

Civil society expectations

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EURAD-2 vision, objectives and principles – What about Civil Society ?

- **EURAD Vision**

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 Joint Programme participants.

- **EURAD objectives**

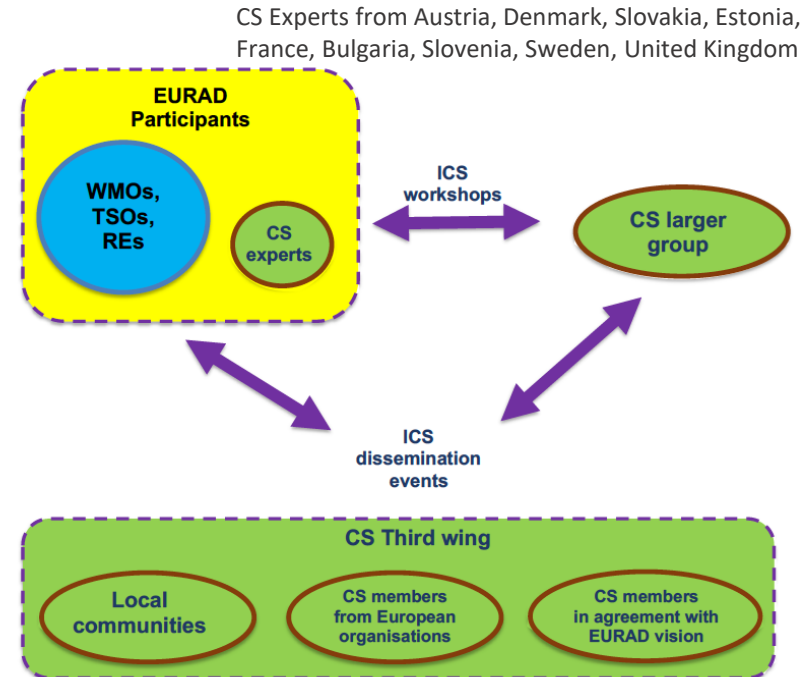
- Develop, maintain and consolidate the scientific and technical basis of radioactive waste management
- Address important & **complex issues** and enable expert networking
- Enhance **knowledge management** and transfer between organisations, Member States and **generations**
- **Engage with Civil Society**, in the spirit of the Aarhus Convention

