

A repository will be of great economic and strategic importance. It will certainly be an important engine for regional development. An estimated total of about 610 million euro will initially be invested in the disposal system. Some 500-600 people will be involved in construction work and some 200 more in the maintenance of the repository. Local companies will be involved in the call for tender processes, local and regional infrastructure has to be improved etc. A parallel can be drawn to the NASA space project or Ericsson mobile telephone development which both have resulted in numerous spin-off effects.

Closing thoughts

Cooperating with both municipalities and regional elected authorities is important in the Swedish process of establishing a repository for spent nuclear fuel. It is the inhabitants - via the Municipality Council of Östhammar - who have the final veto. The existing positive attitude towards a repository has to be constantly maintained in a constant on-going dialogue between the inhabitants and their political representatives. Perhaps the model for the repository process can be used to revitalize democracy also in other fields - a "school of democracy".

7.3. "The Role of the Government in Territorial Development of Meuse/Haute-Marne" - France⁵

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National RWM implementer Andra is working in close relationship with stakeholders in the East of France to determine the precise footprint of an underground repository for high-level and long-lived nuclear waste, as confirmed by national Parliament. The actors include the two districts and the two corresponding larger administrative regions on whose border the siting zone is situated, and other elected or non-elected stakeholder organisms.

At this time, the repository remains an intangible prospect for many. Local players expect Andra to communicate the project calendar and other knowledge of how the project will develop, so that they can anticipate economic opportunities as well as infrastructure needs.

Regional and local elected officials requested some years ago that the nuclear industry players become active investors in the Meuse/Haute-Marne sector. A High-level Committee was set up at ministerial level in 2005. In discussion with industry producers, regional and local elected officials and Andra, four or more establishments (archives, warehouses) have been sited in the region, and local artisans have been helped to gain certification as suppliers to the industry.

Decentralised national government is also active in helping to develop the region. The Prefectures are applying the 1975 "Major Works" procedure that aims at managing the influx of workers and maintaining the economic momentum past the construction stage.

8. SUBGROUP DISCUSSION REPORT

After the presentations and a short time for questions were over, the meeting split into two discussion subgroups. Each of the subgroups was confronted with two questions, to focus the debate:

