

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

ASSOCIAZIONE ITALIANA NUCLEARE (AIN)

AND

**GROUPEMENT DES INDUSTRIELS FRANCAIS DE L'ENERGIE NUCLEAIRE
(GIFEN)**

PREAMBLE

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MoU”) is hereby made and entered into force on February 16th, 2026 by and between “Associazione Italiana Nucleare” (hereinafter referred to as “AIN”) and “Groupelement des Industriels Français de l’Energie Nucléaire” (hereinafter referred to as “GIFEN”).

AIN is a non-profit technical-scientific association with legal personality that represents all the centers of expertise in Italy in the field of nuclear energy and technologies. AIN promotes knowledge, research, technology development and collaboration in the field of nuclear energy and technology, supporting Italy’s engagement in international partnerships that contribute to energy security, sustainable development and innovation. AIN also supports a strong Italian supply chain and related R&D activities for the active participation to new nuclear projects worldwide and, in perspective, in Italy. It serves as the main entry point of the Italian nuclear industry and represents the Italian nuclear ecosystem within nucleareurope and the European Nuclear Society.

GIFEN federates over 670 companies operating in France and abroad in the field of nuclear industry, including the nuclear operators and their suppliers at all tiers. GIFEN aims at developing the capability of the French nuclear industry to support the self-reliant use of nuclear energy. The diversity of GIFEN membership enables it to cover all sectors of activity related to nuclear power generation from mining to decommissioning. GIFEN also serves as the main entry point to the French nuclear industry, facilitating engagement and constructive industry-wide interaction with national and international stakeholders. In addition, GIFEN is owner and organiser of the World Nuclear Exhibition (WNE), the largest global civil nuclear show, held every two years in Paris, gathering the nuclear industry and its stakeholders.

AIN and GIFEN are hereinafter referred to individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”. AIN and GIFEN shall act as the official entry points and primary coordinators of this cooperation, ensuring its effective implementation within their respective organisations.

The Parties hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE

1.1 This MoU is entered into by and between the Parties with the aim of enhancing cooperation in the political, business, scientific and communication fields to support benefits to each countries' nuclear energy sector, including on the European level, as a contribution to energy security, fight against climate disruption and socioeconomic prosperity.

1.2 This MoU establishes a non-binding framework for cooperation and collaboration between the Parties. The use of the terms "cooperation" or "collaboration" describes the practical relationship between the Parties only and shall not be construed as creating any legal partnership, company, joint venture, agency, fiduciary relationship or authority of either Party to act on behalf of or bind the other Party, except for the provisions expressly stated to be legally binding herein.

ARTICLE 2: AREAS OF COOPERATION

2.1 Both Parties agree to collaborate in the following areas:

- A. Share information on the global and national development of nuclear energy in order to facilitate strengthening the cooperation between the Parties to promote nuclear energy.
- B. Promote policy advocacy and engagement with government and relevant stakeholders to advance shared goals and ensure nuclear power remains a viable option in the energy mix. Promote in this context the inclusion of nuclear technologies in various bilateral dialogues between the two countries.
- C. Develop business partnerships for both country's companies in all specific nuclear-related areas such as the following:
 - 1) operation of existing nuclear power plants and long-term operation projects;
 - 2) new build including large projects and innovation in advanced reactor technologies and Small and Advanced Modular Reactors (SMRs/AMRs);
 - 3) fuel cycle;
 - 4) industrial development in their respective nuclear supply chain;
 - 5) decommissioning, dismantling and waste management;
 - 6) nuclear medicine;
 - 7) non-electric applications of nuclear energy (desalination, hydrogen production, district-heating, industrial applications);
 - 8) nuclear fusion.
- D. Cooperate in prefiguring the 'Skills for Nuclear Academy' at European Union level with the objective of building the European industrial ecosystem dedicated to nuclear technologies, by working towards:
 - 1) strengthen the European nuclear value chain by bringing together stakeholders from industry, education, research and the public sector;
 - 2) develop a long-term human resources pipeline for nuclear and accelerating professional mobility;
 - 3) promote harmonised training pathways and recognition of skills across Member

States;

- 4) build on existing initiatives to develop a network of regional clusters and centres of vocational excellence (CoVEs);
 - 5) deliver concrete outputs such as a one-stop-shop platform for nuclear careers.
- E. Cooperate jointly to support the participation of their respective members in major nuclear events in France and in Italy, including, as GIFEN being the organiser of WNE, and AIN the coordinator of the Italian Pavilion at WNE, cooperate and help in the coordination and development of the Italian Pavilion within WNE.
- F. Jointly organize topical workshops, webinars, seminars, and similar events, as well as, subject to the availability and acceptance of the industrial operators concerned, visits to nuclear-related facilities of interest to Italian and French stakeholders;
- G. Encourage cooperation between their respective members belonging to educational organisations to foster capability building in the nuclear sector.
- H. Encourage cooperation between the respective representative bodies in nuclear governance in both countries.

