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## **Commissioner Oettinger welcomes agreement on the revised Nuclear Safety Directive**

European Energy Commissioner Günther Oettinger said: "*Nuclear safety is paramount to all European citizens. We need to put all our efforts into making sure that the highest safety standards are followed in every single nuclear power plant across the EU. The new Nuclear Safety Directive, once formally adopted, will help ensure continuous improvement of the safety of our nuclear installations.*"

Today, the Permanent Representatives Committee of the Council of the European Union (COREPER) acknowledged the agreement reached by Member States on the Commission's proposal to amend the 2009 Nuclear Safety Directive. This agreement follows the supportive opinion adopted by the European Parliament in April. The Council still needs to formally adopt the new Directive.

The new Directive builds on the lessons learned from Fukushima and the nuclear stress tests and is based on the latest international standards. It strengthens the independence and the powers of national regulators. For the first time it sets out a clear nuclear safety objective to further reduce safety risks. It will introduce a system of European peer reviews to be carried out at least every six years. The revised Directive also enhances transparency, in particular through better public information on the safety of nuclear installations.

Find more information about the revised [Nuclear Safety Directive on the Commission's website](#).

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