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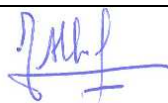

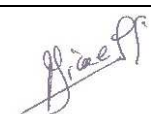
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## 1 Introduction

This document describes the work to be performed during the third 18-month period of the SARNET contract with the EC, from April 2006 to September 2007. It has been revised compared to the initial version of May 2006 in order to take into account, as much as possible, the recommendations of the EC reviewers (EC review held on June 27, 2006) and more especially the points 3 to 6 of the letter from M. Hugon of June 29, 2006 (RTD-J-4/MH/mg D(2006)527939). For an easier reading, revised parts are in blue.

The Chapter 2 gives the updated list of participants.

The Chapter 3 is an updated description of the JPA..

The Chapter 4 reminds the performance indicators to be monitored during the project.

The Chapters 5, and 6 describe the work to be performed during the JPA3 (April 2006-September 2007), the required efforts and the incurred eligible costs.

## 2 Contractor list

### List of Participants

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CR	3	KFKI Atomic Energy Research Institute	AEKI	Hungary	Month 1	Month 48
CR	4	ARC Seibersdorf research GmbH	ARCS	Austria	Month 1	Month 48
CR	5	Association Vincotte Nucleaire	AVN	Belgium	Month 1	Month 48
CR	6	Budapest University of Technology and Economics Institute of Nuclear Techniques	BUTE	Hungary	Month 1	Month 48
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\*CO = Coordinator  
CR = Contractor

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#### WARNING:

- **Participants 28, 29 and 30 are a unique contractor legal entity: EEC-JRC**
- **There is no contractor N°38**
- **The contractor N°45 has [stopped his SARNET activities at the end of JPA2.](#)**
- **Participants 53 to 55 are new participants**

### 3 The SARNET activities

The SARNET activities consist of:

- the R&D activities carried out by SARNET members in the frame of national or international programmes, contributing to the resolution of remaining issues identified in the EURSAFE project (or in its updates);
- and of a complementary programme jointly carried out, called Joint Programme of Activities (JPA) and aiming at:
  - o progressively integrating the above national/international research programmes,
  - o initiating and launching new programmes jointly carried out by sustainable research groups,
  - o capitalizing the acquired knowledge in the integral code ASTEC and in data bases,
  - o diffusing knowledge.

**The JPA constitutes the kernel of SARNET.** Such activities give the orientations to be followed, in terms of research and work distribution between SARNET members. They build the necessary links between national programmes, facilitate the necessary transfers of information (inside and outside the network), and organize the work partition in order to make the most of available competences and means.

The JPA can be broken down in 4 main activities:

- Integrating Activities (IA) to strengthen links between organisations;
- Joint Research Activities (JRA) to pilot the research activities addressing remaining outstanding issues, to elaborate synthesis, and programme proposals;
- Spreading Excellence Activities (SEA);
- Management Activities (MA).

The ASTEC code is the main integrating component and is one of the gathering places of the knowledge. It contributes to the diffusion of this knowledge efficiently. Activities linked to ASTEC will thus appear as “*Integrating Activities*”, whereas some of them contribute also to the range of “*Spreading Excellence Activities*”. Concerning “*Joint Research Activities*”, most of them have links with ASTEC, as it is one of their ultimate goals to provide physical models to be integrated in ASTEC. Furthermore, the exchange of information on the detailed models developed by the various experts through interpretation of experiments will lead at medium and long term to generic common models used in the different detailed codes (example of ICARE/CATHARE and ATHLET-CD). Besides, adequate models are derived from these detailed models and will be included in the common reference ASTEC code.

The R&D needs are periodically updated and the objectives of future experiments are defined taking into account the outcome of the collaborative work on risk studies. A consensus could be reached on closure of some issues and would allow redistributing competence and manpower on open ones in concert with other international projects (e.g. ISTC, OECD projects...).

Most of the JPA elements are interlinked: for instance, experimental database activity and ASTEC physical assessment; or model recommendation formulated in the JRA and model implementation in ASTEC. This contributes to tighten the links between the different participants to these activities (horizontal integration).

**The R&D activities** surrounding the JPA and connected to it are mainly:

- the GRS-IRSN programme aiming at developing the integral code ASTEC and making it open and available for all SARNET partners,
- the diverse national research activities (experimental programmes, related interpretation and modelling activities) that aim at resolving open issues identified as important and of common interest in EURSAFE conclusions (and their updating),
- the development of Level 2 PSA methodologies, the results of which will provide inputs for the definition of research priorities elaborated by SARNET partners.

These key programmes are called associated programmes in the rest of the document.

The JPA clearly constitutes the active link connecting all these associated programmes and making, in a sustainable way, the whole system more and more efficient.

