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Nuclear skills
Renewal and Development

EDF views and actions

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For EDF Group:  
3 strategic priorities for the development of nuclear

With 58 NPPs in operation in France, 82 within the EDF Group, EDF has 3 main strategic priorities:

- Continuing safe and efficient nuclear fleet Operations: ongoing improvement in safety and extended operation for NPPs, learning from each year of experience.

- Participate in the global development of nuclear power:  
  - In France, construction of EPR at Flamanville 3, and then Penly 3,  
  - Internationally, participate in the global nuclear revival with priority for countries where we have historical links

- Prepare for the longer term by supporting international research programmes on Generation IV reactors.
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EDF Generation population pyramid

Construction & Commissioning of the French PWR Fleet
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Since 2008, a 4-5 fold increase in recruitments of graduates in EDF nuclear sector, in a number of different areas.
Recruitment of Engineers by EDF in the nuclear sector

Need for skills for Design, Construction, Operations, Dismantling,… of NPPs goes beyond pure nuclear education and training
Getting skills: different ways of Education and/or Training (1/2)

- **Before recruitment:** Initial Academic Education
  - Master's degree, Engineering schools,…
  - …

- **After recruitment:**
  - initial training and integration
  - continuous vocational training
  - specialized training
  - specific operator's training (initial qualification, periodic training, …)
  - on the job training
  - …

- **Possible different needs/trainings for other actors (# Owner/Operator)**
  - Designers and suppliers
  - Authorities and TSOs
  - Research organizations
  - …
EDF developed a comprehensive organization and program
- Progressively, over time, along with the development of NPPs
- Mostly based on internal means

A large organization
- ~2.5 million hours of training per year
- ~650 different courses (200 Process; 450 Operation/Maintenance)
- ~740 persons, including ~530 teachers
- based mainly on 19 training centers, with full scope simulators, located at each NPP site

A significant commitment
- ~10% of total labor cost for nuclear sector
EDF's in house vocational training

On the job training

- A very important part of the skills build-up
- Nuclear skills, is also a "collective skill" not just a sum of individual skills

Vocational training organisation

- An Academy for Operations, (1st year).
- An Academy for Engineering, (1st year).
  (adapted according to initial academic education)
- Nuclear education and training courses for people in charge of Operations (operators, safety engineers,...).
  (both initial education and training, as well as periodic training)
- Specific and specialized courses in a variety of domains, to train /accompany personnel during their professional career.
Many diverse pedagogical tools

- CP0 Full scope Simulator
- CETIC - Mock-up for fuel loading/unloading
- Diesels training facilities
- Valves training
- Training equipment for hydro sector
In a new context, EDF’s commitment and initiative in Strengthening Education & Training

A 2 fold effort:

- **Adaptation of the internal EDF education & training process**
  - Mainly to cope with increased numbers of young personnel

- **Dialogue and partnerships** established with the best universities and “grandes écoles” in France and abroad
  1. Strengthening and structuring the energy curriculum in engineering schools
  2. Establishing an International Master of Science “Nuclear Energy” to attract French and foreign students (2-year teaching programme in English)
  3. Establishing post-Master professional certifications with the best Universities and engineering schools (e.g.: nuclear safety, radiation protection, etc.)
  4. Funding Chairs, to help link Research and Education

With a vehicle to support financing
EDF sponsoring new educational initiatives for the benefit of the whole nuclear industry

Master of Science in Nuclear Energy
Master of Science in Nuclear Energy
Paris - France

M1 (year 1)
- Bachelor's degree
- Physics Engineering
- Nuclear Engineering
- Nuclear plant design
- Operation
- Decommissioning and Waste Management
- Fuel Cycle
- Radiochemistry

M2 (year 2)
- Chemistry Engineering
- Fuel Cycle Engineering

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M1 (1st year)

- Core courses
  - Nuclear physics
  - Fluid dynamics and heat transfer
  - Material science
  - Overview of energy technologies
  - Instrumentation & Control
  - Electrical engineering
  - Chemical engineering
  - Economics, management
- Language and Culture courses
- Student project and internship (~10 weeks)

M2 (2nd year)

- Core courses:
  - Nuclear safety and radioprotection
  - Project and risk management
  - Computer design and simulation
  - Environmental issues
- Choice between 5 majors:
  - Nuclear engineering
  - Nuclear plant design
  - Nuclear operations
  - Nuclear fuel cycle
  - Decommissioning and waste management
- Training sessions on EDF simulators
- Master’s thesis and internship
  - within an industry company
  - within a research lab

All courses in English
Other initiatives are taken in the nuclear education area:

- **Creation of a Chinese-French Institute for Nuclear Energy**
  - Cooperation of academic organizations
  - Sun Yat Sen University + French consortium (Universities / "Grandes Ecoles")
  - From High school to a Master's degree

- **EDF supports the implementation**
  - Pedagogical contribution to ensure consistency of programs with industrial skills needs
  - Financial contribution to support the institute
To conclude

- A real need to continue and strengthen education and training, to face the great future of nuclear energy

- EDF is committed to contribute to this effort, and launched a number of initiatives,
  - Internally,
  - Towards the academic education system
  - Including human and financial support

- the international Master in Nuclear Energy
  - a significant contributor to an appropriate initial education,
  - in line with the needs of Operators and Industry
  - open to students from France and other countries
  - Sponsored by EDF and benefits from the French context and facilities

  Is a main component of the International Institute for Nuclear Energy
Thank you for your attention

Well, I know about English-English, and American-English, and even Australian-English... but now I'm supposed to learn something called "NUCLEAR ENGLISH".