



## **EURAD-2 DITOCO2030**

Digital transformation parallel session (DITOCO2030 AND HERMES)

**Insights from the DITOCO Green paper:** 

Current practices of Digital twins and Gap analysis

Arto Laikari, T3 task lead

Diederik Jacques, T4 task lead

VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd., Finland

SCK CEN, Belgium

EURAD-2 1st annual meeting, Wednesday 10.9.2025



Co-funded by the European Union under Grant Agreement n° 101166718



### **INTRODUCTION – INVOLVED TASKS**

- Task 3: Current practices of digital twins (DT) Lead: VTT
   Total pm: 15,7 Start month 1 End month 20
  - Partners: VTT, SURAO, Amphos 21, SCK CEN, BRGM, IRSN, UniPl, UCLM, ANDRA, EGIS, SOGIN, UFZ, UTARTU. Also: Nagra, IFE.
- Task 4: Gap analyses Lead: SCK CEN Total pm: 14 –
   Start month: 1 End month 12
  - Partners: Amphos 21, SCK CEN, TS ENERCON, GRS, TUS, UFZ, HZDR, BGE, FTMC, Tractebel, Golder WSP. Also: Nagra, IFE.
- Original plan:
  - D15.1 Green paper: Current practices of digital twins (Task 3)
  - D15.2 Green paper: Gap analysis report (Task 4)

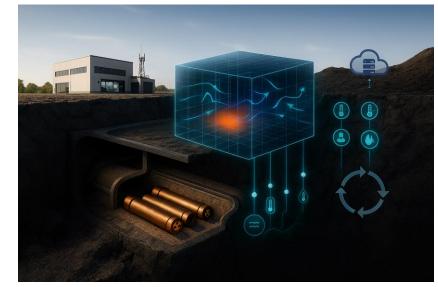


#### **INTRODUCTION – INVOLVED TASKS**

- Task 3: Current practices of digital twins (DT) Lead: VTT
   Total pm: 15,7 Start month 1 End month 20
  - Partners: VTT, SURAO, Amphos 21, SCK CEN, BRGM, IRSN, UniPl, UCLM, ANDRA, EGIS, SOGIN, UFZ, UTARTU. Also: Nagra, IFE.
- Task 4: Gap analyses Lead: SCK CEN Total pm: 14 –
   Start month: 1 End month 12+
  - Partners: Amphos 21, SCK CEN, TS ENERCON, GRS, TUS, UFZ, HZDR, BGE, FTMC, Tractebel, Golder WSP. Also: Nagra, IFE.

#### - Original plan:

- <u>→ D15.1 Green paper:</u> Current practices of digital twins (Task 3)
- D15.2 Green paper: Gap analysis report (Task 4)



### **Current plan:**

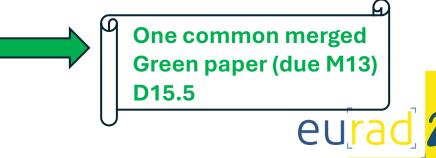
One common merged Green paper (due M13) D15.5

eurad

#### METHOD FOR THE GREEN PAPER PRODUCTION

- Initial table of contents defined
- Online survey for initial contributors performed, express interests for topics for (per ToC item):
  - Current practices of digital twins
  - Gap analyses
- Short example contributions included in the draft document to guide the contributions
- All involved partners encouraged to contribute
  - Freedom and overlapping allowed, no restrictions set
  - Sources: literature, example projects, company best practices, ...
- Draft contribution document will be used as a library source for the actual green paper.





#### DRAFT DOCUMENT TOC

- Original T3 document ToC →
  - Also lower-level headings exist
- Gap analysis subchapter added in the chapters:
  - 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 (bolded in ToC)
    - Chapter 9, reflections from possible identified gaps in other industries can be added, but they are not the highest priority.
- Gap analysis to be collected after each section. In the green paper, they will be moved to an own Gap analysis chapter.

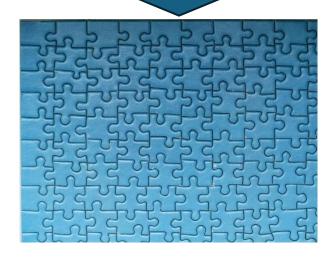
- . Executive summary
- 2. Introduction
  - a. What is a Digital Twin for the DITOCO2030 work package?
- 3. <u>Drivers for digital twins in RADWASTE and nuclear sector</u>
- 4. <u>Digital twin related important technologies</u>
  - a. Industrial IoT (IIoT)
  - b. Data management
  - c. Big data
  - d. Artificial Intelligence (AI)
  - e. High performance computing
  - f. Cyber security
  - g. Virtual reality
- 5. Regulatory requirements and restrictions for digital twins in nuclear
- 6. <u>Digital twin standardisation</u>
- 7. <u>Digital twins in radioactive waste domain</u>
- 8. Digital twins in nuclear domain
  - 1. Multiple sub-chapters
- 9. <u>Digital twins in other industries and domains</u>
  - a. Industry Domain 1
  - b. Industry Domain N
  - c. Research Domain
- 10. Final considerations and future work
  - a. Summary and final considerations
  - b. Guidelines for digital twin usage in nuclear / radwaste domain
  - c. Future work considerations
- 11. References
- 12. Appendices