Beyond programmes carried out by SARNET contractors, some external programmes are taken into account:

- ISTC projects,
- OECD projects,
- and more generally, programmes of interest carried out by non-SARNET members or non-European organizations (i.e. specific VVER joint research programmes, ...).

It is a priority task of the Consortium to define the way to associate or integrate these programmes and the involved teams, when there are in a position to complement in a sustainable way the competence and expertise of SARNET in domains of importance. During the first SARNET year the interactions between SARNET and the CEG-SAM (Contact Expert Group on Severe Accident Management) of ISTC have been defined in order to integrate in SARNET activities results of ISTC projects devoted to Severe Accident.

### **3.1 Associated programmes**

As said previously, the main elements of these associated programmes are:

- ASTEC development by GRS and IRSN,
- Research programmes carried out in organizations which are members of the network, (experimentation, interpretation and modelling),
- Current Level 2 PSA methodology developments.

They are described below in order to give the boundary conditions of the JPA, main component of the present contract.

#### **3.1.1 ASTEC**

The ASTEC code that is jointly developed by IRSN and GRS describes the complete behaviour of a NPP under severe accident conditions. It is extensively used by IRSN for Level 2 PSA regarding 900 and soon 1300 MWe Pressurized Reactors. It will behave as the main integrator of knowledge in SARNET and contribute to diffuse it to all members.

For the third 18-months period of SARNET (April 2006 to September 2007), one ASTEC V1 release is foreseen: ASTEC V1.3 version in summer 06 for which a large and detailed campaign of assessment is organized and ASTEC V1.4 mid-07.

Then, the future versions V2 will be developed, taking into account inputs provided by different tasks and Work-Packages of the JPA. The other main characteristics of the V2 versions will be:

- The merging of ASTEC with ICARE2 code (IRSN) for core degradation. This merging, performed by IRSN, will make more efficient and less time-consuming the development and the maintenance of the different computer tools;
- The capability to adequately treat other reactors than PWR and VVER.

#### **3.1.2 Research programmes**

Such activities concern experimental programmes, interpretation work and/or modelling activities. EURSAFE highlighted some remaining important safety issues, which can be broken down into:

- corium issues
- containment issues
- source term issues.

Current and future activities to be carried out by partners with the objective to solve the above-mentioned issues have been selected for SARNET. More precisely, they consist of:

- performing new experimental work (separate-effect or integral tests) and preparing/interpreting it with models or codes;
- interpreting already performed experiments with models or codes;
- performing scenario sensitivity studies in reactor conditions with models or codes in order to target actual conditions in the experiments or to investigate the influence of various models or model options;
- modelling activities.

### ***Resolution of Corium issues***

#### **In vessel phenomena**

The issues identified in 5<sup>th</sup> FWP EURSAFE project concerning in-vessel phenomena are:

- Water injection (hydrogen generation, core coolability, ex-vessel corium coolability);
- Late-phase in-vessel degradation and loss of Reactor Pressure Vessel (RPV) integrity (molten pool/debris behaviour in the lower plenum);
- Lower head failure and corium release to cavity;
- Specific remaining issues on early-phase degradation (including B<sub>4</sub>C effects from control rods and oxidation by air or steam/air mixtures),
- Reactor Cooling System (RCS) integrity including risk of induced breaks in steam generators.

Additional items have been added in the continuation of COLOSS European project according to their importance for fuel behaviour and fission product release: the B<sub>4</sub>C effects and the oxidation by air or steam/air mixtures

For each one, experimental and interpretation activities have been initiated in the frame of national programmes. These programmes may be classified into six topics:

- T1: Hydrogen generation during core reflooding;
- T2: Core and debris coolability during reflooding, including ex-vessel debris bed coolability;
- T3: Late phase core degradation and corium behaviour in lower head, including in-vessel melt retention strategies;
- T4: Vessel failure and release into cavity;
- T5: Early phase degradation and boron carbide effects.
- T6: Zircaloy oxidation by air or steam/air mixture

The concerned experimental programmes underway (or planned) by the SARNET organisations and to be considered as associated to the network are given in the table below:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Leading organisation</b>
Vessel external cooling facility	T3	CEA
DEBRIS	T2	IUSTT-IKE
DEFOR, MISTEE-J, POMECO-U	T2	KTH
FOREVER, SIMECO	T4, T3	KTH
LIVE	T3	FZK
MAESTRO plat-form	T1, T5,T6	IRSN
PHEBUS FP	T3, T5	IRSN
QUENCH and SETs	T1, T5,T6	FZK
STYX	T2	VTT

The interpretation of experiments is carried out with different models or codes (ICARE/CATHARE, SCDAP/RELAP5, SCDAPSIM, ATHLET-CD, KESS, MELCOR, ASTEC).

