

# THE ETSON JUNIOR STAFF PROGRAMME: CURRENT STATUS AND ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

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## NETWORKING FOR YOUNG ETSON EXPERTS

### Background

The ETSON (European Technical Safety Organization Network) Junior Staff Program (JSP) is an initiative initially created by GRS and IRSN during the EUROSAFE meeting 2003 in Paris, France.

Nowadays, the ETSON Junior Staff Programme brings young employees from all ETSON members together to promote cooperation and networking in the field of nuclear safety across all member organizations.



JSP meeting in preparation of the Workshop 2012



Group photo from Workshop 2012 in Leuven, Belgium. Six countries were represented: Lithuania, Japan, Czech Republic, France, Germany and Belgium

### Objectives

The main objective is to enhance and intensify collaboration among young ETSON experts particularly concerning the following aspects:

- Acquiring contacts in the same field of expertise
- Improving technical knowledge through international cooperation
- Participation in the development of an European strategy for improving nuclear safety

### Activities

The ETSON Summer Workshop is organized annually by the JSP and is hosted by one of the ETSON members. Following four successful editions, this year's event was held in Leuven, Belgium, hosted by Bel V.

Twenty-five attendees actively participated in lectures and working groups instructed by the participants themselves. The Workshop 2012 was dedicated to Radioactive Waste Management and covered different topics such as regulations, public involvement, waste treatment, geological disposal, waste storage at the surface, decommissioning, etc.



Presentations are given by participants themselves



Working group problem-solving exercise

### Maintain and improve a professional network

- Regular meetings between JSP representatives
- Bilateral meetings on specific technical topics
- The future JSP web page on the ETSON website provides contacts to JSP representatives and TSO members within similar fields

### Previous JSP Summer Workshops

- 25/08 - 29/08 2008 in Garching, Germany
- 05/07 - 10/07 2009 in Cadarache, France
- 23/08 - 27/08 2010 in Garching, Germany
- 29/08 - 02/09 2011 in Prague, Czech Republic
- 20/08 - 24/08 2012 in Leuven, Belgium

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