

International cooperation : a key for a sustainable nuclear development



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What are the drivers for international cooperation ?

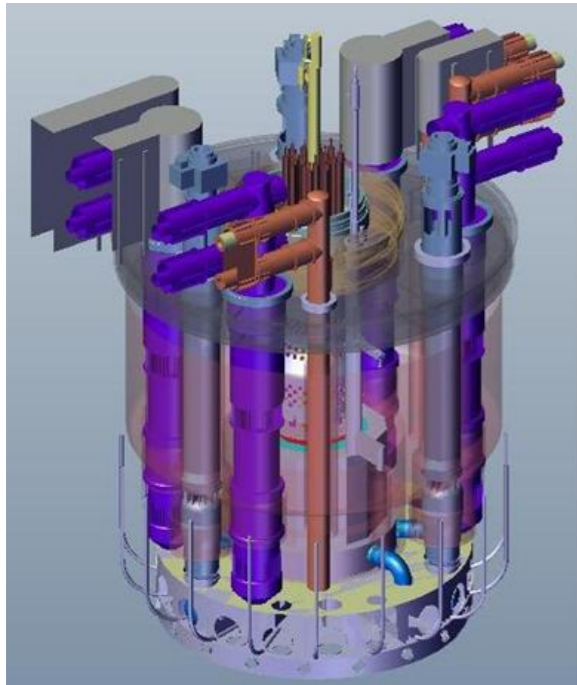
- Nuclear research facilities are more and more expensive to build. Around 800 research reactors were build, and less than 1/3 are still operational.
- Still, new research reactors are needed, for developing GEN IV reactors, optimizing Gen III, and ensuring the safety of Gen II through life extensions programs.
- The requirements for safety demonstration are more and more stringent, and some nuclear reactors are built in many countries : VVER, EPR, AP1000...
 - For cost sharing reason, either on the building phase but also operational phase....
 - For producing the best possible technical results, able to satisfy the most stringent safety requirements...
 - To prepare the future of nuclear energy, in order to make the best choices by having access to a lot different options...



International cooperation is essential



Example of international cooperation : ASTRID



R&D Institutes	Industrial partners	Countries
EDF	JAEA + MHI + MFBR	Japan
AREVA	AREVA	Russia (Rosatom)
PSI	EDF	USA (DoE)
CNRS (NEEDS)	COMEX Nuclear	
IGCAR	ALSTOM	
DOE	TOSHIBA	
ROSATOM	BOUYGUES	
NNL	ROLLS-ROYCE	
JAEA	JACOBS	
EURATOM (European projects)	ASTRIUM	
	ALCEN	



↑
- about 250 staff
- 28% of preliminary design



Example of cooperation : Jules Horowitz Reactor

Jules Horowitz Reactor (JHR) : future irradiation reactor under construction at Cadarache



■ Objectives

□ Provide experimental irradiation possibilities in support of current and future nuclear fleet (studies on the behaviour of materials and fuels under irradiation)

↳ Produce radioelements for medical purposes (25% to 50% of European requirements)

■ Organisation

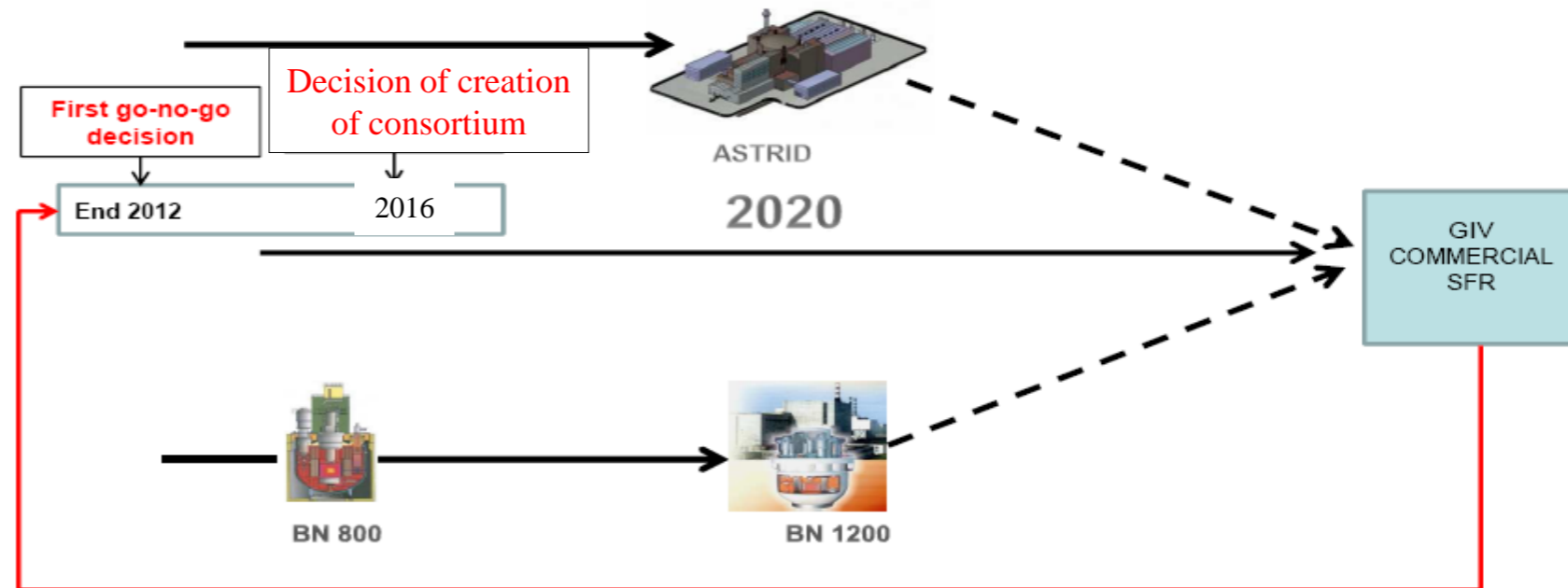
□ CEA: owner, nuclear operator and contracting authority