Among all needs of R&D identified in EURSAFE, only two in-vessel phenomena are not currently covered by experimental proposals: “Effect of Lower-head penetrations in case of external cooling” (very dependent on NPP design) and “Steam generator plenum and tube failure”. They refer to thermal hydraulics studies and will be examined later on. A proposal to tackle these problems shall be elaborated in the frame of the JPA.

### **Ex-vessel phenomena**

Likewise, the issues identified in the 5<sup>th</sup> FWP EURSAFE and EUROCORE projects concerning ex-vessel phenomena are:

- T7: MCCI: molten pool configuration and concrete ablation;
- T8: Ex-vessel corium coolability, top flooding;
- T9: Ex-vessel corium catcher: corium ceramics interaction and properties;
- T10: Ex-vessel corium catcher: coolability and water bottom injection.

These items have been selected with the following rationales:

- Improve predictability of axial versus radial ablation up to late phase MCCI to determine basemat failure time and loss of containment integrity;
- Increase the knowledge of cooling mechanisms by top flooding the corium pool to demonstrate termination of accident progression and keeping containment integrity;
- Demonstrate the efficiency of specific corium catcher designs by improving the predictability of the corium interaction with corium catcher materials;
- Demonstrate the efficiency of water bottom injection to cool corium pool and its impact on containment pressurisation.

They are addressed in the following experimental programmes to be considered as associated to the network:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Leading organisation</b>
ARTEMIS	T7-T9	CEA
COLIMA	T7-T9	CEA
COMECO, POMECO-U	T8-T10	KTH
COMET	T10	FZK
DECOBI, DEFOR	T10	KTH
VULCANO	T7-T9-T10	CEA

The interpretation of experiments is carried out with different models or codes (WEX, WECHSL, MEDICIS, TOLBIAC, TOLBIAC-ICB, CROCO-2D, MELCOR, KESS, MEWA).

### **Thermodynamic and material property research**

The objective is to develop reference thermodynamic and thermo-physical property databases for a consistent analysis of severe accidents.

In the case of thermodynamic properties, a database exists (NUCLEA), which is already used in computer codes and for severe accident analysis in general. The work in SARNET will mainly be a continuation of the effort of the ENTHALPY project (5<sup>th</sup> FWP) to complement and improve this database.

In the case of thermo-physical properties, no such a database exists at European level for severe accident analysis. Existing databases cover essentially properties under normal conditions. Works have been already identified with the scope of filling this gap.

The work consists in analytical and experimental activities as follows:

- Thermodynamic properties database NUCLEA (continuation and extension of work performed in ENTHALPY)
  - Assessment, validation, merging, editing and maintenance
  - Develop approaches for coupling the data base with SA codes (ASTEC)
  - Identify the experimental needs for completing the data base
  - Select the most appropriate capability(ies) of the Network to provide the missing data.
- Thermo-physical properties database preparatory work
  - Collect information on systems used by partners in order to find the best solution to normalise corium thermo-physical properties used for severe accident analysis (continuation and extension of work performed in 5<sup>TH</sup> FWP ECOSTAR project)
  - Make syntheses from existing experimental data
  - Select the most appropriate capability(ies) of the Network to measure properties of first importance still lacking data
  - Develop a reference database.
- Experimental work
  - Measurement of density of liquid Zr, Fe, U
  - Phase diagram of U-O-Zr-Fe systems.

### ***Resolution of containment issues***

The issues identified in 5<sup>th</sup> FWP EURSAFE project concerning containment phenomena are:

- Hydrogen combustion/detonation and containment atmosphere mixing;
- Fuel-coolant interaction;
- Direct containment heating.

The knowledge about the formation of combustible gas mixtures in containments, local gas composition and potential combustion modes is the basis for hydrogen risk assessment and the development of mitigation strategies for real plants. The experimental and theoretical ongoing research concentrates on the reduction of still existing uncertainties, especially concerning:

- The effects of inhomogeneous hydrogen mixtures effects on combustion;
- Reaction kinetics inside catalytic recombiners (PAR);
- Hydrogen distribution in the different parts of the containment with the risk of high local concentrations, taking account of containment geometry (multi-compartment), mass and energy exchanges coming from phenomena as wall condensation, spray and sump evaporation, but also the effect of recombiners on the gas distribution.

During the first months of SARNET, a consolidation of knowledge in the last domain has been obtained, taking account of results of the associated experimental programmes TOSQAN (IRSN), MISTRA (CEA) and ThAI (BTech) experiments, especially in the framework of the ISP47. The interpretation of experiments was mainly carried out with ASTEC, COCOSYS, TONUS-0D Lumped-Parameter codes and with CFD codes (TONUS, GASFLOW, CFX, FLUENT). Several issues were also identified during that time, which need to be further investigated:

- the modelling of saturation conditions (in particular not well modelled in CFD codes)
- the interaction of spray mitigation systems with containment atmospheres
- the interaction of recombiners with the containment atmosphere: hot gases exiting recombiner chimneys create natural convection flows due to thermal buoyancy effects, which affect the distribution and mixing of the different gases within the containment, and therefore the amount of hydrogen that can enter into the recombiners.
- the need to further validate CFD codes on genuinely 3D but well instrumented experiments.

