

# **Transparency programme of the Swedish National Council for Nuclear Waste Risk Communication & Management**

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# 15 Years of Research and Experience in Risk Communication

Dialogue project, 1990-93

RISCOM Pilot project, 1996-98

Oskarshamns model, EIA-Forum, 1994-

VALDOR Conferences, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2006

EU-project: RISCOM II, 2000-03

SKI/SSI hearings, 2001

Guidance on SSI's regulations on final management

(Transparency Forum on EMF (SSI) 2004-2005)

Nuclear Waste Councils Transparency Programme, 2006-

# The RISCUM Model

- An approach to increase the chances of an effective democratic process in complex societal decisions
- Stakeholder dialogue are not enough to achieve communicative action
- Advice on developing communications and interactions to give all participants influence and power in the related decision processes

# RISCOM

- Three cornerstones:

Facts	from scientific methods, tells us what is true
Legitimacy	what is fair, acceptable, legitimate in society
Authenticity	personal/organisational integrity, identity, truthfulness

- Values in decisions need to be legitimate & authentic
- Transparency is obtained by clarifying facts, the legitimacy of arguments and the authenticity of the different actors

# Transparency

In a given policy area, transparency is the outcome of ongoing learning processes that increase all stakeholders' appreciation of related issues, and provide them with channels to stretch their operators, implementers and representatives to meet their requirements for technical explanations, proof of authenticity, and legitimacy of actions.

- Transparency requires a guardian of process integrity
- Transparency requires Communicative Action

# Transparency Programme

## Outline on *what, when & how* issues should be studied (2007-2009)

- Deep Boreholes (March 2007)
- Decommissioning of nuclear installations (December 2007)
- Analysis of the system for final disposal (spring 2008)
- Site selection – on what grounds? (June 2008)
- Participation & Democracy (December, 2008)
- Scientific workshop on the mechanisms of copper corrosion (November 2009)
- Actions and Authenticity in NWM (December 2009)

# Evaluation of the transparency programme 2009-2010

- + appreciated by stakeholders
- + an arena för open discussion
- + focus on central themes
- + enhanced transparency
- increase of knowledge not evident
- no clear profile
- shortcomings in implementation
- shortcomings in documentation

# Transparency programme

## Phase 2

- Clarification of the task of the Council for the stakeholders
- Distinct objectives for seminars and hearings
- Distinct relationship between objectives and activities
- In-depth preparations
- Better follow-up