- **EURAD principles**

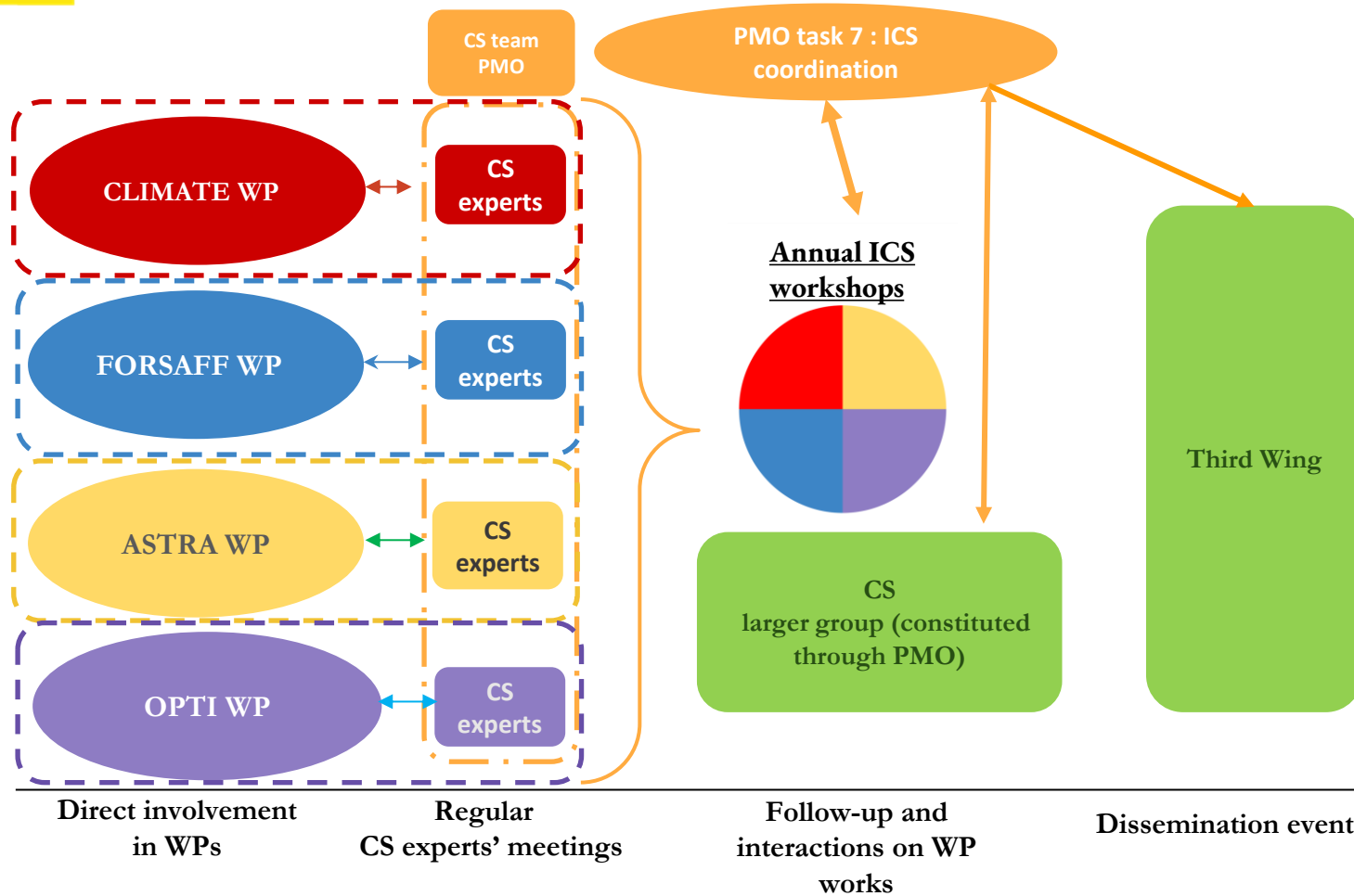
- Positive Participation
- Maintenance of Independence
- **Transparent Governance**
- Scientific Excellence
- Balanced Programme
- Added Value
- Inclusiveness
- Equitable Financing
- **Complementary Participation**
- Tangible Results

Maintaining fruitful ICS activities based on implemented processes

- Heart of the Interactions with Civil Society in EURAD - 2: **establishing tailored trust-building processes through intermediary bodies.**
- Not the objectives of public debates or large representativity, but the **objective of long-term engagement with interested parties, in order to build mutual trust**
- Model of pluralistic interactions developed and tested in European projects (SITEX-II, JOPRAD, EURAD-1)
 - CS experts with technical and socio-technical background, involved in EURAD activities through NTW, translating scientific/technical results for exchanging with
 - A larger group of dedicated CS representatives (CSOs, representatives of local communities, individual experts)
 - Organisation of dissemination events to include additional types of CS actors : local communities and CS members from European organisations like representatives of EESC



STRUCTURE AND METHODS OF ICS ACTIVITIES IN EURAD-2



Further involving civil society in R&D activities

- Being involved directly R&D activities can allows CS members and their organisations, to have access to **information at the very beginning** of the **knowledge chain**. It is the upper level for an establishment of **mutual trust**. In the spirit of the **Safety Culture** (INSAG4), CS involvement can contribute to the **quality of research process**, by taking seriously the expectations and knowledge produced by CS, which means above all developing the ability to listen on the part of experts, rather than just passing on information.

→ This was experienced and implemented in the **CORI-UMAN-ICS dialogue**, and in **MODATS WP**, and is about to start in **ASTRA-CLIMATE-ICS dialogue**.

- **New powerful methodologies** have still to be experienced, notably about integrated development and assessment of challenging scenarios.
- The **new arrival of possible SSH** researchers, wished by CS members, could contribute to more fruitful articulation, as CS members and SSH researchers could work together on some common R&D topics, with complementary roles.

Proposal : let's envisage a Research-Participation-Involvement framework (technical experts, SSH, CS)

Opening perspectives towards ambitious horizons



- 1) Empowering the **different trust-building processes**:
 - More tailored interactions in R&D activities
 - And more third wing events for dissemination
- 1) Towards a fruitful articulation with the policy-preparation angle of **European Economic and Social Committee**
- 2) The spirit of openness made possible in EURAD2 with adapted methodologies could be envisage **to scale up** in other EC research programmes (within EURATOM and Horizon, for instance), with innovation for building more trust.