Within the first period in the ENACCEF facility combustion experiments have been performed with hydrogen gradients. In the REKO-3 facility autocatalytic recombiner experiments have been made under controlled conditions with forced flow. This was accompanied by an extensive modelling

activity using in-house CFD codes such as TONUS, REACFLOW and REKO-DIREKT and the integral CODE ASTEC. A special activity will concentrate on modelling of combustion of inhomogeneous hydrogen mixtures by performing a code benchmark using also commercial codes such as FLUENT on ENACCEF experiments.

For the estimation of potential consequences of fuel-coolant interactions in real plants, a deeper understanding and an increased knowledge is required about specific processes like premixing, melt fragmentation, and particle heat transfer mode for code modelling and code validation. The experimental programmes TREPAM (CEA) and ECO (FZK) have been finished, the feasibility of MICRONIS (CEA) is still under investigation, and MISTEE (KTH) is on hold. KROTOS-CEA is starting experiments in May 2006 and will form the main focus of the future work. The interpretation of experimental programmes is carried out with the codes MC3D, MATTINA, IKEJET/IKEMIX, IDEMO-2D and FRADEMO. The new code ESE2 is under development at JSI.

Regarding direct containment heating, experiments performed with different materials (metal and oxide mixtures) are of importance for real plant applications. The dispersion of melt in the cavity, the reactor compartments and the containment in a scaled geometry of German and French reactors are being performed to determine the pressure increase by Direct Containment Heating. The underway main associated experimental programme is DISCO (FZK). The interpretation of this experimental programme is being carried out with the CFD codes AFDM, MC3D and the system codes CONTAIN, MAAP and ASTEC.

### ***Resolution of source term issues***

The issues identified in the 5<sup>th</sup> FWP EURSAFE project concerning the source term are:

- Effect of air ingress;
- Iodine volatility in the Primary Circuit;
- Containment by-pass in case of Steam Generator Tube Rupture (SGTR);
- Iodine behaviour in containment.

The Severe Accidents Research Priorities Group (SARP - WP7) reviewed the EURSAFE issues index during JPA2, and re-evaluated certain of these based on the evidence currently available. As a result of this, two extra issues were raised in the Source Term area, namely:

- Ruthenium behaviour in the containment;
- Effect of fission product heatup in passive autocatalytic recombiners (PARs) on the source term.

These extra topics are therefore included in the work programme for JPA3. Furthermore, the SARP group recommended including physical resuspension in the mechanisms studied in the SGTR/containment bypass area, constituting a re-orientation of this activity, this has also been considered in JPA3 planning. Safety issues not considered in the current programme, such as fission product release during reflood, will be kept on a watching brief.

In addition, the evolution of current NPP operations, as the evolution of fuel management towards higher burn-up and the use of MOX fuel, make it necessary to assess the possible consequences on severe accidents. Assessment of the source term takes on additional importance for future NPPs, as most European Safety authorities require that severe accidents be considered in the design of future power plants.

In the SARNET frame, the following research activities associated with these issues will be carried out.

Several effects of air ingress are being addressed. The impact of oxidising environment on the fuel and on fission products release is being studied through different experimental programmes, consisting of separate-effects experiments to examine the behaviour of fuel rods and especially the release of ruthenium (Ru) species under various oxidizing atmospheres (such as RUSSET, VERDON, AECL

experiments and VTT speciation tests). On the theoretical side, reactor scenario studies continue for definition of test conditions in separate-effect experiments; interpretation of experimental programmes will also be continued. The main objective of this research is a better evaluation of the consequences of air ingress on the reactor source term, in particular the source term associated with Ru under oxidising conditions and for various kinds of fuel. Models for ASTEC are being proposed.

The impact of high temperature behaviour of fission products, especially iodine, in the Reactor Coolant System (RCS), is also being investigated in the network. The objective is to improve the predictability of iodine species exiting the RCS to provide the best estimate of the source into the containment. It is well known that such behaviour is difficult to predict due to the importance of non-equilibrium chemistry. Associated programme activities include experimental and theoretical work: separate-effect experiments to examine the species formed in the gas phase above the core in the RCS (such as VERCORS and the future CHIP facility), analysis of fission products and aerosol transport and speciation in the integral test Phébus FPT2, and analysis of control rod material release (such as in the EMAIC tests) and modelling proposals for ASTEC code.

