WiN The Netherlands

A word from the board

From walking to <u>flierljeppen</u>....That is how the last couple of weeks made me feel.

We have: hosted our first official event at Urenco, attended the World Nuclear Exhibition, met up with other WiN chapters, talked about recreating WiN Europe, and discussed our next steps. We really hope to grab this momentum, and formalize membership options in the new year. Also, we are actively discussing funding opportunities and looking for an auditing committee.

I feel proud of this progress, and even more so about the enthusiasm and offered help from all sorts of directions.

Anne Kramer - on behalf of the WiN the Netherlands board

WIN NL shines at World Nuclear Exhibition in Paris - 4-6 November

This month, WiN NL had the privilege to be invited at the WNE 2025 in Paris, and Anne, Aleksandra and I had the opportunity to be present. WiN NL was selected, together with WiN Europe as the 2025 laureate of the WiN France Initiative Award – Europe Edition. On the 4th of November we received the award during the WiN France award ceremony. It was a real honour, a nice recognition of our last years efforts and a warm welcome to the WiN community. WIN NL hosted a network coffee at the NRG PALLAS stand for all interested WiN members present. Aleksandra Kotlewska presented the establishment and mission of our new WiN chapter. It was really nice to connect with Dutch and international WiN members and to see both new and familiar faces. We learned a lot from other (new)

WiN chapters, such as WiN Italy and WiN Germany, that shared their experiences of setting up a chapter and membership.

On the last day of WNE the European chapters reconnected to strengthen collab oration and to discuss our shared mission. Since 2019 WiN Europe is no longer an independent chapter, as the interest from the sector was low. Due to the current acceleration of nuclear in Europe, the benefits of a European WiN platform are reassessed. In the course of the following months the country representatives will discuss the need of a European WiN platform and draft concrete objectives. WiN NL will join in these conversations, and we will keep you updated.

The WNE was a real experience! I have never been to an exhibition with thousands participants and was really impressed by all the company stands, workshops, keynotes and side events. The positive atmosphere around nuclear is very noticeable and it is an honour to be part of it.



Haske receiving the WiN award at WNE

Highlights from last month

WiN NL "Nuclear Connects Now & Tomorrow" - 31st October 2025

The WIN NL event was on the theme, "Nuclear Connects -Now and Tomorrow". The panelists were veterans of the industry and added their unique perspectives to this topic. Communication is the backbone of nuclear safety. Operators, engineers, and regulators rely on precise exchanges of information to ensure that safety procedures are followed and potential hazards are identified early. Events like Chernobyl and Fukushima have left deep scars on public perception. Any communication about nuclear energy must contend with these associations, which can overshadow positive developments. Transparent communication fosters trust and demonstrates accountability. A cohesive message that came out of the panel discussion was that clear and effective communication in the nuclear industry is both a safeguard and a challenge: it prevents accidents, builds public trust, and ensures collaboration, but technical complexity, public perception, and risk messaging can easily become pitfalls.



WiN NL community at WiN event 31st of October



Anne Kramer, Joost van den Broek, Aleksandra Kotlewska, Haske Reiling showcasing the WiN award



Member spotlight

Interview with Anne Kramer

Q: What attracted you towards this industry/field of work?

With my background in neuroscience, I was already familiar with the use of isotopes in neuroimaging research, such as PET. Studying the effects of disease has shown me the need for effective treatment. That's why PALLAS's mission, and the unique, cutting-edge way they work with data, immediately inspired me. More broadly, I've always cared about the environment, animals, and climate change, so I see nuclear power as an important opportunity.

Q: What do you enjoy most about your work?

As a developer, I enjoy solving coding puzzles and finding smart ways to integrate data to optimize and streamline processes. It's especially rewarding when there's a happy stakeholder at the end of it.

Q: Who is a woman that you admire in personal/professional life?

I really admire my grandma. She was one of the first women in my town of birth, Langedijk, to get a driver's license. At that time, women were expected to attend huishoudschool (household school), but she was so interested in biology and chemistry that she secretly took evening classes to study them. I really admire that courage and curiosity.

Q: What are you looking forward to in the coming months?

I'm looking forward to further growing the WiN community in the Netherlands and formalizing membership, so we can build an even stronger and more visible network.

Q: What is your top tip for other women nuclear professionals?

"You don't need nuclear experience to work in nuclear." I overheard this quote at the latest WiN event, and it really stuck with me. I'm a walking example of that, and I hope this mindset helps attract more young talent to the field.



Anne Kramer at WNE

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Fun fact from the industry

Nuclear is back:

"Last year was the highest amount of electricity generated from nuclear in the world (2667 Twh), since 2006."

"More new-builds to come: 40 countries new to the sector have plans to build a nuclear industry."

<u>Source</u>: nuclear performance report from the World Nuclear Association.

Quote of the day

"You don't need nuclear experience to work in nuclear."

Info about upcoming events

Energiedragers en energietransities - toen en nugemiste kansen - ethiek van kernenergie (9th of December)

Nuclear Innovation Confernce 2026 (10-11 June)



Meeting the WiN community at WNE