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EU continues to ignore benefits of nuclear

Brussels, 15 December 2022: The agreement reached on the REPowerEU Plan yesterday once again highlights the anti-nuclear dogma which continues to cast a shadow over EU energy policy. Experts and scientists are clear that in order to achieve the decarbonisation targets and ensure security of supply, nuclear must form part of the energy mix. And yet, in the agreement reached yesterday, no support can be given to nuclear – even if certain oil and gas projects are eligible.

“We find it unacceptable to see that whilst the EU claims that it wants to reduce its emissions and ensure security of supply it continuously leaves out the one technology which can help it achieve these two goals” states Yves Desbazeille, Director General of nucleareurope. “At the same time the EU seems to believe that continuing to provide support to oil and gas will help meet these targets.”

The agreement reached in the European Parliament back in October supported the inclusion of low-carbon sources of energy (ie nuclear) within REPowerEU. Regrettably, as a result of the negotiations with Council and the European Commission, this proposal was removed.

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