Some specifics of aerosol behaviour in the reactor have been also identified as an important unresolved issue. The main objective, as recommended by the EURSAFE experts, is to quantify the source term and especially in the case of steam generator tube ruptures which leads to a reactor containment building by-pass. This is being addressed by experimental programmes such as ARTIST, PSAERO, PECA/SGTR and HORIZON (including separate-effect tests on aerosol trapping on the steam generator secondary side) and by theoretical work. The question of revaporisation from previous deposits is being studied through tests with simulants and/or samples from integral experiments (RADSOL and REVAP programmes), while physical resuspension will be considered with analysis of the STORM experiments; this latter work will be linked to the SGTR/containment bypass activities. Corresponding interpretation work is being performed, along with modelling proposals for the ASTEC code. Additionally, a model for retention of aerosols while passing through containment cracks (not previously treated in ASTEC) is under development, using results from IRSN tests such as SIMIBE, and further experiments could be carried out within SARNET to help formulate and assess this treatment.

Containment chemistry impact on the source term is still an unclosed issue. The main objective of associated activities carried out in SARNET is to improve the predictability of the various chemical and physical processes which control the iodine behaviour both in the gas phase and in the water phase inside the containment. This is now extended to ruthenium behaviour already considered under the air ingress topic, so the whole process of release though to behaviour in the containment is now taken into account. Various phenomena affecting the iodine chemistry in these phases (adsorption/RI formation/radiolytic destruction/ effect of steam condensation/effects of paints) have and are being experimentally investigated in separate-effect tests (EPICUR, PARIS, SISYPHE...) as well as at a larger scale in ThAI. Related interpretation will be carried out, as well as interpretation of iodine behaviour in the containment of Phébus FPT2. An Iodine Data Manual that will provide recommendations for experiments and for iodine codes in the context of their use for reactor safety estimates is being prepared. Activities will start on assessment of ruthenium behaviour in the containment, including new experimental work, and on the effect of fission product heatup on PARs, initially centred on past and present IRSN experimental work (RECI concerning the latter, for example). All this work is leading to modelling proposals for ASTEC.

### 3.1.3 Level 2 PSA

Several methodologies are used or are under parallel development in organisations needing such a tool for safety analyse. Main objectives of the JPA are:

- to provide comparisons of these different approaches,
- to promote their harmonisation,
- to share the efforts for the development of new methodologies (particularly dynamic reliability methods).

The JPA is organized in three main topics:

- Sub-project 1 – WP5.1: comparison of Level 2 PSA approaches and identification of improvement needs
- Sub-project 2 – WP5.2: comparison and improvement of methodologies for assessment of uncertainties
- Sub-project 3 – WP5.3: improvement of event tree methodology using dynamic reliability techniques.

### 3.2 Joint Programme of Activities (JPA)

Joint Programme Activities can be broken down in 4 series:

- Integrating Activities consisting in:
  - the development of “physical” links between contractors in order to make easier and more fluid the exchange of information,
  - the development of common tools or methodology to enhance the capacity of contractors to enhance their capability to harmonize their research activities (ASTEC, Level 2 PSA);
  - the monitoring of end-users need and the joint elaboration of research priorities;
  - the monitoring of the integration and the elaboration of proposal to integrate further the activities carried out in the frame of SARNET.
- Joint Research Activities consisting in:
  - the elaboration of synthesis, based on the results of the different associated programmes; these synthesis shall lead to scientific consensus on proposal of models to be implemented in ASTEC;
  - the coordination of R&D tasks carried out in the frame of SARNET, with the objective to make the best of available competences and means;
  - the proposal of revision or initiation of programme with the objective to tackle the important pending issues.
- Spreading Excellence Activities mainly consisting of education and training, and mobility.
- Management Activities mainly consisting of the administrative tasks.

#### 3.2.1 Integrating activities (JPA/IA)

The Integrating Activities comprise:

- Implementation of an Advanced Communication Tool for fostering exchange of information;
- Delivery of ASTEC code and support to code users, adaptation of ASTEC to users needs and qualification;
- Harmonization of Level 2 PSA methodology and development of advanced tools;
- Implementation of scientific databases;
- Research priority assessment;
- Integration [assessment](#).

#### *Advanced communication Tool*

##### Description

Advanced Communication Tool (ACT) is a key concept to achieve SARNET goals. Indeed, ACT is the unified support for efficient communication between SARNET partners to achieve the following needs:

- Access, search, publish documents and access codes (concept of knowledge repository),
- Contact and communicate with partners (interactive and collaborative services),
- Joint co-ordination of actions and programmes (co-operative management of the network),

- List links to satellites community projects (R&D projects, related sites).

