

Public consultation on the interim evaluation of the Euratom Research and Training Programme 2021-2025 and on the extension of the Programme for 2026-2027

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Introduction

This survey is addressed to research institutions, businesses, consumer organisations, non-governmental organisations, public authorities and other stakeholders in the Euratom Research and Training Programmes. It is the public consultation held as part of the interim evaluation of the 2021-2025 Programme and the ex-ante evaluation of its possible extension for 2026-2027.

It has the following sections:

Section A ('About you') asks information about the respondent's profile.

Section B gathers input for the interim evaluation of the Euratom Programme 2021-2025

Section C gathers input for the ex-ante evaluation of the Euratom Programme 2026-2027

Section D asks about the key lessons learned and messages for the future. If you wish so, you can upload a position paper in this section.

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- Non-governmental organisation (NGO)
- Public authority
- Trade union
- Other

*** Organisation name**

255 character(s) maximum

*** Organisation size**

- Micro (1 to 9 employees)
- Small (10 to 49 employees)
- Medium (50 to 249 employees)
- Large (250 or more)

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Please add your country of origin, or that of your organisation.

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Section B. The Euratom Programme 2021-2025 (input for the interim evaluation of this Programme)

Your experience with the Euratom Programme

*** 1. What's your experience with the Euratom Research and Training Programmes?** *(any number of choices)*

- My organisation has participated or is currently participating in at least one project funded by a Euratom Programme prior to 2021
- My organisation is currently participating in at least one project funded by the Euratom Programme 2021-2025
- My organisation had proposed projects to receive funding from a Euratom Programme prior to 2021 but was unsuccessful
- My organisation has proposed projects to receive funding from the Euratom Programme 2021-2025 but was unsuccessful
- My organisation supports other entities that apply for or participate in Euratom Programmes
- My organisation is interested in research and innovation (R&I) but, so far, hasn't applied for funding under the Euratom Programmes
- None of the above

*** 2. What aspect of nuclear research are you involved in?** *(any number of choices)*

- Research in nuclear systems, including the fuel cycle
- Research on geological disposal or back-end management of spent fuel and radioactive waste
- Research in radiation protection
- Research in fusion energy
- Research in decommissioning
- Research in non-power applications of ionising radiation (e.g. medical, industrial and space)
- Take-up and use of nuclear research's results
- Regulatory or public policy work
- Education and training
- Other (specify)
- No involvement

*** 3. What are the main benefits of participating in the Euratom Programme 2021-2025 compared to national or regional R&I programmes in EU Member States or Associated countries?**

between 1 and 3 choices

- Improved cooperation with partners from other countries (within the EU and beyond)
- Improved excellence in nuclear R&I (e.g. more high impact publications and patents)
- Improved international visibility
- Helped reach a critical mass of resources to address trans-European challenges in the nuclear field
- Strengthened cooperation between academia and the private sector
- Strengthened interdisciplinary cooperation
- Possibility to finance projects which otherwise wouldn't have been supported at the national or regional level
- Reimbursement of costs at a higher level than in national or regional R&I programmes
- The Euratom Programme 2021-2025 covers topics which aren't covered by national or regional R&I support
- The Euratom Programme 2021-2025 provides financial means at a scale not provided in national or regional R&I support
- The Euratom Programme 2021-2025 supports the development of emerging technologies
- The Euratom Programme 2021-2025 helps to bring innovations to the market
- There are no additional benefits compared to national or regional R&I support
- Other benefits (*please specify*)

*** 4. What are the main reasons that may have prevented potential beneficiaries from participating in the Euratom Programme 2021-2025?**

between 1 and 3 choices

- Inadequate knowledge of the Programme
- Limited attractiveness compared to other European or international programmes
- Limited attractiveness compared to other national or regional programmes
- The application process is cumbersome
- The project implementation rules are cumbersome

- Success rates are too low to make applying worthwhile
- Difficulties in finding project partners
- Lack of a relevant area or topic for my research interests
- Concerns about sharing valuable knowledge with partners
- Limited financial or human resources to prepare a proposal
- Lack of expertise
- Other

