

## The NEA at 50

In 2008, the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Over the years, it has played a key role in both strengthening and enhancing international co-operation in the nuclear energy field. It has made the most of the member countries' contributions, effectively leveraging the financial resources in support of cutting-edge international research projects and studies, but above all stimulating and uniting the synergies of its vast network of specialists coming from the most advanced nuclear energy programmes around the world.

At a time when nuclear energy is at a significant turning point of new development, the NEA is particularly well positioned to ensure that this development takes place safely and economically, with due respect for the environment. It will also continue to elaborate the scientific, technological and legal bases required to achieve such goals. The NEA has provided an important forum for international co-operation on the peaceful use of nuclear energy for the past five decades, and will do its utmost to continue providing the best added value for its member countries in the future.

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