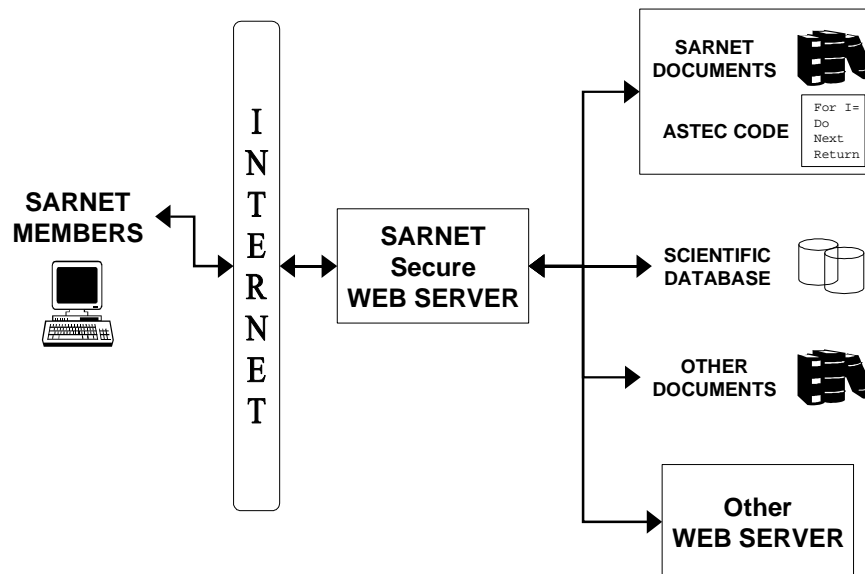
Since members are working in a heterogeneous environment, a web portal has been designed to provide a central access point to all relevant information of a particular domain and collaboration platform, including:

- A framework for documents (all common document types),
- Cooperative solutions (forums, subscriptions...),
- Links to community sites (organisation, projects...).

The web portal also provides access to existing documentation and code that members are willing to share. This implies that the structure should provide the means to describe data (notion of metadata) in order to ensure the long-term archiving and the homogeneity of the documents served on the portal.

The solution for the ACT consists of the following modules fulfilling requirements (non exhaustive nor compulsory list):

- Web portal framework,
- Product Data Management solution to provide knowledge repository for documents produced in SARNET context,
- Easy access to scientific,
- Links to community's tools (portals and databases).



The Web portal framework is the backbone of the community; it provides an integration framework for services, document repository and SARNET codes (mainly ASTEC). This model is in charge of authentication and first discrimination for user access.

The Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) solution consists in a strategic business approach that applies a consistent set of business solutions in support to the collaborative creation, management, dissemination, and use of product definition information across the extended organisation from concept to end of life, integrating people, processes, and information.

It provides the following functionalities:

- Document management;
- Support tools for collaboration;
- Support for system administration;
- Code management and versioning support.

The scientific code integration module consists in providing for SARNET partners a simple and easy access to ASTEC code. It first implies for code users access to the reference versions (and tools for

delivery and installation), as well as communication between users and the maintenance team (user requests, maintenance answers...). Training support (user's guide, samples...) will be also available to ASTEC code neophytes. For partners involved in code development, it will give access to the software management tool.

SARNET Advanced Communication Tool is providing a welcoming access point linked to the existing and future partners portals as well as technical databases. Each partner could ask for integration of links pointing to its own systems and information services whether he considers that it is useful to the community.

Only a small number of partners are involved in the development/maintenance of this tool; nevertheless most of the SARNET partners are be involved in providing feedback and suggestions for improvement.

The development strategy has been based on 3 phases (see below)

**Phase 1 : Analysis**

Functional Analysis

Technical Analysis

Analysis of existing tools

Definition of the solution

**Phase 2 : Development**

Prototype development

Portal module development

PLM module development

Integration of links

**Phase 3 : Deployment**

Deployment on a validation platform

Deployment

The basic development and deployment of an Advanced Communication Tool (ACT) for the management of information and documents as well as the communication and collaboration of partners in the project is performed in the first 12 months of the project. As a result, a workable platform is now established and in use.

The further work will concentrate on five topics:

- Maintenance of the ACT
- Support of the Users
- Evaluation of the feedback from users which may lead to new functionality
- Structuring and mapping the information content of the ACT
- Extension of the public Internet Web Site.

The maintenance of the ACT is an ongoing work, which concerns the hardware employed, the server and ACT software, and the administration of users and of users rights, particularly as new users join and old users leave the project. Regular backups will guarantee the function of the portal in case of hardware breakdowns or inadvertent loss of information.

The support of users is an ongoing task, giving help and advice notably to document management issues, setting up new shared spaces, or designing specific sites in the ACT.

A survey on the usefulness and efficiency of the ACT indicates the satisfaction of users with the system. This user feedback will be evaluated, and will provide indications for improvement of existing and implementation of new functionality. For frequently asked questions, e.g. with regard to document

management and the use of different browsers and operating systems, the user manual will be extended to cover these topics.

