

From acceptance to ownership in siting radioactive waste repositories

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Forum on Stakeholder Confidence (FSC)

- Established in 2000 as a centre for informed exchange of knowledge and experience regarding **stakeholder dialogue** in radioactive waste management.
- Members from **18 countries**, with varied affiliation (government officials, industry, regulators, implementers, R&D specialists ..)
- Promotes open discussion on the societal dimension of RWM among members and stakeholders, across institutional boundaries, and between technical and non-technical actors.
- First and foremost a ***learning organisation***

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- Regular Meetings
- National Workshops & Community Visits - dialogue with national and local stakeholders plus academics
 - Distill and document lessons with the help of practitioners, social scientists and a number of (local) stakeholders
 - Create an accessible record of “where we were” and of “where we stand”.



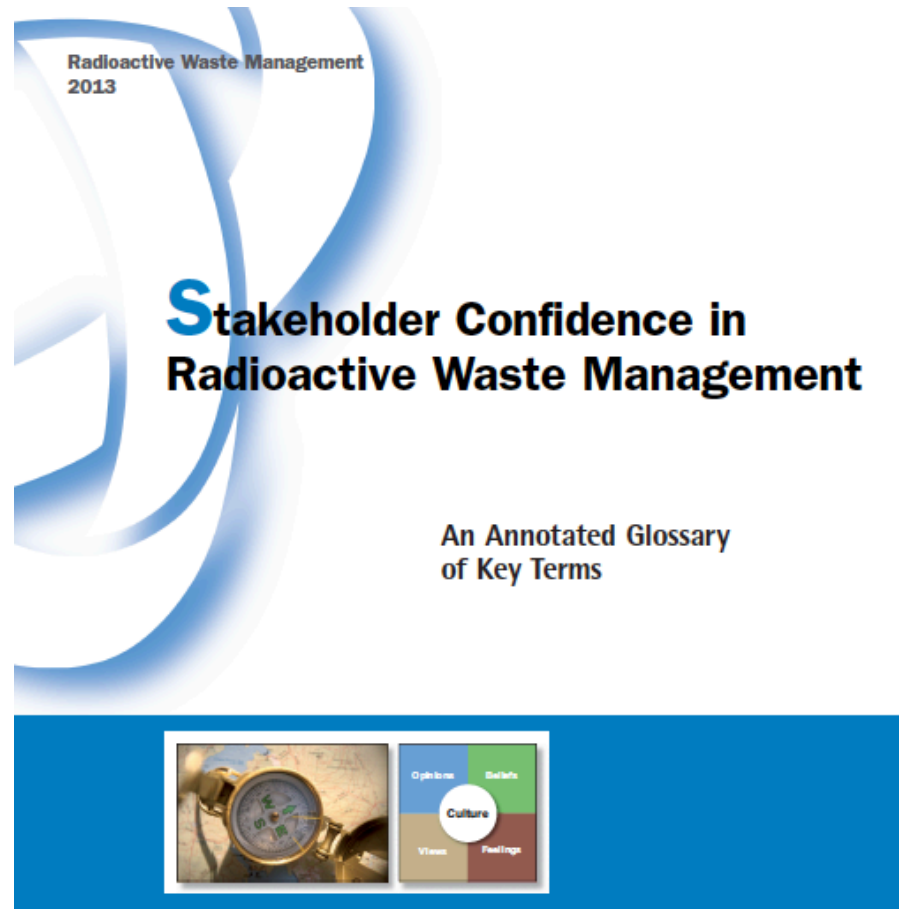
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<http://www.oecd-neo.org/rwm/docs/2013/6988-fsc-glossary.pdf>

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Ownership of a societal project vs. acceptance

- FSC understanding of the concept and variants
- Evolution of the understanding
- The symbolic dimension of ownership
- Where we stand

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Acceptance	Ownership
Passive, resigned	Active, voluntary
<i>A problem may be analysed and a solution proposed by others</i>	<i>A community is empowered to define both problems and their solution (in appropriate partnership with other responsible actors).</i>
Focus of the project is on convincing all stakeholders that the technical solution presented to them and the site are the best.	Focus of the project is on the sustainable well-being of the host community and the region across generations.
<i>Implies a single point in time.</i>	<i>Implies creating the conditions for continued ownership of the facility over time.</i>

