



# EURAJOKI

The Heart of Health and Wellbeing  
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# Local Community Involvement

# Facts Of Eurajoki Municipality

- 9354 inhabitants
- Two power plant units in operation, OL3 in use March of 2023
- Interim storage for spent nuclear fuel, a repository for low and medium-level waste
- Disposal for spent fuel will be in operation in 2024-25. The first place in the world
- Active and dynamic many-sided electricity producing municipality





# SAFETY AND SECURITY





# Safety and security

- Safety is the most important factor of all
- Solutions have to be today's technology
- Roles and responsibilities have to be clear

# Safety and security

- We have to take care of our own nuclear waste (fairness and responsibility)
- Up-to-date requirements and control over whole life cycle – STUK (regulator) verifies safety at all stages
- STUK is a highly valued regulator – independent of subscriber, supplier and political decision making

# OPEN & TRANSPARENT COOPERATION



# Open & transparent co-operation

- Three power plant units in operation, first power plant unit has been in operation 1978
- Olkiluoto is also known well-operating power plants and high safety culture
- TVO and Posiva's main policy is unconditional transparency which has developed necessary confidence

# Open & transparent co-operation

- Seminars and public info sessions at the site
- Visitor Centre (15 000 visitors every year)
- Official information and public hearings organized by the Ministry of Employment and Economy, Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority (STUK) and Eurajoki Municipality



# Open & transparent co-operation

- Active and open dialogue between municipality and TVO, from the 1970's
- Co-operation group of Eurajoki municipality, TVO and Posiva since 1995
- Opportunity to build the Eurajoki brand: The Most Electrified Municipality

A white swan is captured in a dynamic splash of water, its wings partially spread and its head turned to the right. The water is a deep, vibrant blue, and the sky above is a clear, light blue. The overall scene conveys a sense of movement and grace.

**TRUST  
AND  
LOCAL ACCEPTANCE**



# Trust and local acceptance

- Local level acceptance plays a key role when selecting the site for nuclear facilities. A long time is needed for acceptance and it is helpful if municipality in question has already nuclear facilities.
- Locally (in nuclear municipalities) people are much better informed about nuclear issues than at national level – communication has been ongoing since the power plants were commissioned (over 40 years).

# Trust and local acceptance

- Municipality has a right of veto when making decisions in principle
- Trust has developed during decades, TVO and Posiva are always done what they are said, so I can truly say, they have kept their promises



# Conclusions

- **SAFETY**
- **OPEN AND TRANSPARENT CO-OPERATION**
- **TRUST AND LOCAL ACCEPTANCE**

# Thank you for your attention!

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