Towards the end of the project, an effort will be undertaken to structure the information accumulated during the project according to its relevance, and to present the main topics of the project, the important documents and the relations to other activities in form of a mapping. This will be useful for dissemination and exploitation of the knowledge gained in the project after the end of the project, and will respond to the Commission's general remark that in the cycle of knowledge production, dissemination and exploitation, the last item is the least developed, particularly after the end of a project.

In parallel in order to widely disseminate information on SARNET life a public Web site has been developed (and open to the public during the first year of SARNET), a continuous effort will then be done to extend it by new information and important documents in parallel to the evolution of the project. *As the current content of this web site is still considered as rather poor, particular efforts will be devoted during the period from April 2006 to September 2007 to update the content and to change the presentation in order to become more attractive.*

### ***Integral Code ASTEC***

31 organizations (including IRSN and GRS) have expressed their willingness to collaborate on the adaptation and qualification of the Integral Code ASTEC. This code, which is developed by IRSN and GRS, describes the behaviour of a whole NPP under severe accident conditions. It is extensively used by IRSN for Level 2 PSAs regarding 900 MWe Pressurized Reactors and soon 1300 MWe ones. It will serve as the main integrator of knowledge in SARNET and contribute to diffuse it to all members. The ASTEC project is divided into 3 sub-projects, namely:

- Users support/training, model integration and code adaptation,
- Physical model assessment,
- Reactor application and benchmarking.

IRSN and GRS will endeavour, in the limit of their financial capabilities, to offer the support to the users that such a large diffusion will imply.

#### **Sub-project 1: Users Support and Training, Integration and Adaptation (USTIA)**

The objective of these activities is:

- To distribute the code versions, their updates and their documentation to code users, provide a support and training for code users and organize information exchange between code developers and users (Users Club).
- To integrate knowledge issued from SARNET into the code, adapt ASTEC to all types of water-cooled NPPs operated in Europe.

An IRSN-GRS team will:

- Analyse the requests of ASTEC users and will propose solutions: code adaptation or users recommendations,
- Make the code updates available for SARNET partners,
- Deliver code versions and documentation.

The ASTEC Web site will be improved and maintained to make easier the exchange of information and documents between the maintenance team and the SARNET users. It will make use of the ACT described previously.

All the organizations participating to the ASTEC JPA will participate to the ASTEC Users Clubs. Users Club meetings will be organized periodically (in average once every 15 months) in order to:

- Exchange information on the code use,
- Examine the code status regarding its development and assessment,

- Examine users requests and discuss their priority,
- Prepare recommendations to be addressed to the Governing Board.

Training sessions will be periodically organized. E-learning will be set up on the Web site in order to allow distant training of new users. All the organizations involved in the ASTEC JPA may participate to this activity (host, teach or learn). For the next training sessions, skilled ASTEC users from other organizations will be encouraged to participate to the teaching activity besides IRSN and GRS ones.

In parallel, specifications of developments requested by ASTEC users on one hand to model the different systems for SAM and on the other hand to model other NPP types than PWRs will be prepared. In JPA2, the general specifications have been written and released in JPA2 for VVER-1000 and VVER-440 by INRNE, TUS-EI, UJV and VUJE. Preliminary specifications were also released for CANDU (by INR) and RBMK (by LEI). They will be updated in JPA3. The involved partners (outside of IRSN and GRS) will be:

- For CANDU: INR (with AECL review),
- For RBMK: LEI,
- For BWR: IKE, KTH (with PSI review).

The corresponding developments will start by detailed specifications in the JPA3 period of 18 months, combined with the integration of model proposals elaborated in the frame of Joint Research Activities.

### **Sub-project 2: ASTEC physical model assessment (PHYMA)**

This activity consists of comparisons between ASTEC and experimental data. In a very few cases, experimental data can be replaced by results provided by detailed reference codes, whose models are largely more detailed and assessed than the ASTEC ones (example: CFD codes compared to CPA multi-compartment containment part of ASTEC).

This activity will provide inputs for sub-project 1 above, and for the definition of research priorities in the severe accident domain.

This activity will use as input the new experimental data produced in the frame of SARNET.

In the JPA3 period, the work will consist in:

- First, end of assessment work of ASTEC V1.2 to update and complete the benchmarking activity initiated after mid-05,
- Then, assessment work in 2006-07 of the version V1.3 using the large validation matrix that was defined in JPA1. This phase will lead to a complete and detailed assessment of ASTEC V1 code end of 2007.

This activity will be shared between the different organizations, according to their competences and complementarities (19 organizations, including IRSN and GRS, will participate to the short-medium term activity).

Five domains will be covered:

- In-vessel phenomena (thermal hydraulic and degradation phenomena): CEA, ENEA, FZK, IKE, INRNE, IRSN, IVS, JRC Petten, UJV, BNRA,
- Ex-vessel corium (MCCI, corium cooling, DCH): ARCS, UPI, FZK, GRS, IRSN, TUS, UJV,
- Containment thermalhydraulic behaviour: CIEMAT, UPI, ENEA, GRS, IRSN, JRC Petten, JSI, LEI, RUB,
- Source term: CIEMAT, ENEA, GRS, IRSN, JRC Petten, JSI, PSI, TUS,
- Integral tests (Phébus): GRS, IRSN, JRC Petten.

