

weCARE Activity Report 2023

weCARE continued to closely monitor Energy issues at European level throughout 2023.

At the start of the year a "position paper" was sent to European Institutions proposing a vision for a better nuclear/renewable balance in the low-carbon mix, an explicit inclusion of nuclear power in the NZIA (Net Zero Industry Act – counterpart to the US IRA) and an in-depth structural reform of the electricity “market”.

These topics formed the substance of a weCARE Conference organized in partnership with the European Economic and Social Committee (TEN Transport Energy and Networks Committee) on June 29 in Brussels. This Conference brought together around forty participants. The Chair of the TEN Section of the EESC opened the event. 100 TWh was well represented and SLC-PNC were represented by E Huffer. The event was the opportunity to make contacts with potential future members of associate organisations of weCARE.

weCARE was invited to participate in two events organized by the European Commission: a seminar on September 5 and 6 in Luxembourg on the Nuclear Ecosystem study carried out by Deloitte for the DG ENER Commission, and the annual ENEF (European Nuclear Energy Forum) meeting in Bratislava in November. weCARE commented extensively on the draft report by Deloitte, both at the meeting in Luxembourg and in writing.

weCARE also reacted to a public consultation on the use of European Funds to support developments in the field of energy, insisting that past and future tools be open to nuclear projects, in the same way as they are to renewable energies, using the low carbon label to replace the “green”.

Finally, weCARE ended the year with a Letter to the Commission reacting to the scandalous “You Are Europe” advertising campaign (broadcast throughout the EU in the language of the countries) which combines fundamental European values (Democracy, Freedom, Security, etc.) with only photos of solar panels and wind turbines. Does the Commission serve as a lobby for renewables?

In this letter, also following discussions during the Ecosystem seminar and referring to the increasingly clear messages from the Alliance of Member States for nuclear power (led by France), weCARE proposes a scenario for the development of nuclear power in the EU targeting 200 GWe installed in 2050 (compared to 100 GWe proposed by the Deloitte study following the Commission's latest PINC report dating from 2017, and 150 GWe proposed by the Alliance). 200 GWe would correspond to around 25% of the electricity consumed in the EU in 2050, if we consider a doubling of use due to electrification.

weCARE will continue its activities in 2024, a crucial year of European elections, which could mark a turning point in the EU's rather anti-nuclear policy of the last twenty years under the diktat of the green dogma (Green Deal), a turning point already apparent in the last versions of the NZIA currently being finalized in the European trilogue.

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