

Hinkley Point C: EDF's Board of Directors approves the final investment decision

At its meeting on 28 July 2016, EDF's Board of Directors made the final investment decision and gave the President the authorisation to ensure its full execution in the framework of the signature process of all the contracts and agreements necessary to build the two nuclear reactors at Hinkley Point C (HPC) in Somerset, in south-west England.

Following this decision, the conditions have been met to allow EDF to sign the contracts with the British Government, EDF's historic partner China General Nuclear Power Generation (CGN), and the main suppliers of the project.

The HPC Project is a major element of the Group's CAP 2030 strategy. The two EPR reactors at Hinkley Point will strengthen EDF's presence in Britain, a country where its subsidiary EDF Energy already operates 15 nuclear reactors and is the largest electricity supplier by volume.

HPC will also enable the Group to mobilise all its significant nuclear engineering skills following the final investment decision. The first concrete of reactor 1 of HPC, scheduled for mid-2019, will coincide with perfect continuity with the start-up of the EPR at Flamanville, scheduled for the end of 2018.

HPC is a unique asset for French and British industries as it will benefit the whole of the nuclear sectors in both countries and will support employment at major companies and smaller enterprises in the industry.

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