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## **D6.4 Civil Society (CS) broader participation at Beacon Final Workshop**

In the original contract with the European Commission for the Beacon project WP 6 was intended as a work package for so called Civil Society (CS) interaction. During the project this was changed to become CS dissemination and the engagement of CS experts within the project decreased with time<sup>1</sup>.

Independent of this development there was a task for WP 6 to organise a broader participation from civil society at then Beacon final workshop in London. The workshop took place on May 17-19, 2022.

Even though CS interaction in the Beacon project was decreased after the first year, the European Commission decided that interaction with civil society (ICS) was to become an important part of the large EURAD project that from mid-2019 became an integrated research project for radioactive waste management<sup>2</sup>. In EURAD there are 14 civil society experts actively involved and compensated in several work packages. The experts are organised in EURAD under the auspices of the European organisation Nuclear Transparency Watch (NTW)<sup>3</sup>.

Connected to the EURAD project there is also what is called the “CS larger group” with 22 selected representatives from environmental NGOs and local communities<sup>4</sup>. The CS larger group is involved in specific meetings where the EURAD project work packages, through the CS experts and other participants in the project, interact with them.

To find CS participation to the Beacon final workshop an invitation was sent to both the CS experts and the CS larger group in the EURAD project. The Beacon project WP 6 had project funding to pay for transport and lodging and a total of five persons showed interest. This meant that together with the WP 6 work package leader Johan Swahn there were six representatives from civil society present at the workshop.

The outside representatives were:

Malcolm de Butler, NTW (France)

József Kóbor, City Council Pécs (Hungary), Committee of the Regions (EU)

Hana Konvalinkova, Platforma proti (Czech republic)

Christiana Mauro, NTW (Hungary)

Colin Wales, NTW and Cumbria Trust Ltd (U.K.)

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<sup>1</sup> Originally several CS experts and a scientific expert chosen by them were involved in WP 6. The CS experts were Johan Swahn, József Kóbor, Yves Marignac, Nadja Železnik and the scientific expert was prof. Roland Pusch.

<sup>2</sup> For more information on interaction with civil Society in EURAD, see: [https://www.ejp-  
eurad.eu/implementation/interaction-civil-society](https://www.ejp-eurad.eu/implementation/interaction-civil-society) .

<sup>3</sup> For more information, see <http://www.nuclear-transparency-watch.eu> .

<sup>4</sup> The CS experts and the selection process for the “CS larger group” is described in a EURAD deliverable: [https://www.ejp-  
eurad.eu/publications/eurad-deliverable-113-list-cs-group-members](https://www.ejp-eurad.eu/publications/eurad-deliverable-113-list-cs-group-members) .

In all, the participation of CS representatives at the Beacon final workshop can be regarded as successfully carried through. The feedback from the CS participants after the workshop has been positive.