*** 5. What are the main benefits of the Joint Research Centre's (JRC) funded research in the Euratom Programme 2021-2025 for your organisation whether through direct actions or participation in indirect actions?**

between 1 and 3 choices

- Offers the possibility for collaboration with and access to the expertise of the JRC
- Strengthens coherence and complementarity between the Euratom Programme and national R&I priorities in EU Member States or Associated Countries
- Produces independent and high-quality nuclear research (analysis, studies, publications)
- Provides valuable opportunities in education and training
- Supports research in areas not otherwise covered or fully covered by national or regional R&I programmes
- Brings added value to your organisation's research programmes or projects
- Gives access to the JRC's unique nuclear infrastructures to specific research projects
- Strengthens research and disseminates results at the EU level for the benefit of the whole Euratom Community
- Other benefits (*please specify*)
- There are no benefits

Relevance of Programme's priorities and main changes introduced

6. Do you agree that the following funding priorities for the 2021-2025 Euratom Programme[1] are relevant to the current challenges in the nuclear field in Europe? (relevance is defined as an extent to which priorities correspond to the needs/problems of the sector)

[1] As established by the 2021-2022 and 2023-2025 Euratom Work Programmes <https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding>

[/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/euratom-research-and-training-programme_en#apply-for-funding](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/euratom-research-and-training-programme_en#apply-for-funding)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know / No opinion
* Safety of operating nuclear power plants and research reactors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Demonstration of safety of new reactor designs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Cross-cutting actions on materials, modelling and simulation, nuclear data, digitalisation, harmonisation of licensing rules, certification and standards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Safe spent fuel and radioactive waste management and decommissioning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Radiation protection and emergency preparedness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Non-power applications of ionising radiation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Supply of medical radioisotopes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Education, training and access to research infrastructures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Development of fusion energy as a potential future energy source for electricity production	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. To what extent do the following changes, introduced in the Euratom Programme 2021-2025, contribute to an increased relevance and strengthening of the impact of the Euratom Programme?

	Not at all	A little	Doesn't make a difference	Somewhat	To a great extent	Don't know /No opinion
* Introduction of co-funded European Partnerships	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Increased focus on non-power applications of ionising radiation (e.g. medical, industrial, space, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Launch of the European platform promoting transnational access to nuclear research facilities (OFFERR project)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Support for mobility, education and training through a platform established by the European Nuclear Education Network (ENEN2Plus project)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Introduction of post-doctoral fellowships for nuclear researchers under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* introduction of the Nuclear Innovation Prize	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Implementation of an open science policy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. The Euratom Programme 2021-2025 launched (or will soon launch) more streamlined and impact-oriented co-funded European Partnerships in radiation protection, fusion energy, radioactive waste management and nuclear materials. To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know /No opinion
* European Partnerships allow for the leveraging of additional public and private investments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* European Partnerships deliver more solutions for the benefits of society, the environment and the economy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* European Partnerships supported by the Euratom Programme 2021-2025 are more effective in achieving the Programme's objectives compared to regular collaborative research projects	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. To what extent do you agree that the JRC’s research areas under the Euratom Programme 2021-2025 are relevant to current challenges in the nuclear field?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know / No opinion
* Safety of operating nuclear reactors (fuel & structural materials, LTO)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Safety assessment of new reactor designs and technologies (SMRs, Gen-IV, innovative fuels and materials)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Cross-cutting actions on nuclear and structural materials, modelling and simulation, nuclear data, digitalisation, harmonisation of safety requirements, certification and standards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Safe and responsible management of spent fuel and radioactive waste and decommissioning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Radiation protection, emergency preparedness and environmental radioactivity monitoring	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Non-power applications of ionising radiation (e.g. medical, industrial, space)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Nuclear knowledge and competences (education and training, capacity building and open access to research infrastructures)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Nuclear safeguards and non-proliferation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Nuclear security (nuclear forensics, CBRN)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Implementation and administrative procedures

10. To what extent do you agree with the following statements on calls for proposals under the Euratom Programme 2021-2025?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know / No opinion
* The rules of participation are clear	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The descriptions of the calls for proposals are clear	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Finding the right call for my proposal is easy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Calls for proposals are frequent enough	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The strengthened gender equality provisions have the potential to promote gender equality across R&I organisations and activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The standard application form facilitates the application	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The IT tool is user-friendly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The reduced page limit for proposals reduces the burden on applicants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11. To what extent do you agree with the following statements on proposal evaluation under the Euratom Programme 2021-2025?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know / No opinion
* The time taken to evaluate proposals is adequate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The feedback received from the evaluation is clear and informative	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The time taken to sign the grant agreement is adequate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12. To what extent do you agree with the following statements on project implementation under the Euratom Programme 2021-2025?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know / No opinion
* Our organisation's usual accounting practices were accepted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The cost calculation rules are clear	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The mechanisms for project monitoring and reporting are adequate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* I am satisfied with the support received by the European Commission's services (including agencies) during grant preparation and implementation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The standard templates facilitate project reporting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The extension of the single audit principle reduces the burden on beneficiaries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

13. What is your level of satisfaction with the way the European Commission implements the following types of support under the Euratom Programme 2021-2025?

