

Final Round Table

Improving existing arrangements on information and public participation in the field of RWM in Europe: the way forward

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General feeling at the start of the SITEX initiative (EU SITEX FP7 project)

(my perception)



TSO

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- Such exchanges will be time consuming and will not change my work and safety evaluations. So what is the added value?
- At the end it is the regulatory body who will assess the safety and not the CS. So why should I take time for exchanges with CS?

- If I start discussing with TSOs then I may give the impression that I endorse all the on-going projects.
- I do not want that TSOs use that dialogue to then say their projects are agreed with CS.



CS

How the SITEX initiative changed TSO minds ?

(my perception)



- On what should I exchange with CSO?
 - *On R&D results and their possible implications for safety;*
 - *On safety assessment results;*
 - *On CSO possible safety concerns...*

- Such exchanges will be time consuming and will not change my work and safety evaluations. So what is the added value?
 - *It changes my work a lot !*
 - *It helps to step back and look at safety issues with more perspective.*
 - *It may gives new ideas and point of views.*

- At the end it is the regulatory body who will assess the safety and not the CSO. So why should I take time for exchanges with CSO?
 - *This allows to develop confidence between the actors.*
 - *We did not loose our “independence” of missions (we are not forced to agree).*
 - *This may increase safety:*
 - *Because of the plural dimension such exchanges gives*
 - *Because increasing confidence may allow to move towards a “safe terminus” in a more sustainable way.*

Some key elements for the future

- Globally, seen the positive return of experience: continue to develop and strengthen these dialogues and interactions in future projects.
- CSO participation should not be limited to a “passive review” of deliverables or to attendance to meetings where projects results are communicated.
- It should consist in active and constructive dialogues a.o. about the meanings of project results. The different kinds of actors do not necessarily need to find a common meaning/position but they should at least understand what the different meanings/positions are.
- R&D projects could thus be more systematically completed with specific tasks aiming at exchanging with CSO about the meaning of their results and considering their point of view.
- This is a way to strengthen safety, and SITEX.Network can help !