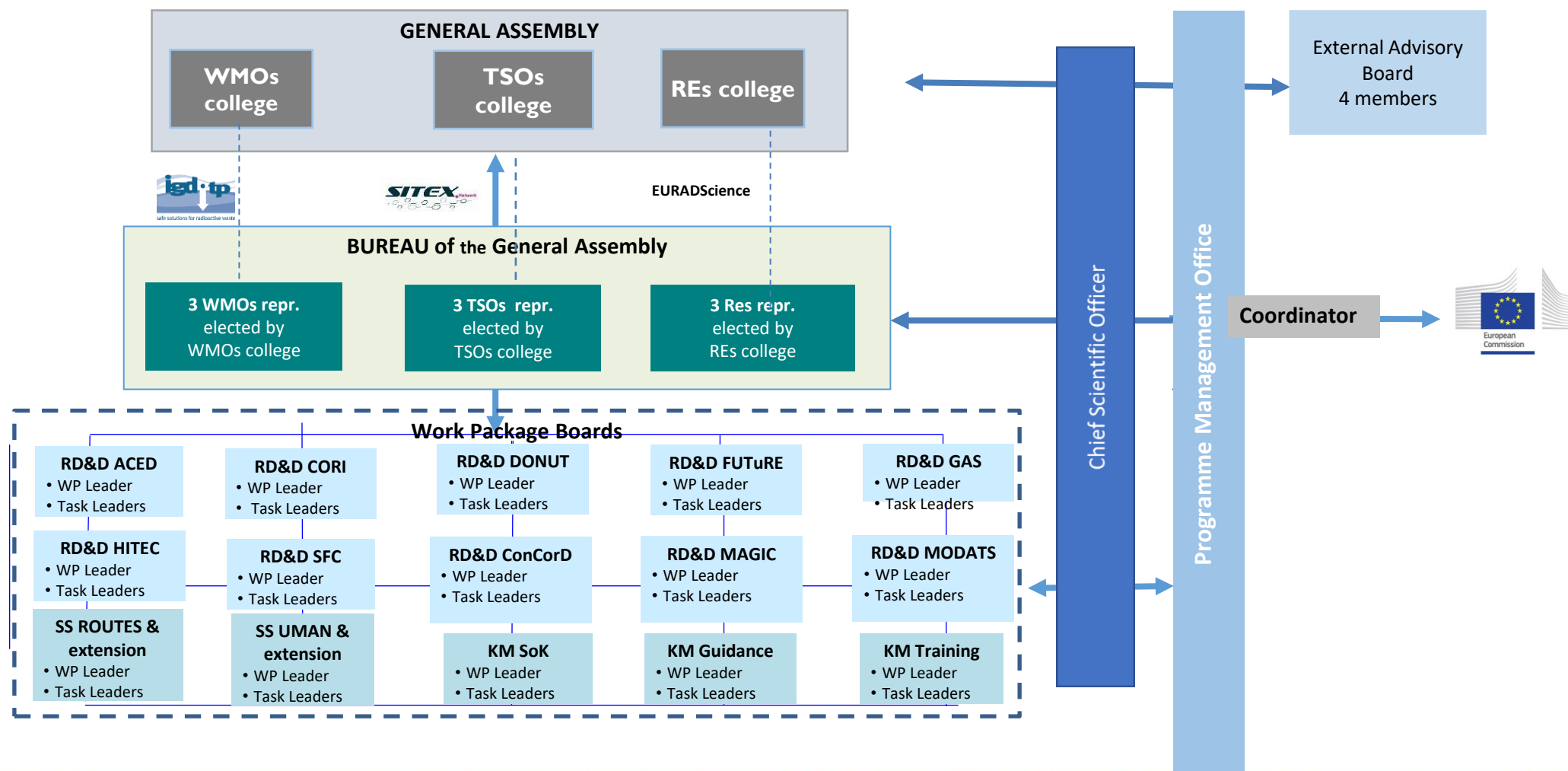


EURAD is a community

- 51 Mandated actors from 23 European countries representing the following Colleges :
 - Waste Management Organisation (WMO)
 - Technical Support Organisation (TSO)
 - Research Entity (RE)
- 61 Linked Third Parties (mostly universities and research centres) and 3 International Partners
- Groups of Civil Society organisations

