

IGD-TP  
Philippe Lalieux, Chairman  
Torsten Eng, Secretary General

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### **Concerning: Withdrawing from the IGD-TP platform**

Dear Mr. Lalieux and Mr. Eng,

Greenpeace has tried to constructively participate in the Technology Platform on Implementation of Geological Disposal (IGD-TP) since 2010. When we applied for membership of IGD-TP, we explained that we did not endorse the vision of the platform, namely 'by 2025, the first geological disposal facilities for spent fuel, high-level waste, and other long-lived radioactive waste will be operating safely in Europe'. With that caveat, Greenpeace was accepted as member of the IGD-TP.

Despite its membership, Greenpeace has been excluded from the activities of the platform, including the advice that the latter gave to the European Commission on the draft Radioactive Waste Directive.[1] We have notified the IGD-TP Secretariat on several occasions of our concerns, including through raising the issue during the consultation on the Strategic Research Agenda (SRA).

Greenpeace participated constructively in the public consultation on the SRA. However, the IGD-TP only marginally reflected in the final SRA paper the ideas we brought forward and did not organise any further exchanges on the points we raised. Recently, the IGD-TP opened its "Draft Deployment Plan" for public consultation. In this document we observe that even the marginal points that originated from the Greenpeace input have been removed.

Our experience leads us to conclude that IGD-TP is not a platform for open and scientifically sound discourse on the issue of radioactive waste management.

Greenpeace therefore sees no basis for further cooperation and withdraws from the platform.

We ask the IGD-TP secretariat to remove the name Greenpeace from its membership list and its website, as well from any IGD-TP publications.

Yours sincerely,

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