

### World Energy Outlook 2014

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# The world's nuclear power plants are ageing

#### Age profile of nuclear capacity in selected regions (years)

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More than three-quarters of the fleet in OECD countries is over 25 years old, while 60% of capacity in non-OECD countries is less than 15 years old

## Government policy is central to prospects for nuclear power

#### Status of nuclear power programmes, end-2013

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### Nuclear power becomes more competitive with higher fossil-fuel prices

#### Generating costs for new power plants under different fuel price assumptions

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In countries with abundant fossil fuels at relatively low prices, new nuclear plants struggle to compete with new coal- or gas-fired plants

## Nuclear capacity grows by 60%, but no nuclear renaissance in sight

Nuclear power capacity additions and retirements by key region in the New Policies Scenario, 2014-2040

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Capacity grows by 60% to 624 GW in 2040, led by China, India, Korea & Russia; yet the share of nuclear in the global power mix remains well-below its historic peak

### Nuclear power can play a role in CO<sub>2</sub> abatement & energy security

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CO<sub>2</sub> emissions avoided annually by nuclear power 1971-2040



#### Share of energy demand met by domestic sources and nuclear power in 2040



By 2040, almost 4 years of current emissions have been avoided by nuclear power; it cuts dependence on foreign fuel supplies & lowers import bills for some countries

### **Nuclear power: public concerns** must be heard and addressed

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### 1971-2040: 705 thousand tonnes

Key public concerns include plant operation, decommissioning & waste management; By 2040, almost 200 reactors are retired & the amount of spent fuel doubles

## Unexpected yet plausible events could alter the course for nuclear power

#### Nuclear power capacity by region, by scenario and case

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By 2040, nuclear capacity contracts to 366 GW in the Low Nuclear Case, while it reaches 767 GW in the High Nuclear Case; capacity is even higher in the 450 Scenario, at 862 GW in 2040, highlighting the potential of nuclear power to play a role in meeting ambitious climate targets

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