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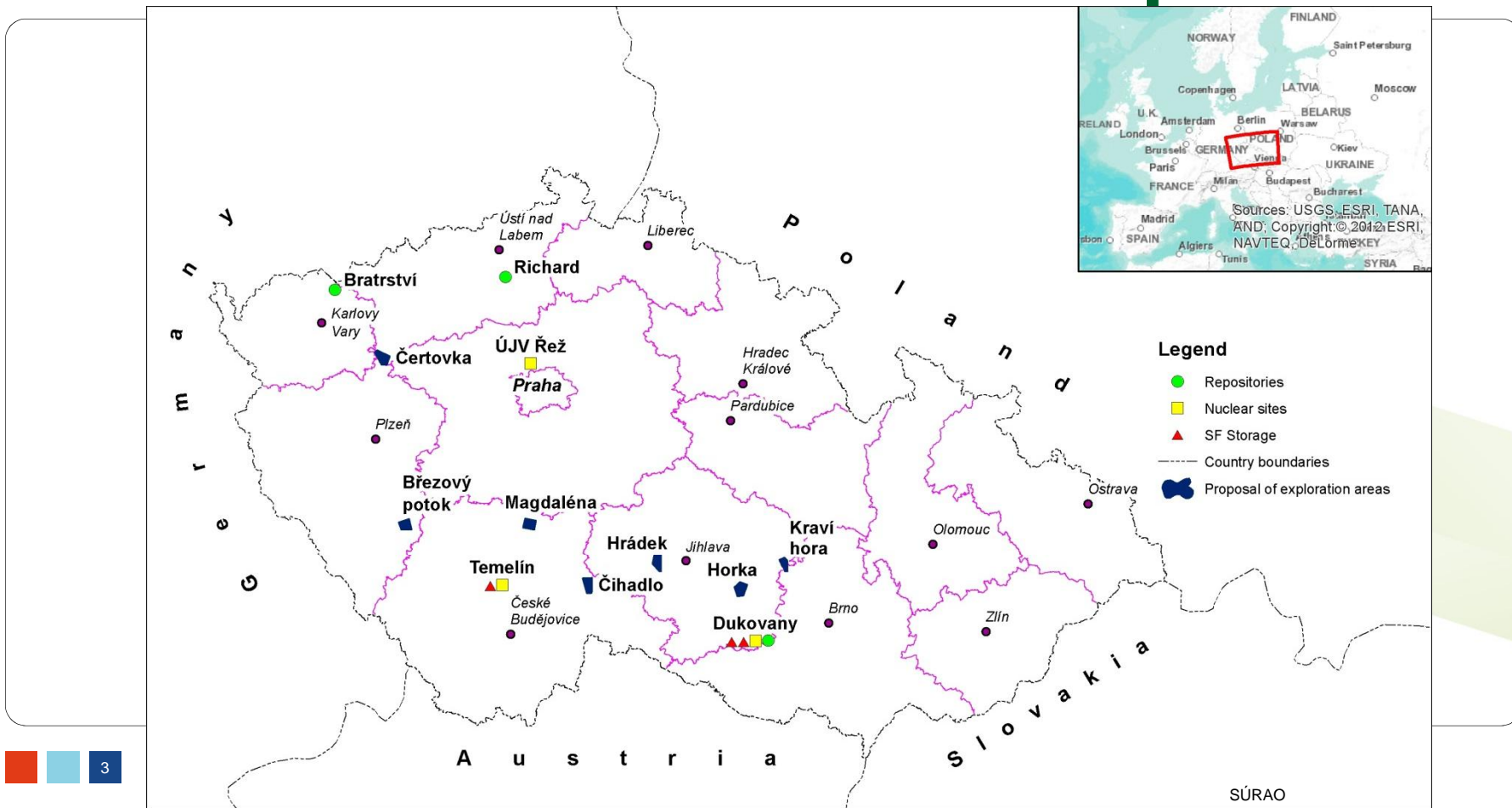
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# Implementing Public Participation Approaches

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# Welcome in the Czech Republic!