2.2 The Parties will consult each other as appropriate on the development and review of activities to be conducted under the cooperation framework established by the MoU.

2.3 The Parties acknowledge that they are independent undertakings and shall always comply with applicable competition and antitrust laws, including but not limited to Article 101 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU). In particular, the Parties shall not exchange or disclose any competitively sensitive information, including but not limited to pricing, costs, market allocation, strategic plans, or confidential business data of their members, unless such exchange is strictly compliant with applicable laws.

ARTICLE 3: NON-BINDING OBLIGATIONS

3.1 This MoU serves to record the Parties' understanding and intentions and shall not create legally binding obligations, except for Articles 3.2, 4, 5, 7, 8.2 and 8.3, which shall be legally binding.

3.2 Nothing in this MoU shall oblige either Party to enter into any further agreement or transaction.

ARTICLE 4: COSTS AND EXPENSES

Unless mutually agreed otherwise, each Party will bear its own expenses arising from participating in any activity held between the Parties under this MoU.

ARTICLE 5: CONFIDENTIALITY AND OTHER LEGAL EFFECT

5.1 Any sharing of confidential information between the Parties will be subject to their respective policies and procedures relating to the disclosure of confidential information. Each Party will take all reasonable actions to protect the confidential and/or classified information of the other Party. Confidential Information shall include any information disclosed in written, oral, electronic or any other form, which is marked as confidential or which by its nature or the circumstance of its disclosure is reasonably to be understood as confidential. Oral information shall be considered confidential if confirmed in writing within a reasonable period.

5.2 Any use or disclosure of confidential data, information, and insight that may have been obtained during exchanges and negotiations may only be made with the express and explicit authorisation of the Party that initially held the information.

5.3 Each Party shall comply with all applicable data protection laws, including Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR). Each Party shall act as an independent data controller unless otherwise expressly agreed in writing. The Parties shall ensure that any exchange of personal data is based on a valid legal basis and limited to what is necessary for the purposes of this MoU.

5.4 Nothing in this MoU shall be construed as superseding or interfering in any way with other agreements or contracts, if any, entered by either Party with each other or a third party prior to or subsequently to the signing of this MoU.

5.5 Nothing in this MoU shall supersede or overrule any intergovernmental agreement between France and Italy, nor any agreement between French and Italian entities or companies.

5.6 All technical data, technical information, software, services, assistance, equipment, or materials furnished by a disclosing Party to a receiving Party in connection with this MoU is and will remain subject to all applicable export control laws and regulations. Each Party shall be solely responsible for its own compliance with such laws and regulations. Nothing in this MoU shall be construed as imposing any obligation on the other Party to verify or ensure such compliance.

5.7 To the extent permitted by applicable law, neither Party shall be liable to the other for any indirect, incidental, or consequential damages arising out of or in connection with this MoU. The Parties shall not be liable for the actions or omissions of their respective members or affiliated entities.

ARTICLE 6: ENTRY INTO FORCE, AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

6.1 This MoU shall become effective upon the date of signing by both Parties.

6.2 The valid period of this MoU is for five (5) years from the effective date and will be automatically renewed for five (5) years unless a Party notifies in writing of its intention to terminate this MoU to the other Party at least ninety (90) days in advance of the desired termination date.

6.3 This MoU may be amended any time by mutual written consent of the Parties at the request of a Party. Six (6) months before the end of a valid period, the Parties contact each other to determine whether it is appropriate to amend this MoU to update it in line with the Parties' objectives.

ARTICLE 7: RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES

Any difference arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MoU will be resolved in good faith through consultation or negotiation between the Parties. This MoU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of France. Any dispute that cannot be resolved amicably shall be submitted to the competent courts of France, unless the Parties agree to submit the dispute to arbitration.

ARTICLE 8: MISCELLANEOUS

8.1 All correspondence under this MoU shall be in English.

8.2 Upon the execution of this MoU, neither Party shall assign or transfer any of its rights, interests, and obligations hereunder to any third party without prior written consent or approval of the other Party. Nothing in this MoU, including Article 5, shall be construed as granting either Party the authority to act on behalf of, represent, or bind the other Party in any manner.

ARTICLE 9: GOVERNANCE

9.1 The collaboration under this MoU will be overseen by a representative from both Parties.

A. GIFEN will be represented by: Matthieu EUVRARD 

Vice-President International

B. AIN will be represented by: Roberto Adinolfi

Vice-President of AIN

9.2 Both organisations will meet yearly virtually or in person to review progress, address challenges, and set strategic priorities.

This MoU is effective from September 16th, 2026, by the signature of the Parties

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