

DECLARATION

At their meeting on Wednesday, October 16, at the European Parliament in Brussels, the Nuclear Energy Focus Group, relaunched in July 2024, reaffirmed its strong commitment to **ensuring that nuclear energy is included in the European Union's decarbonisation agenda**, without any technological discrimination.

The Nuclear Energy Focus Group welcomes similar initiatives taken on October 15 in Luxembourg, on the sidelines of the Energy Council, impulsed by Member States, as co-legislators. The group welcomes this declaration, which advocates for **a genuine European strategy in favour of nuclear energy**, both to achieve our climate goals and to enhance our competitiveness.

With just a few days remaining before the hearings of the designated Commissioners, the group wishes to highlight the recent statements by the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, in support of nuclear energy. While these remarks marked a turning point, it is now time to turn them into concrete actions. The group calls for decisive measures in the first months of the new Commission to place nuclear energy at the core of European policies.

The group has identified five key priorities:

1. The adoption of **a comprehensive action plan for nuclear energy** (PINC as outlined in Article 40 of Euratom Treaty)
2. Access for nuclear projects, infrastructure, component and fuel cycle to public and EU funding programs
3. **The success of the SMR Alliance**, which must be mobilized to promote European industrial capacities
4. The promotion of low-carbon hydrogen, particularly by ensuring the same level of support and conditions for hydrogen produced from renewable energy or nuclear energy through the **delegated act defining low-carbon hydrogen**.
5. Support measures for the **entire nuclear ecosystem**, particularly in skills, research, and innovation.

Finally, the group calls the Commission to uphold the Euratom Treaty, which guarantees the integrity and development of nuclear energy in Europe.