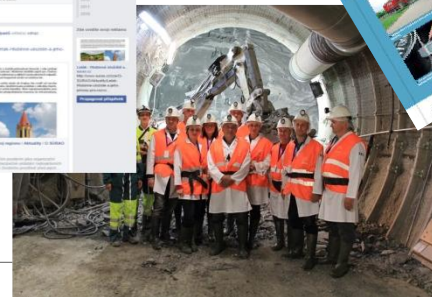
# Communications activities

**Media servis – every day responsibility**

**Information centres:** Prague, Richard, Litoměřice IC, Jáchymov, Bystřice nad Pernštejnem (Kraví Hora site), information corners (Rohozná, Lubenec, Rouchovany, Dukovany, Dolní Cerekev).

Leaflets, brochures, reports, web, Facebook, YouTube

Meetings, Conferences, Seminars, excursions



## Involvement in the regions with operated repositories

### Based on Atomic law

Municipalities with operated repositories (Jáchymov, Rouchovany, Litoměřice) has a member in Board of SÚRAO

- Each of them receives grant 3 million CZ Crowns from Atomic Account
- Close cooperation
- International experience

Incentives during geological research for DGR

# Communication and information tools



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# Social science in the DGR siting process

## 2005 - 2009 technical work stopped

- Need for a new approach – participation, openness, dialogue
- Opinion surveys showed:
  - Support to nuclear energy – support to the idea of final solution of the fuel cycle
  - NIMBY
  - Need for more information
  - Need of a fair dialogue
  - Low level of trust
- International experience
- ARGONA project (Euratom) – application of a RISCUM model into the Czech case
  - First stakeholders groups – „Reference group“

# Public involvement

## By the ARGONA project - first public hearing in May 2009

- **2007-2009: ARGONA Project (Euratom)** – first Reference Group for Stakeholders
  - ® **first Czech public hearing in May 2009**
- **November 2009:** National conference – „**Deliberation - Way to the Deep Geological Repository**“
  - under the auspices of the minister of industry and trade
  - ® **first Czech „round table“ discussion across all stakeholders**
- **June 2010:** „**round table**“ discussion how to establish transparency and open dialogue with all stakeholders
  - about establishing „Working group for Dialogue“ independent discussion forum for set up transparency site selection with involving public
- **November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010:** ® **first meeting of the Working Group for Dialogue**  
(delegates of state administration, local communities, local NGO, Czech NGOs, both Czech Parliaments Chambers, representative of SÚRAO)
- **2011-2013: IPPA Project (Euratom)**
  - Implementing Public Participation Approaches
  - End Users Conference, September 2013, Prague
- **Since 2012: FSC** – Forum on Stakeholder Confidence (NEA/OECD)
  - Facilitates the sharing of experience in addressing the societal dimension of RWM
  - FSC Meeting, October 2012, Prague + Carlsbad





## Working group on Dialogue about DGR

Established in November 2010

- To ensure mutual and meaningful dialogue on the DGR siting process
- Enforcement of municipalities in the process of DGR siting **P** proposals for legislative changes