	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied	Don't know / No opinion
* Grants for collaborative projects	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Co-funded European Partnerships	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Prizes (SOFT Prize and Nuclear Innovation Prize)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Access to infrastructures provided by the OFFER project	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Support for education and mobility provided by the ENEN2Plus project	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Post-doctoral fellowships for nuclear researchers provided by the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCAs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Public procurement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*** 14. Are the different types of support made available by the Euratom Programme 2021-2025 suitable for your needs?**

- Not at all
- Scarcely
- Neutral
- Largely
- Perfectly
- Don't know / No opinion

15. The effort needed to participate in the Euratom Programme 2021-2025 compared to its predecessors with regards to the following is:

	Greater	Similar	Lower	Don't know / No opinion
* Time	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Use of external expertise	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

16. The effort needed to participate in the Euratom Programme 2021-2025 compared to similar international R&I programmes with regards to the following is:

	Greater	Similar	Lower	Don't know / No opinion
* Time	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Use of external expertise	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*** 17. Approximately, how much time did your proposal's preparation for the Euratom Programme 2021-2025 take overall? Please indicate the total number of person-days.**

80 character(s) maximum

Progress towards achieving objectives of the Euratom Programme 2021-2025. Added value of the Programme

18. Do you agree that the Euratom Programme 2021-2025 is making progress towards delivering its objectives[1] in the following areas?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know / No opinion
* Nuclear safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Spent fuel and radioactive waste management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Radiation protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Non-power applications of ionising radiation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Education and training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Fusion energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*** 19. Do the benefits of participating in the Euratom project exceed the costs of participation? (choose one reply)**

- Benefits strongly outweigh costs
- Benefits slightly outweigh costs
- Benefits equal costs
- Costs slightly outweigh benefits
- Costs strongly outweigh benefits
- Don't know

*** 20. Do you see any negative consequences in discontinuing the Euratom Programme?**

- Yes (will open Question 21)
- No
- Don't know

*** 22. Without funding through the Euratom Programme 2021-2025 my project (s) would have been: (select one only)**

- Funded by a public source at national or regional level without any major changes in scope, duration or level of ambition
- Funded by a private source at national or regional level without any major changes in scope, duration or level of ambition
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Funded (by either a public or private source) but with a substantial reduction in scope, duration or level of ambition

- Not funded but would have taken place later
- Not funded and would not have taken place at all
- Likely funded, at least to some extent, through other sources but without or with reduced partners from other countries
- Likely funded, at least to some extent, through other sources but without or with reduced interdisciplinary cooperation
- Likely funded, at least to some extent, through other sources but with reduced international visibility of research or the research team
- Funded by another EU programme, without any major changes in scope, duration or level of ambition
- Other (specify)

*** 23. What is the added value that the JRC brings to the Euratom programme 2021-2025?**

between 1 and 3 choices

- Research excellence and expertise in current nuclear technologies
- Research excellence and expertise in innovative nuclear technologies
- Research excellence and expertise in non-power applications of nuclear sciences and technologies
- The open access programme to the JRC's nuclear research infrastructures
- Nuclear data and radioactivity measurements
- Support to implementation of safeguards and R&D in this area
- Maintaining expertise and competences at EU level
- Enhancing nuclear security with R&D and expertise in nuclear forensics
- Education and training opportunities
- Facilitating knowledge dissemination at EU level
- Independent technical and scientific support to the implementation, monitoring and assessment of EU nuclear-related policies
- Other (*please specify*)
- The JRC brings no added value

Section C. Extension of the Euratom Programme to 2026-2027 (input for the ex-ante evaluation of this Programme)

24. During the 2026-2027 extension, the Euratom Programme should prioritise /deprioritise its support for:

	Not a priority	Low priority	Medium priority	High priority	Essential	Don't know / No opinion
* Nuclear safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Spent fuel and radioactive waste management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Radiation protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Non-power applications of ionising radiation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Education, training and access to infrastructures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Fusion energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