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DAD

Decide - Announce - Defend



MUM

Meet - Understand - Make decisions
(or Engage- Interact - Cooperate)



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Ownership of the policy and of the project Ownership of the problem and the solution

- Co-operation between the implementer and the local communities
- Dialogue between experts and citizens
- Mutual learning
- People feeling comfortable about safety
- Public involvement in the process of decision making, as supported by local partnerships
- An active feature, which may extend across generations

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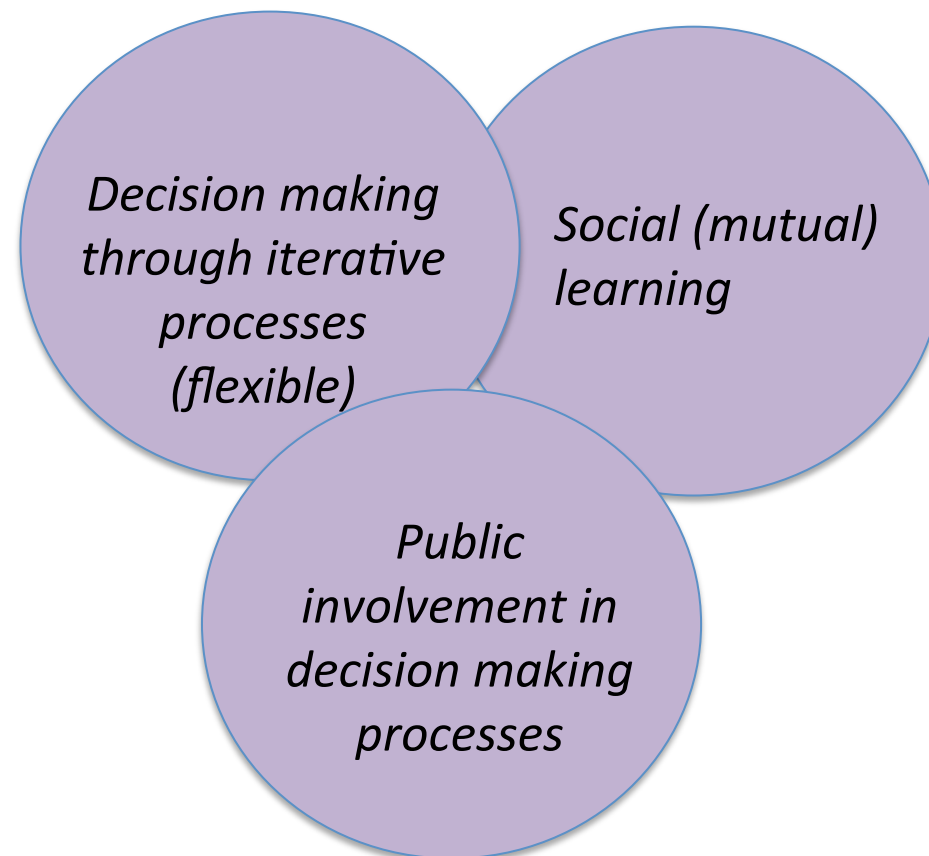
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Three overarching principles for decision making...
three dimensions favouring ownership of the policy
and the project, now and in the future



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In **Hungary**, trained municipal groups perform regular control of incoming waste packages and environmental monitoring afterwards in the LILW repository and the interim spent fuel storage facility in Paks.



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The theme of *Gaining value from decay* developed by artist William Verstraeten in the Habog facility in the Netherlands



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The necessary goal of **siting** is **continuous ownership** of the facility. This implies creating conscious, constructive and durable relationships between communities, the waste facility and the waste itself.

- People feel that the project is safe.
- People must be confident that they have access to and can cogently discuss the issues of safety with other actors and be heard.

All this is **necessary** and takes **time**.

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How to get greater confidence from actions put in place now to **preserve memory**?

How could aspects such as **multi-functionality, added cultural or amenity values** be conceived starting from the design phase?

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