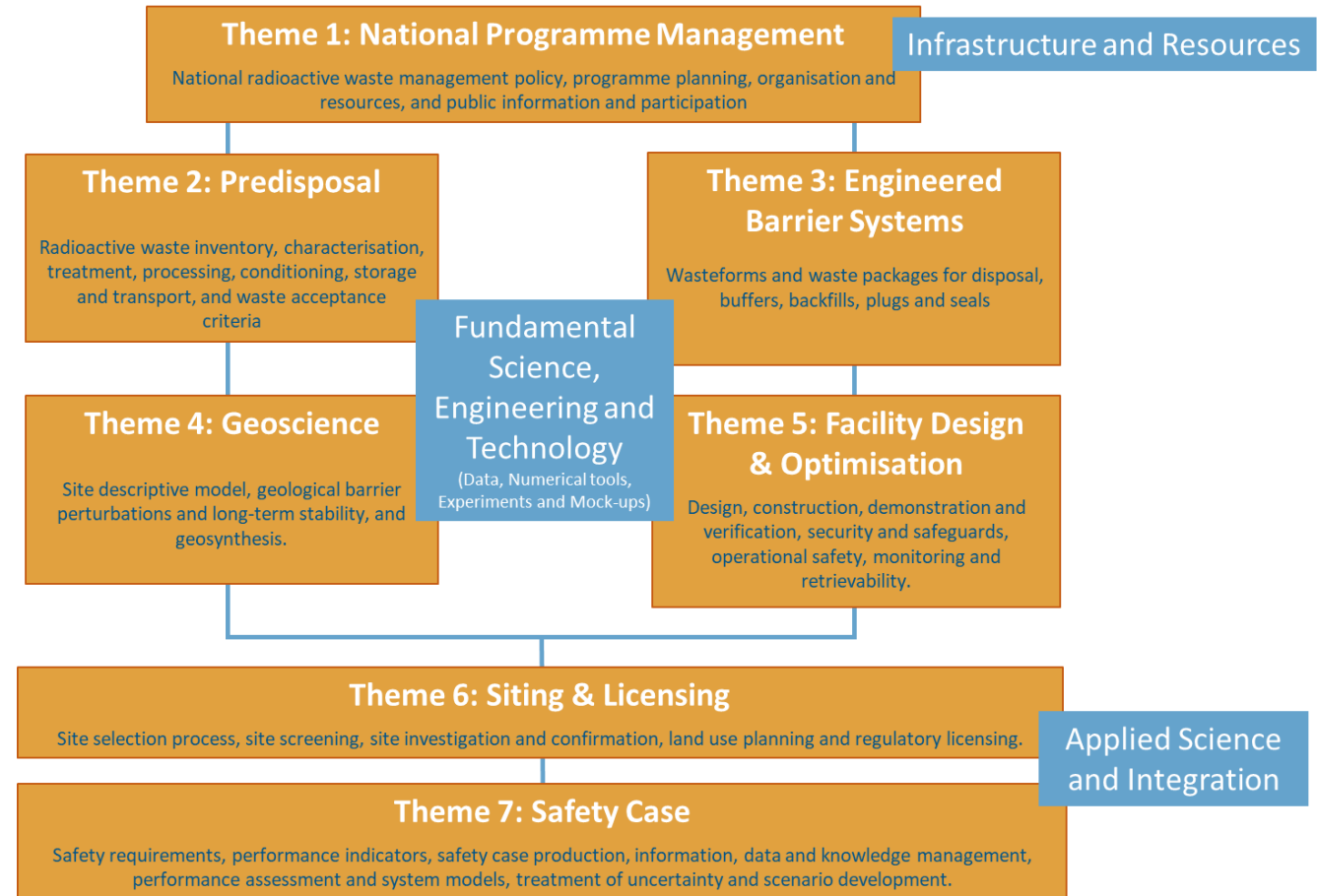


EURAD's governance

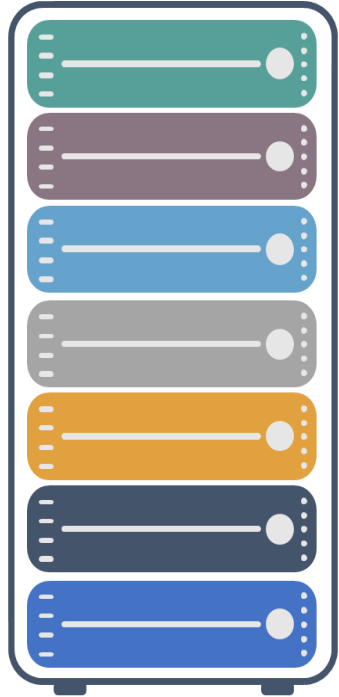


EURAD Strategic Research Agenda

- Shared
- Living and dynamic
- With a broad spectrum
 - Frames research and knowledge management objectives
 - Covers RWM activities from cradle to grave (does not cover decommissioning)



EURAD Roadmap



EURAD Roadmap
Goals Breakdown
Structure

Programme Management

Pre-Disposal

Engineered Barrier Systems

Geoscience

Design & Optimisation

Siting & Licensing

Safety Case

Hierarchical breakdown: 7 Themes
> 20 Sub-themes > ~ +70 Domains.

This provides a framework within which to look inside and see whether sufficient information and knowledge exists (knowledge management), or whether additional RD&D is needed.

EURAD Roadmap – Theme Overviews



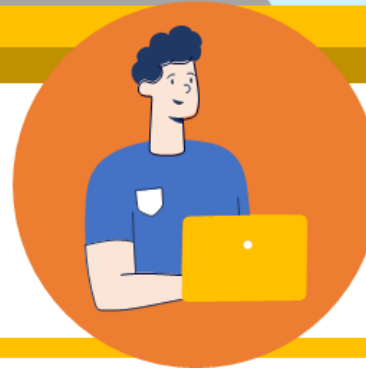
Typical Activities

Describes generically how activities evolve in each Theme.



Capability Needs

Knowledge, skills, laboratories, equipment, tools, technology, industrial manufacturing + more.



EURAD Roadmap – Domain Insights



Context

Detailed scientific evidence is linked to DGR safety and implementation goals.



Domain Maturity

Signposts to state of knowledge documents and ongoing RD&D.



Networks & Resources

Signposts to existing networks, training, and guidance.

Deployment – EURAD workpackages

- Research and Development – 10 workpackages
 - developing and consolidating scientific and technical knowledge
- Strategic Studies – 2 workpackages
 - enabling experts and specialists to network on methodological / strategical issues and advance significant challenges in direct link with scientific and technical issues
- Knowledge Management – 3 workpackages
 - developing State of Knowledge, developing descriptive methodological guidance and developing/delivering training modules and mobility measures
- Coordination/Dissemination – 1 workpackage
- Civil society engagement