25. What should be the research priorities in nuclear safety in the extension of the Euratom Programme for 2026-2027?

	Not a priority	Low priority	Medium priority	High priority	Essential	Don't know / No opinion
* Nuclear safety research for the extension of reactor operation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Research for safety assessment of new reactor designs (including SMRs) close to (pre-)licencing assessment in Europe	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Research for safety assessment of selected advanced and innovative reactor designs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Cross-cutting research actions on modelling and simulation, nuclear data, digitalisation, harmonisation of licencing rules, certification and standards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Calls for research proposals without a predefined topic (bottom-up approach for safety research)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Research for safety assessment of new fuel to ensure security of supply in Europe	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

26. What are your views on the future of co-funded European Partnerships in radiation protection ([PIANOFORTE](#)) and radioactive waste management ([EUR AD](#)) in the extension of the Euratom Programme for 2026-2027

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know / No opinion
* The Commission should provide additional funding for the Partnerships to extend their duration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The Commission should require the Partnerships to update their work plans to address evolving challenges in their respective fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The Commission should require the Partnerships to ensure maximum participation of Member States and all relevant stakeholders, including end-users of research	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The Commission should support blue sky (bottom-up approach) research in radiation protection and non-power applications by means of additional call for proposals.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*** 27. Do you think the use of lump sum funding[1] for collaborative projects would reduce the administrative burden on beneficiaries?**

[1] <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/horizon/lump-sum/guidance>

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree

- Strongly agree
- Don't know / No opinion

*** 28. Which of the research areas in non-power applications of ionising radiation do you think offer the biggest potential for synergies between Horizon Europe and the Euratom Programme? (ranking order)**

Use drag&drop or the up/down buttons to change the order or accept the initial order.

☰ Medicine
☰ Industry
☰ Agriculture
☰ Space exploration
☰ Monitoring climate change
☰ Emergency preparedness
☰ Other (specify)
☰ Don't know

Question 28 - Other (free text)

80 character(s) maximum

29. To what extent do you agree with the following statements on how to accelerate development of fusion energy in Europe?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know / No opinion
<p>* The European Commission should develop an EU Fusion Strategy with a concrete short-term action plan and a comprehensive, long-term roadmap to advance fusion energy development and to establish the necessary ecosystem for the future commercialisation of fusion energy;</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* An effective EU fusion strategy would require strong coordination and synergy between the European Commission, EUROfusion and the Joint Undertaking Fusion for Energy, as well as with Member States' actions;	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* The industrial sector's and potential private investors' string involvement is necessary to accelerate the transition to commercial fusion energy;	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Resolving critical technological bottlenecks and demonstrating fusion technology to accelerate the development of enabling technologies will require a strong partnership between the public and private sectors;	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* An EU public-private partnership should establish a clear technology development strategy, while addressing gaps in capital investments and providing support to companies during crucial stages of their development;	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Promoting skills development and a dynamic transfer of fusion energy knowledge from academia to industry and vice versa is necessary to develop and maintain world-leading industrial capability in the EU;	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Strategic international cooperation on fusion energy is more important than ever.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (<i>please specify</i>)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*** 30. In which of these areas of nuclear research do you think the JRC should be more active or should invest more resources? (especially as regards technological developments, research and strategic priorities)**

between 1 and 3 choices

- Safety and security of current nuclear systems
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Safety and security assessment of advanced nuclear systems (smr/amr)

- Regulatory compliance with the euratom treaty and directives
- Spent fuel and radioactive waste management
- Non-power applications (medical, industry, space...)
- Nuclear research infrastructure, including open access
- Nuclear data and radioactivity measurements
- Analysis and monitoring of human resources in the nuclear field
- Foresight capability Knowledge management and dissemination
- Exploration of unexploited potential or complementarities with the indirect actions of the programme
- Nuclear security and nuclear safeguards
- Other (*please specify*)
- Don't know

Section D. Key lessons and Messages for the future

31. What are your key lessons from the past and present Euratom Programmes and the messages you would like to pass on for the future of the programme?

- On the intervention modes and types of action (*free text*)

1500 character(s) maximum

- On the identification of funding priorities (*free text*)

1500 character(s) maximum

- On the implementation of the programme/projects and procedures (*free text*)

1500 character(s) maximum

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