

A word from the board

Dear WiN Community,

As the leaves are falling and the days are shortening, we are glad we can look forward to our next event on October 31st. This event marks WiN NL's formal introduction and explores how positive communication can support and shape the future of nuclear energy in the Netherlands. During the keynote we will talk about Dutch developments on New Build in the nuclear sector. The afternoon includes an interactive session and a technical tour through Urenco's SP-5 facility.

Join us to connect ideas, share insights, network, and strengthen the narrative around nuclear—now and tomorrow. We look forward to welcoming you in Almelo on the 31st of October 2025!

Check the second page of the newsletter for more details about the event.

[Register here](#) until 16th of October, full is full.

Questions? Contact us at netherlands@womeninnuclear.nl

Highlights from last month

Quote of the day

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make" - Jane Goodall

New fact from the industry

COVRA (Centrale Organisatie Voor Radioactief Afval) is future proof

Kernvisie recently published an [article](#) highlighting the forward-thinking approach of the radioactive waste storage facility. The facility is actively developing innovative solutions to ensure the safe and secure storage of nuclear waste.

NRG PALLAS had the privilege of securing both the Kernenergiewet (Kew) permit (the Nuclear Energy Act permit) and the radiological environmental impact assessment.

Given the rapid growth in the nuclear sector, this marks a significant and timely development. We are keeping our fingers crossed for the successful commissioning of the new multifunctional storage building, MOG.

Sharing successes of the first Belgian-Dutch Nuclear Summer School by Michèle Coeck

SCK CEN Academy and Nuclear Academy get talented young people interested in a nuclear career

Belgium and the Netherlands are both relying on new nuclear plants for their future energy supply. But if you want new reactors tomorrow, you are well advised to recruit a new generation of nuclear experts today. That message is clear to both the Belgian SCK CEN Academy of the Belgian Nuclear research Centre and the Dutch Nuclear Academy. It is why they teamed up to organise a Nuclear Summer School, with the baseline 'Your gateway to a career in nuclear'.

Five days, two countries

The summer school – which was held between 25 and 29 August – targeted new graduates, final-year students and young professionals with a scientific education, such as engineering, physics, chemistry or maths. There were 152 candidates for limited number of places, which already indicated the high interest in the nuclear renaissance among those in their early twenties. 27 male and 12 female students from Belgium and The Netherlands were selected on the basis of their motivation letters.

The summer-school participants visited nuclear facilities, research centres and industrial sites in Mol (SCK CEN), Borssele (EPZ and COVRA) and Delft (TU Delft Reactor Institute). They also attended lectures from experts, researchers and policymakers in the nuclear world. They described the workings of a reactor and the diversity in reactor types, and summarised the Belgian and Dutch nuclear landscape – including the associated societal challenges. Two productive job fairs took place too, one in each country. An inspiring session with testimonials from junior professionals closed the first edition of this Belgian-Dutch nuclear summer school.

Happy students, happy lecturers

Based on the enthusiasm and positive feedback received from participants, lecturers, gui. des, and other involved parties, the organisers will look into the possibility of a second edition.

Want to now more: [click this link](#).



Michèle Coeck

Member spotlight

Interview with Eva N'diaye

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

During my engineering degree, a passionate teacher sparked my curiosity for the nuclear field. He had just returned from a research trip on the JET reactor and introduced us to nuclear fusion. At that time, I knew very little about nuclear science, and it fascinated me. I decided to learn more and applied for the CERN Summer School, then for an internship at KIT on the ITER project. Finally, I chose to pursue a specialized Master's degree in nuclear safety.

Q: What do you enjoy most about your work?

Nuclear has such a wide variety of applications, you can't get bored. It constantly challenges your mind 😊

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

Sylvie Richard was one of the Tricastin site directors when I worked there. She was very aware of everything happening on-site, approached challenges with a highly critical and safety-focused mindset, and at the same time showed a very human side that made people feel at ease. She was highly respected both for her technical expertise and her leadership. She remains a true inspiration to me.

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

I have just started a new job at the Belgian safety authority, FANC. I'm really excited to discover "the other side" after spending more than 13 years on the operator side. I'm looking forward to seeing how my previous experience will support me in my new responsibilities.

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

Remember that we are allowed to simply be ourselves. There are domains where we thrive and others where we may not shine as brightly, and that's okay. Our confidence should not be shaken every time we feel we don't meet the high expectations we set for ourselves.

Q: How do you like spending your free time?

In quite a few ways! 😊 I love sports, I have a black belt in karate and recently started water polo. I also enjoy traveling abroad and discovering new places. For the past three years, I've been learning Korean, and I plan to restart Dutch classes until I'm fluent enough to fully understand my colleagues. That said, I also love simply staying at home, relaxing, and watching series on my couch!



Eva N'diaye

Give us feedback

If you have any feedback for us or don't want to receive the newsletter anymore use this [link](#) or the QR code.



Info about upcoming events

WiN NL "Nuclear Connects Now & Tomorrow" - 31st October 2025 10:00-16:00h

Since we already hyped you up for the event in the word from the board here are some details about the event:

Speakers & panelists: Marieke van Gemert, Judith Slijkhuis, Aleksandra Kotlewska, Marieke Klaver

Location: Urenco Nederland - Drienemansweg 1 - Postbus 158 - 7600AD Almelo

Register [here](#) until the 16th of October, full is full. Urenco reserves the right to reject participants for security reasons.

Made for Nuclear - 24th November 2025

Kickstart Nederlandse Nucleaire Waardeketen / Kickstart Dutch Nuclear Value chain



The Borssele long-term operation, the construction of

new power plants, SMRs, AMRs, conventional, modular, front of the meter, behind the meter, on land, at sea, internationally and in the Netherlands: the nuclear sector is booming! Dutch industry has every potential to contribute to this. So it's high time for the kickstart of the Dutch nuclear value chain. Will you join us?

On November 24, discover the opportunities within the growing nuclear supply chain. A chain that extends from technology, construction, manufacturing, talent programs, logistics, project management and safety.

Can your company (potentially) contribute to this development? Or can your organization support this development?

Sign up [here](#) for the kickstart of the Dutch nuclear value chain and indicate which sessions you want to

DYG symposium "Kerngezond" - 20th November 2025