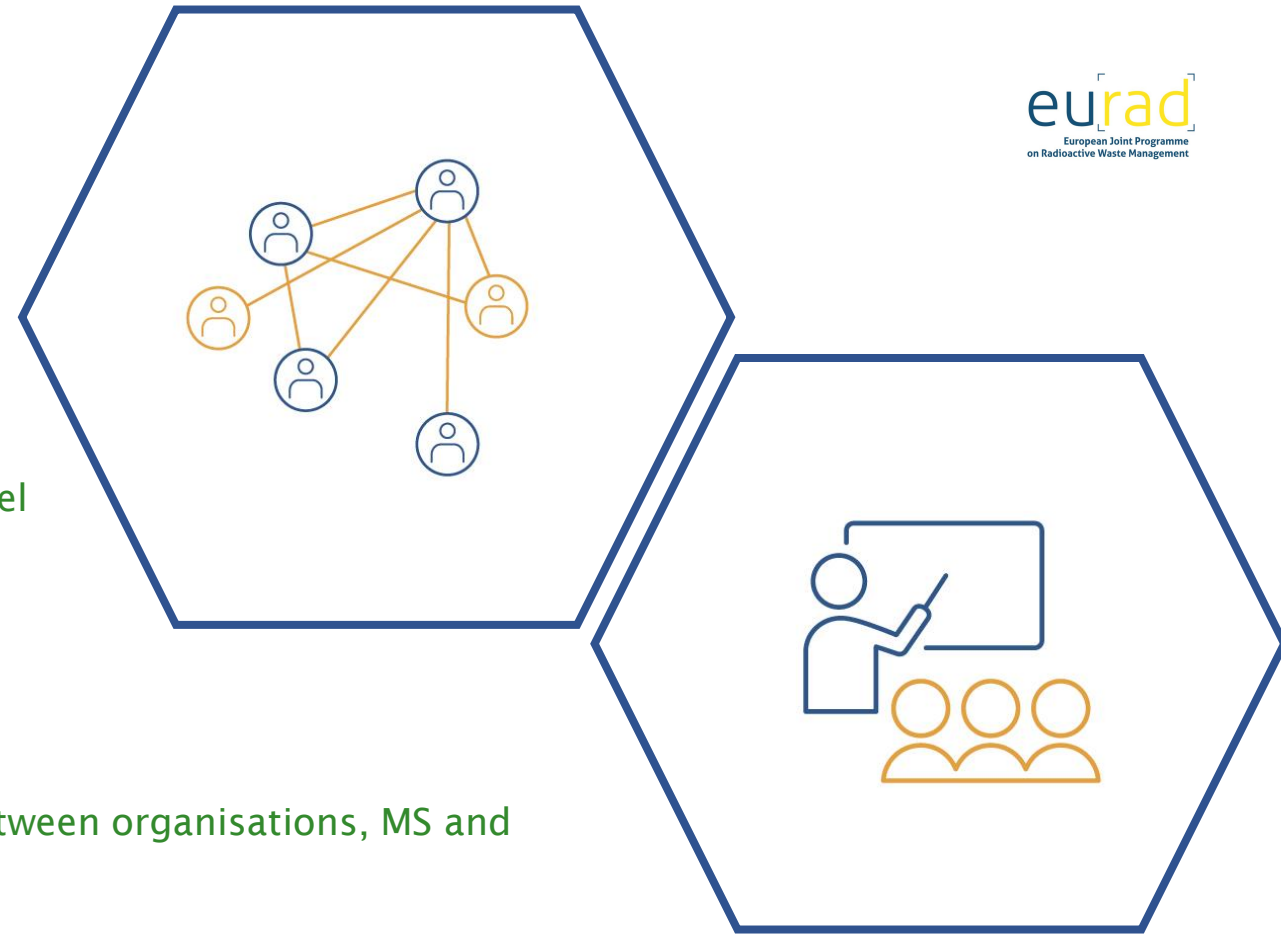
Key achievements after two years

- 13 workpackages running well + launch of a second wave
 - Initial SotA produced in each R&D WP
 - Numerous deliverables and milestones
- Integrated shared KM Programme and networking strategy
 - Goals Breakdown Structure Roadmap
 - Mobility Programme
 - Training and webinars
- Successful involvement of civil society



EURAD's ambition

- Complement the national Programmes
 - Support compliance with European regulations
 - Foster efficient use of RD&D resources at the EU level
 - Support RWM innovation and optimisation
- Ensure the sustainability of the knowledge
 - Developing and consolidating existing knowledge
 - Enhancing knowledge management and transfer between organisations, MS and generations
- Act as a platform
 - Foster mutual understanding and trust
 - Exchange and cooperation with international organisations and expert networks



Thank you



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