Implementer is one of its members

Established as an advisory group of Ministry of Industry and Trade

2014 WG transformed under Governmental Council for Energy and Raw Material Strategy

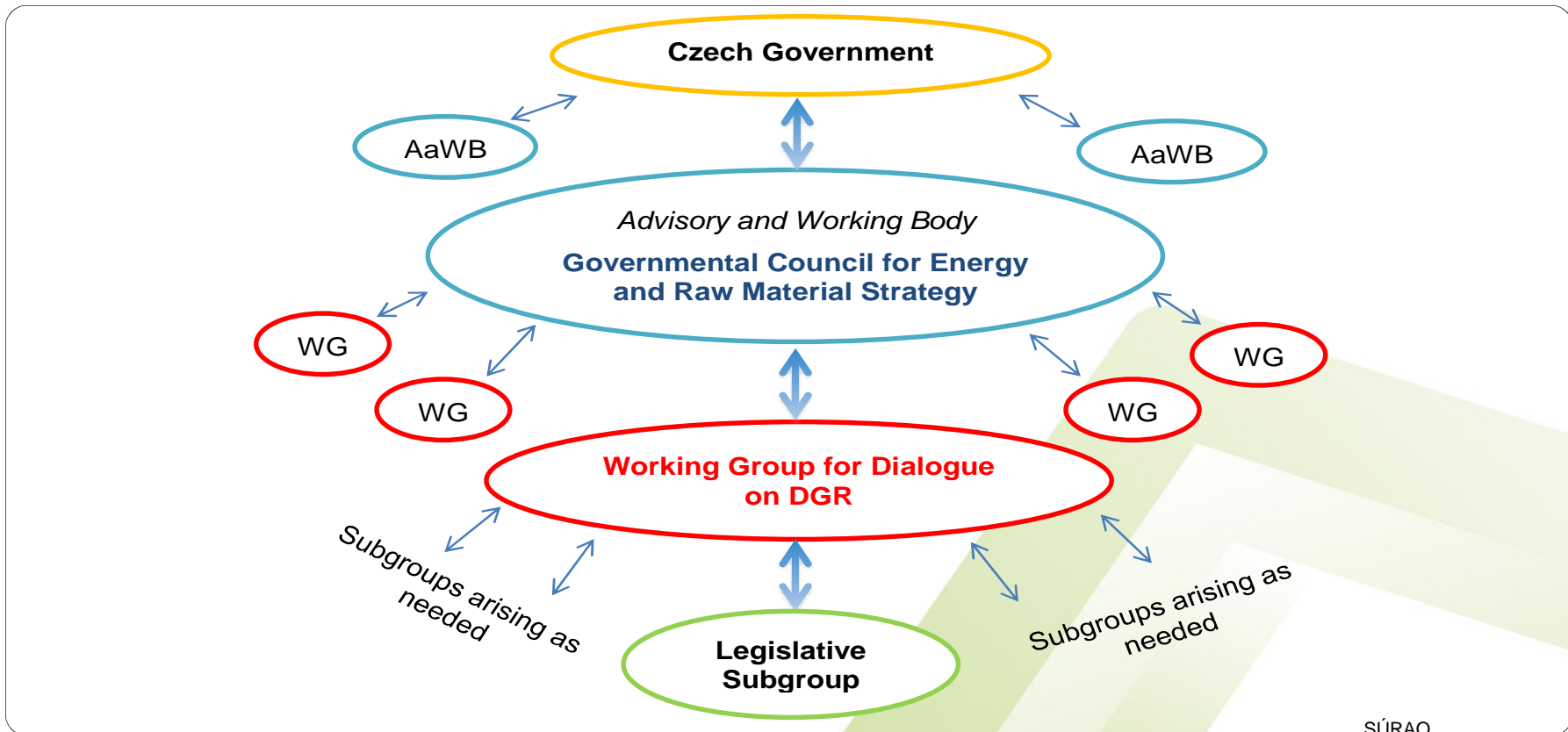
# Full scale stakeholders group

33 members in 2015

Organisation / Institution	Number of members
Municipalities	2 of each site
Ministry of Trade and Industry	1
Ministry of Environment	1
State Office for Nuclear Safety	1
Radioactive Waste Repository Authority	1
Representatives of local NGOs (from localities)	1 of each site
NGOs (nationwide)	2
Parliament of the Czech Republic (Chamber of Deputies + Senate )	2
Expert – sociologist	1
Expert – selected by representatives of municipalities	1
Legislative expert	1



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## New goals of the Working Group

- ✓ Involvement in the preparation of the new Act on the Deep Geological Repository
- ✓ Discussion on the criteria for the site selection for DGR
- ✓ Debate on the Concept of Radioactive Waste and Spent Nuclear Fuel
- ✓ Extension of tools to inform and for the equitable distribution of compensation in the localities
- ✓ Establishing cooperation with foreign organizations of similar type as the WG for Dialog
- ✓ Collection of information and its distribution among the public
- ✓ Funding for these activities

- Information on the WG activities from the international point of view at
- [www.argonaproject.eu](http://www.argonaproject.eu) (2007- 2009) [www.ippaproject.eu](http://www.ippaproject.eu) (2011-2014)
- SÚRAO is a member of FSC – Forum on Stakeholder Confidence OECD/NEA <https://www.oecd-nea.org/fsc/>



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# Experience from abroad

## Czech stakeholders group is based on Swedish experience

- Stakeholders group with a clear role in the transparent process - CR 5 years experience – beginners  
Adjusted to the domestic framework – legal framework, history, culture, socioeconomic background
- Hungary – information committees model – each site one committee
- France – information and stakeholders groups with strict roles defined in law
- Belgium – Partnership – local groups in precisely defined partnership with the implementer (MONA, STOLA)
- Finland – site municipality communicates directly with the implementer
- NO SYSTEM OF COMMUNICATION CAN BE COPIED, BUT WE ALL CAN LEARN FROM EACH OTHER

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