#### **NEXT STEPS AFTER PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS**

- Task leaders (T3 & T4) process the received contributions and create a new document for the harmonised green paper.
  - Some sections have a lot of text, some less. Many styles received.
  - More images and illustrations are foreseen to be added.
  - Page count of received contributions, mainly text, is ~80 pages
- Green paper Table of Contents will be the same, as is for the draft contribution collection document.
  - Except the Gap-analysis contributions will be moved into an own Gap-analysis section. Fine tuning done, if needed.
- In the harmonisation phase the new green paper document is reserved only for the task leaders!
- After harmonisation of the texts, discussions with the partners will continue.







# INSIGHTS FROM THE CONTRIBUTIONS "SUPPORTING MATERIAL SECTIONS – PART 1"

- Lot of contributions for the digital twin related technologies received, like expected.
- Lot of contributions for the digital twins in other industries and domains received
  - E.g. from medical, maritime, manufacturing, agriculture and research domains.
- These sections are supporting material and useful, when considering future pathways and potential gaps.
- These chapters are kind of low hanging fruits.





# INSIGHTS FROM THE CONTRIBUTIONS "SUPPORTING MATERIAL SECTIONS – PART 2"

- Regulatory requirements will be gathered "indirectly", as we don't have regulators involved in the work package.
  - DTs are kind of "novel" technologies they are "tools" in this domain
  - Are the regulators seeing this yet as an own separate item?
  - Other projects have involved regulators, from which findings can be used (e.g. HARPERS)
- Digital twin standardization is a wide domain, as digital twins are used in many domains and related pure ICT standardization is also a wide field.
  - There are a lot (really lot) ICT related (directly or indirectly) standardization existing and ongoing. E.g. in ISO, IEC, IEEE, ETSI, ...





# INSIGHTS FROM THE CONTRIBUTIONS EXAMPLES FROM "OUR" DOMAINS

- We have examples from the radioactive waste domain
- We have many short examples from the nuclear domain
- Purpose is not to collect an all-inclusive list, but to give a quick overview of the current landscape
- Also, these chapters can be considered partly as supporting material



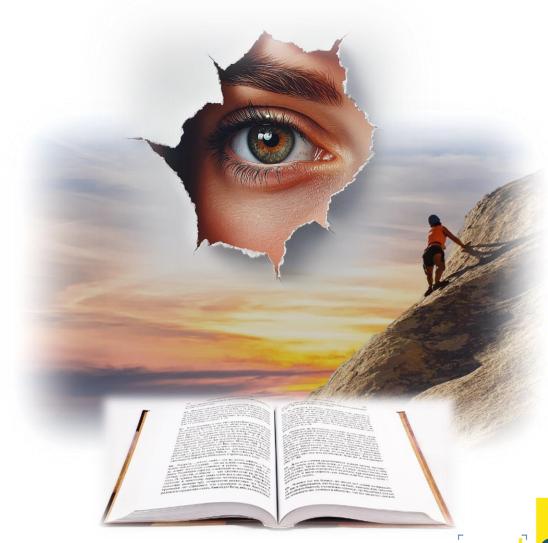


# INSIGHTS FROM THE CONTRIBUTIONS THE CHALLENGING PARTS

- Drivers for the digital twins in RADWASTE (and nuclear) sector(s)
  - Cost savings
  - Safety
  - Efficiency increase
  - Improved operations
  - New features
  - Why this might be challenging?



What is a digital twin for the DITOCO2030 work package?



# INSIGHTS FROM THE CONTRIBUTIONS WHAT IS A DIGITAL TWIN?

- Lifecycle of the repository is very long
  - Many repository phases are not yet existing
  - We won't even see those phases
  - Technologies evolve fast or slow
- Terminology, are we speaking the same language?
- For what is the digital twin is used for?
- What size the digital twin is?
- For whom is the digital twin made for?
- Who is using the digital twin?
- Who is making the digital twin?



SITING DESIGN CONSTRUCTION OPERATION CLOSURE RELEASE



POST CLOSURE



### FROM GREEN PAPER TO THE WHITE PAPER

### Green paper

- Outlines the landscape
- Presents gaps
- Gives some answers, maybe also leaves some questions to answered

### White paper

- Continues to provide next steps
- Which we shall hear in the next presentation



12