↳ International consortium: research centres & industrials

JHR consortium members	Contribution
<i>EDF (France)</i>	<i>20%</i>
<i>AREVA (France)</i>	<i>10%</i>
<i>EURATOM/JRC (UE)</i>	<i>6%</i>
<i>SCK•CEN (Belgium)</i>	<i>2%</i>
<i>NRI (Czech Republic)</i>	<i>2%</i>
<i>CIEMAT (Spain)</i>	<i>2%</i>
<i>VTT (Finland)</i>	<i>2%</i>
<i>Vattenfall (Sweden)</i>	<i>2%</i>
<i>DAE (India)</i>	<i>3%</i>
<i>IAEC (Israel)</i>	<i>2%</i>
<i>NLL (United Kingdom)</i>	<i>2%</i>
<i>CEA (France)</i>	<i>Remainder</i>
<i>JAEA - associate partner (Japan)</i>	

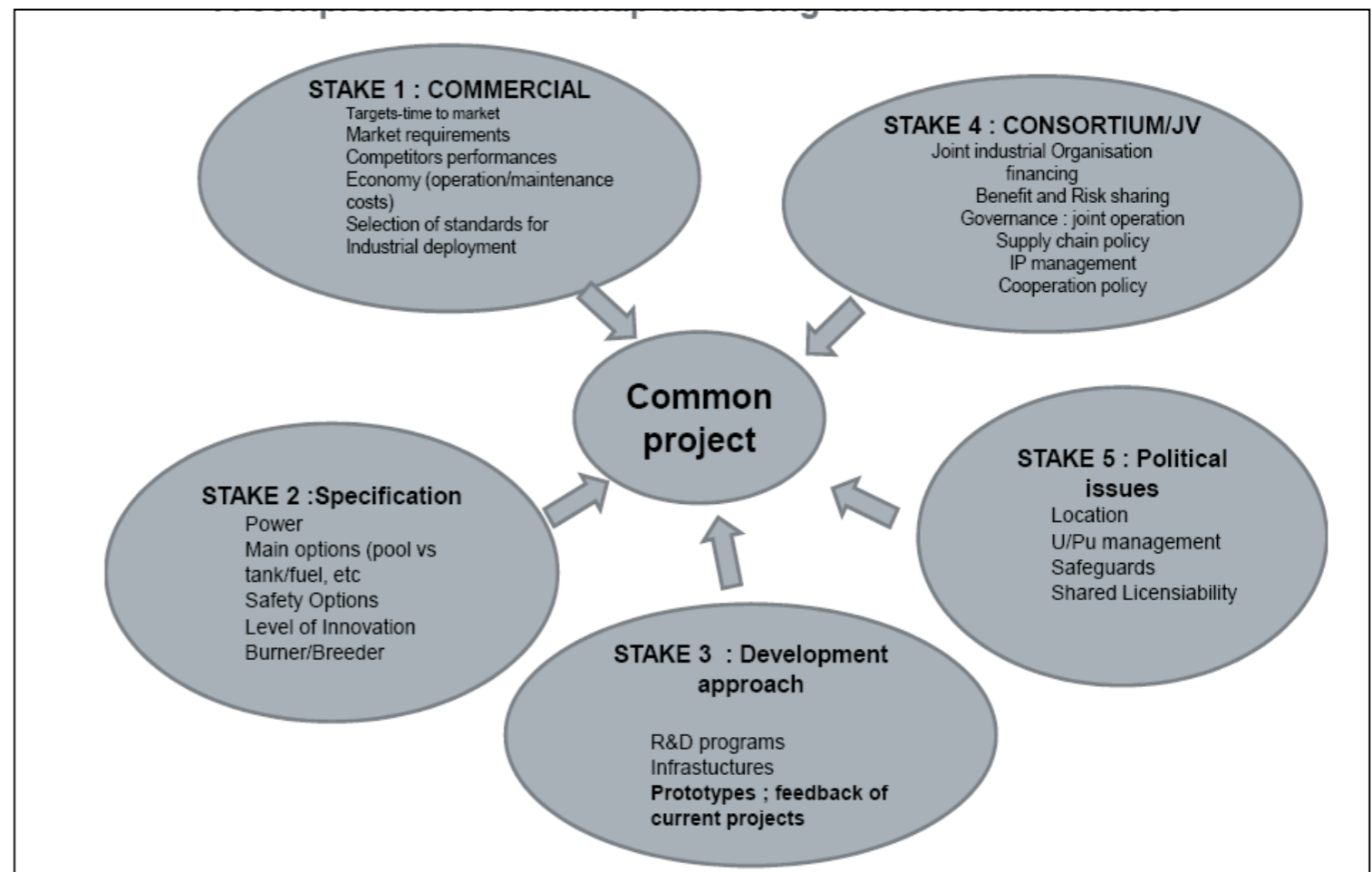
Ambitious cooperation with Russia on GEN IV SFR

An Ambitious Common Objective



Building a Roadmap toward a common commercial Gen IV SFR

Five stakes to be addressed



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