



Press Release

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E.ON agrees cooperation with French research center - CEA

E.ON and CEA (Commissariat à l'Énergie Atomique et aux Énergies Alternatives / France) have signed a framework agreement on future cooperation in the field of nuclear energy research and development. The agreement provides the basis for new research projects focused on the future use of nuclear energy, which are in both CEA's and E.ON's interest.

The research projects relate to the so-called second generation nuclear reactors operated around the world, third generation plant construction projects currently under way as well as future reactors and options for fourth generation fuel cycles, which are expected to reach technical maturity for commercial use by the middle of this century.

Under the cooperation agreement, E.ON will gain access to CEA's research results, while CEA will expand its European focus and include types of reactors in its research program that are planned or operated outside of France.

In addition to several other European cooperation projects, the two companies are already partners in the European Sustainable Nuclear Energy Technology Platform (SNETP) and in various communities of interest under the Strategic Energy Technology Plan of the EU Commission.

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The **CEA** is a public institution of scientific and technological research. It works in three main areas: Low-Carbon Energy, Information and Health Technologies, Defence and Security.

A major player in the European research, having filed over 550 patents in 2009, the CEA is based on fundamental research excellence. With its 15,600 researchers and collaborators, it has internationally recognized expertise in its areas of excellence and has developed many collaborations with national and international, academic and industrial partners.

E.ON is one of the world's largest investor-owned power and gas companies. E.ON has more than 88,000 employees that generated just under €82 billion in sales in 2009. With leading market positions in power and gas and nearly 30 million customers E.ON operates in more than 30 countries.

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E.ON combines international strength with local expertise, enabling us to share ideas across our company. With a balanced energy mix incorporating all generation technologies, E.ON strives to provide a secure, climate-friendly, and affordable supply of electricity.