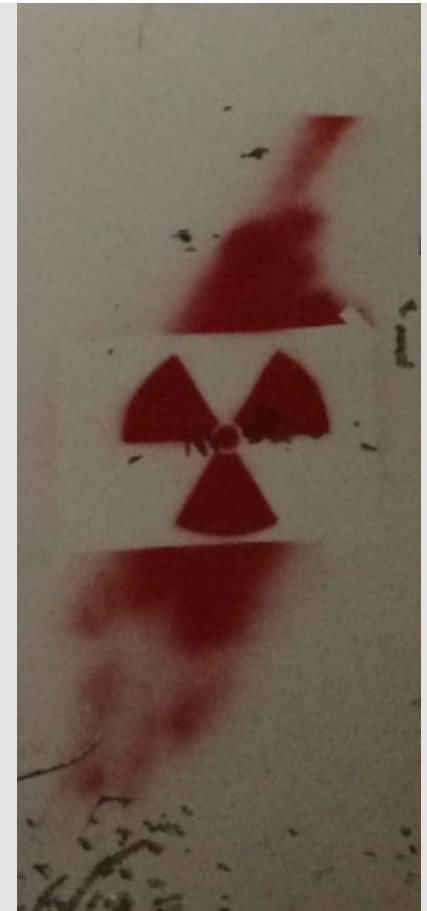


Why Loviisa EIA is important

ESPOO Convention trying to introduce EIA for life-time extensions of old NPP



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Prolonged Lifetime Extension (PLEX) and EIA or no EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment)

- ESPOO Convention sets the rules for transboundary Environmental Assessment: new NPP are e.g. included (often black box) and any other project, even parking lots
- PLEX is not explicitly mentioned in any of the Convention's Annexes as new-built, however, it does fulfill the characteristics of a project (confirmed by IC in 2014 and ECJ on Belgium reactors)
- In EU ESPOO – Convention is implemented with the EIA directive (small differences)
- 2014: MOP (member states to the Convention) doesn't accept IC ruling on NPP Rivne 1&2 / Ukraine
- This sets a nasty example of ignoring Implementation Committee (IC) and replacing it with negotiations
- Ad hoc working (most member states taking part, EU group has the final say) group trying to conclude since
- Currently a very weak guidance is out, big battles are on
- MOP Vilnius December 2020: unclear outcomes

EIA upcoming anyway

- Loviisa 1&2 (Finland): Scoping phase
- Doel 1&2 (Belgium): notification completed on Sept 30, Scoping expected for 1st quarter 2021
- Krško 1 (Slovenia): decision taken only now after big efforts of Slovenian NGOs

Taking part is of strategic importance

- Those weeks we need to show that there is interest, it does not make sense to demand sth. exactly no one cares for.
- What we achieve now – participation, scoping and Environmental Statement (EIS) content etc. – is a certain precedens
 - **Next steps and planning**
- More NGOs and individual statements would be good
- Media work, ad hoc group, ESPOO Focal points