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### **OECD Halden Reactor Project**

- International collaborative research for the safe and reliable operation of Nuclear Power Plants
  - Affiliated to the OECD NEA in Paris
  - Performed and managed by the Institute for Energy Technology (IFE) in Norway
- Governed by the Halden Agreement
  - First signed in 1958 (renewed every 3 years)
  - 3-year joint research program
  - MTO and Nuclear Fuels & Materials projects
- Jointly funded by the membership
  - 20 countries including Norway
  - >100 organizations (utilities, vendors, TSOs, R&D, licensing/regulatory authorities)
  - Budget for 2015-2017 is 431 MNOK (~53 MUSD)
  - Norway contributes 35% of HRP budget





# **OECD Halden Reactor Project Membership**

- Norway: IFE Inst. for Energy Technology
- Belgium: SCK/CEN Nuclear Research Centre
- China
  - SNERDI Shanghai Nuclear Engineering R&D Institute
  - **CNPRI** China Nuclear Power Technology Research Inst.
- Czech Rep: UJV Rez Nuclear Research Inst.
- Denmark: DTU Technical University
- European Commission JRC: JRC Karlsruhe
- Finland: TYÖ Ministry of Employment & Economy
- France:
  - EDF Electricity of France
  - IRSN Inst. for Radiological Protection
  - CEA Atomic and Alternative Energy Commission
- Germany: GRS Global Research for Safety
- Hungary: MTA EK Centre for Energy Research
- Japan
  - NRA Nuclear Regulation Authority
  - JAEA Atomic Energy Agency
  - **CRIEPI** Central Research Inst. of Electric Power Industry
  - MNF Mitsubishi Nuclear Fuel

- Korea: KAERI Atomic Energy Research Inst.
- Netherlands: NRG Nuclear Research and Consultancy Group
- Russia: JSC TVEL Fuel Company of ROSATOM
- Slovakia: VUJE Nuclear Power Plant Research Inst.
- Spain: CIEMAT Centre for Energy Environment and Technology
- Sweden: SSM Radiation Safety Authority
- Switzerland: ENSI Nuclear Safety Inspectorate
- United Arab Emirates: FANR Authority for Nuclear Regulation
- UK: NNL National Nuclear Laboratory
- USA:
  - NRC Nuclear Regulatory Commission
  - **GNF** Global Nuclear Fuel
  - Westinghouse Electric Company
  - EPRI Electric Power Research Inst.
  - **DOE** Department of Energy

Most countries have a consortium of organizations represented by a main Signatory to the Agreement





# **Objectives of the Halden Reactor Project**

 The HRP has two main research programs to generate key information for safety and licensing assessments



 Objective: provide knowledge about the performance of nuclear fuels and materials under normal, transient and accident conditions, with the aim of increasing safety and reliability plus improving the nuclear fuel cycle

- Man-Technology-Organisation (MTO)
  - Objective: provide knowledge about how and why accidents occur in complex processing facilities, with the aim of contributing to avoidance and mitigation of accidents





# IFE's Facilities for Nuclear Fuels and Materials Safety Research

Halden Boiling Water Reactor

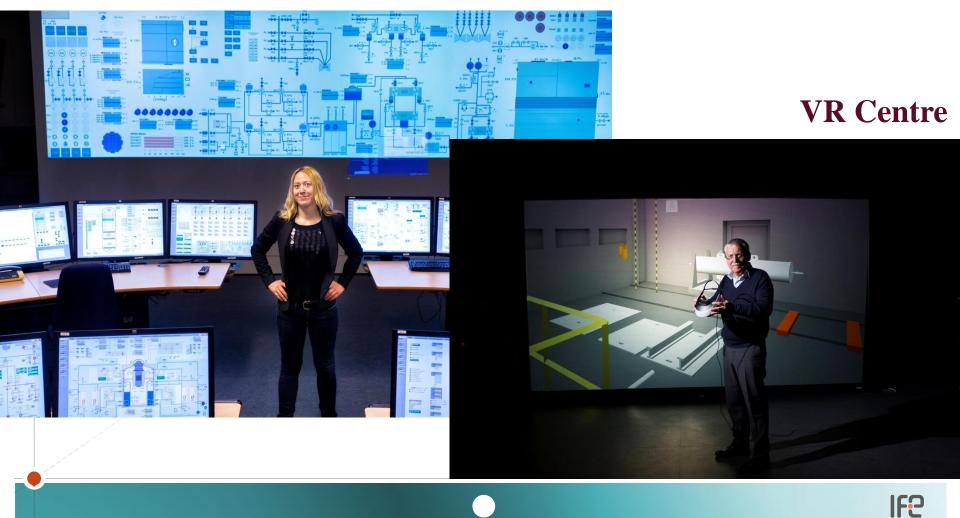
Workshops and Chemistry labs





### **IFE's Facilities for MTO Safety Research**

#### HAMMLAB



### **Man-Technology-Organisation**

#### Program proposal 2018-2020

Human Factors and Digital Systems research for existing and new reactors

- 1 Operator Reliability
- 2 Severe Accidents and Human Performance
- 3 Safety of Digital Instrumentation and Control Systems
- 4 Control Room Design and Evaluation
- 5 Advanced Reactors
- 6 Plant Operation and Maintenance

#### •7 Decommissioning

Programme Basis (HAMMLAB, VR centre, FutureLab)

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## **Expectation to this workshop**

- Workshops are an important instrument for the Halden Project
  - Share experience, knowledge and challenges across member organisations
  - Disseminate Halden Project research
  - Guide the future research direction of the Project
- Additional benefit of this workshop
  - Participants from outside Halden member organisations are sharing their experience and challenges, and point to new R&D needs

# I wish you all a good workshop !!