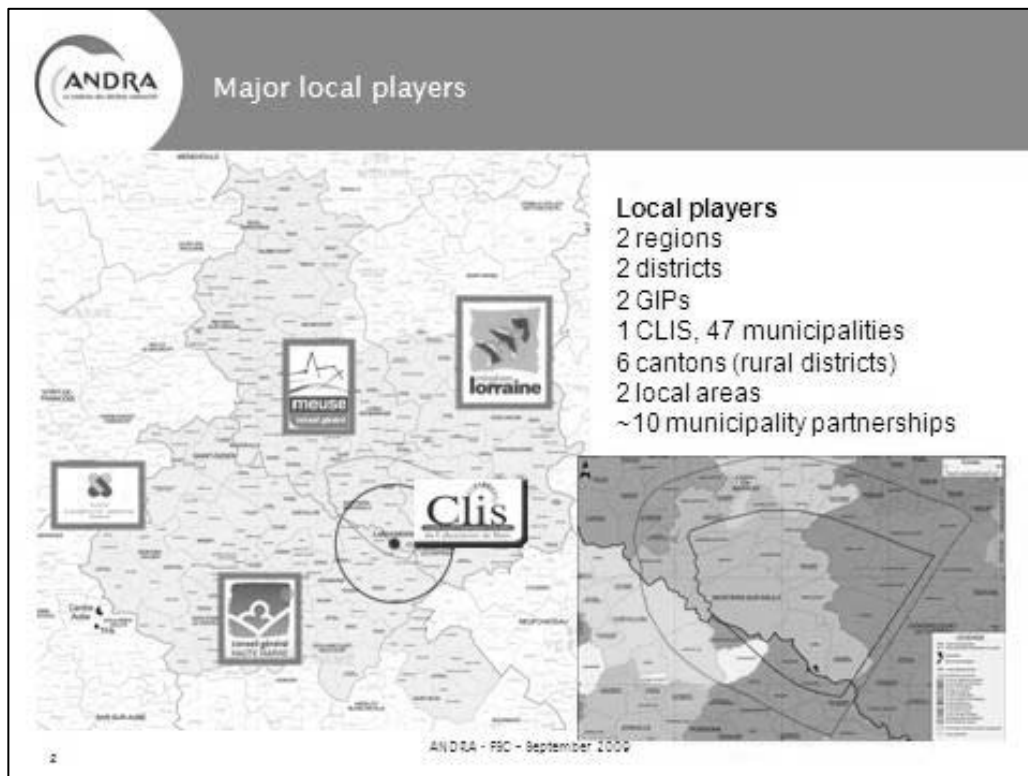
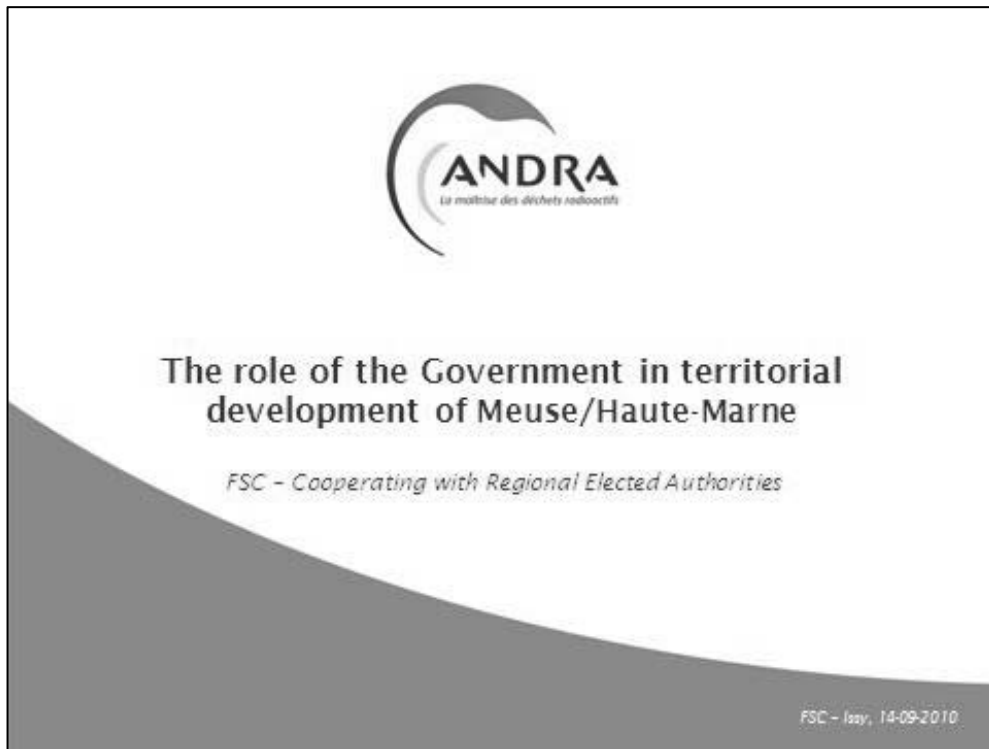
Q1. How can Regional Elected Authorities help support a RWM facility siting process?

Q2. Which are the main areas for cooperation between institutions and Regional Elected Authorities?

⁵ More detailed information can be found on www.oecd-nea.org/fsc in the proceedings of the FSC 2009 France national workshop and community visit: Repositories and host regions: Envisaging the future together (also available in French).

THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNMENT IN TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT OF MEUSE/Haute-MARNE

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Local background

Local player expectations:
Knowing Andra's needs and the project's schedule, in order to forecast business development and job opportunities, and to anticipate requirements in professional training, housing, transport, etc.

The project is still not tangible enough at this time to ensure a genuine stand on the part of local players.

Perception on the deep-repository project
The project is considered to be as much of a development opportunity as it is a powerful lever to defend territorial needs.

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The role of Government – The High-Level Committee

The Government is committed to the project and to developing the area.

Through the "**High-Level Committee**", set up following a request from leading local elected officials wishing to see nuclear sector players become more involved locally in developing jobs and business. The committee gathers the Ministers in charge of Andra and leaders among producers, local elected officials and Andra.

Since it was set up in 2005, **several initiatives or projects have been launched locally:**

- The "three little pigs" – an EDF approach for controlling energy demand
- Building a facility for Areva archives
- Building a facility for EDF archives
- Building a storage facility for nuclear station spare parts (EDF)
- The French Atomic Energy Commission's (CEA) SYNDIESE project (a pilot, 2nd-generation bio fuel production plant)
- Fostering local industrial potential enhancement (being qualified to access the markets, etc)

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The role of Government - The "Major Works" procedure

The Government is committed to the project and to developing the area.

Through the **Prefect** and regional Governmental departments. For instance, the Prefect was Chairman of the CLIS prior to the 2006 Act.

More recently with the setting up of a "**Major Works**" procedure.

The principle

This is a central administration intervening procedure, introduced in 1975 to handle the constraints caused by the influx of hundreds of workers joining major land settlement works (such as the electronuclear programme) and to preserve the momentum induced by projects of national or international scope.

The objective

To foster new business around the project and contribute to the growth of public facilities and infrastructures to host the project, the workers during construction, and the populations during industrial commissioning, as well as facilitating local jobs for workers after completion.