

# GROUP 5

Environmental NGOs

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- There were 7 members in “Group 5: Environmental NGOs”
- All members in the group were from four different Swedish environmental NGOs
- No member in the group was a participant in any of the projects that had been presented at the conference
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- Question: Had “Group 5: Environmental NGOs” existed if the conference had been held in another country?

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- There are reasons why there is a “Group 5: Environmental NGOs” at this conference in Sweden:
  - There is a strong environmental movement in Sweden, and a movement that has knowledge of nuclear issues
  - There is funding (€ 300 000 per year) for Swedish environmental groups that take part in the consultation process for nuclear waste repositories

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- There are lessons for the future of the projects present at the conference:
  - If participation of environmental NGOs in projects is considered important, an extra effort has to be made
  - For participation in the long-term, financing of environmental groups working with nuclear waste issues is needed
  - In the short term things can also be done (next slide)

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- Lessons in for project planning (short term):
  - EU commission should stress environmental NGO participation in projects in calls and negotiations
  - Projects should have long-term safety as focus, not only short-term implementation
  - Projects should be open to new ideas, methods and approaches – NGOs will not participate as tokens or hostages
  - Special financing is needed for NGO participation, especially if there is no general nuclear waste NGO financing in a country

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- Other point raised in group:
  - Communication of results of a safety analysis is necessary, but not only the implementer's results. Look for controversies with regulators and environmental NGOs and use these to explain uncertainties.
  - Consider using existing internet open interactive knowledge databases instead of building new closed databases for knowledge distribution.

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- Thank you for your attention!