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SNETP welcomes its 100th member!

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Meeting today in Ljubljana, the Governing Board of the Sustainable Nuclear Energy Technology Platform (SNETP) voted to approve five new membership applications bringing the total membership to 102 organisations.

Established in September 2007 with the backing of the European Commission, the Platform promotes and coordinates research activities in the field of nuclear fission. The members are drawn from industry, research, safety organisations, universities and non-governmental bodies based in Europe, all having a common interest in developing **safe and sustainable nuclear power**. The goals of SNETP are closely aligned with those of the EU's Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET-Plan).

SNETP's work programme was defined in a Strategic Research Agenda document adopted in June 2009 and falls under three main areas. The first focuses on maintaining and improving the safe and efficient operation of the current **Generation II and III** nuclear reactors and will take full account of the lessons learned from the recent Fukushima accident. The second is about developing the **Generation IV** fast neutron reactors with closed fuel cycle, i.e. capable of extending the lifetime of the world's uranium fuel reserves by factors up to 100, whilst at the same time significantly reducing the amount of radioactive waste requiring long-term storage. A "European Industrial Initiative" (ESNII) on fast reactor development was launched in November 2010 under the Belgian EU Presidency. Finally, the third area is aimed at **nuclear cogeneration**, i.e. the supply of carbon-free electricity and process heat to large industrial installations.

Chairman of the SNETP Governing Board, Frantisek Pazdera said, "I am delighted to welcome the 100th member to our sustainable nuclear research community. The rapid growth of the Platform over the last four years is witness to the widespread interest and support that exists in the long-term development of our industry. Together we can make a major contribution to Europe's low-carbon energy supplies by underpinning the production of safe, competitive and sustainable nuclear power."

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