### **Sub-project 3: ASTEC reactor application and benchmarking (RAB)**

The objective of this sub-project is to evaluate and improve the capability of ASTEC to simulate reactor transients, including safety systems and main Severe Accident Management (SAM) procedures.

This activity consists of ASTEC reactor applications and benchmarking with other codes. It will provide inputs for the sub-project 1 above, and for the definition of research priority in the severe accident area.

The reactor transients will concern 5 types of reactors: PWR, BWR, VVER, CANDU and RBMK. ASTEC will mainly be compared to the integral codes MELCOR and MAAP, but also to some specialized codes such as ICARE/CATHARE, ATHLET-CD, SCDAP/RELAP5, COCOSYS, TONUS...

In the JPA3 period, the work will consist in:

- First, end of ASTEC V1.2 assessment work to update and complete the benchmarking activity initiated after mid-05.
- Then, in 2006-07 benchmarking activity of plant applications with the version V1.3, using the reactor sequence matrix that was defined in JPA1. This phase will lead to a complete evaluation report of ASTEC V1 code end of 2007.
- In parallel, periodic update of ASTEC V1 reference input decks for reactor applications (PWR, BWR, VVER, CANDU, RBMK).
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This activity will be shared between the different organizations according to their competence (22 organizations, including IRSN and GRS, will participate to the short-medium term programme).

Most of them will contribute to the evaluation of ASTEC applicability for PWR (EdF, ENEA, Framatome-ANP, GRS, IRSN, IKE, NRG, PSI, TRACTEBEL). The extension of ASTEC applicability for other concepts will be analysed as follows:

- BWR: IKE, KTH
- VVER-440: BUTE, IVS, UJD, VEIKI, VUJE
- VVER-1000: UPI, INRNE, KTH, TUS, BNRA
- CANDU: INR, AECL
- RBMK: LEI

## ***Level 2 PSA***

**Preliminary remark:** This part of the initial report lead to recommendations from the EC reviewers. (point 3 of the letter from M. Hugon of June 29, 2006, ref. RTD-J-4/MH/mg D(2006)527939). Following these recommendations, some discussions, complements of information and exchanges of e-mails have been made between the PSA2 WP members and the EC reviewers. Further discussion took place during the SARNET Advisory Committee held on October 13, 2006. As a result of all these iterations a specific document (SARNET-PSA2-P15) was drafted in order to make a point as regards these different - and sometimes contradictory - recommendations. This document shows that, in fact, most of the recommendations are – or were already – taken into account (and it was just a question of clear understanding between the experts from the EC, from the AC and from the WP05), while some other cannot be taken into account for various reasons. So, based on this PSA2 document, a revision of the technical content of this part of the present JPA3 does not appear necessary.

Level 2 PSA is a powerful tool to assess plant specific vulnerability regarding NPP severe accidents. It aims at evaluating possible severe accident scenarios in terms of frequency, loss of containment integrity and radioactive release into the environment. It integrates the results of R&D programmes on physical phenomena involved in severe accidents (experimental programmes and development of computer codes), in a risk assessment perspective. In particular, it makes it possible to quantify the contribution of prevention and mitigation measures in terms of risk reduction.

Different approaches are used in Europe, derived from what has been implemented in the US. The objective of this activity is to compare, to improve and to harmonize the methodologies used for developing Level 2 PSA within European countries and to share effort to develop advanced tools, as far as they are required.

On the other hand, the identification of the most critical difficulties encountered in Level 2 PSA in terms of level of knowledge can contribute to a better prioritisation of R&D activities within the SARNET, in continuation with EURSAFE. Another aspect is the adaptation of methodologies for their application to the reactor types used in the Associated Candidate countries.

Activities have been set up into three sub-projects performed in parallel, each of them involving some active partners.

The programme initially proposed for the first 18 months period was mainly dedicated to the exchange of information, the comparison of partners' approaches and the identification of technical points, where complementary work of common interest are estimated necessary.

During the same period, states of the art have been established on :

- dynamic reliability methods,
- uncertainty and sensitivity methods which could be used in support of PSA level 2.

The programme proposed for the second period (JPA2) aimed mainly:

- to establish a more detailed comparison of partners methods for some specific physical phenomena identified as crucial,
- to propose, for those physical phenomena, some ways of improvement and harmonization of the methods,
- to compare the main probabilistic software,
- to initiate a comparison of the results obtained with classical methods and with dynamic reliability methods,
- to explore the possibility of ASTEC coupling with dynamic reliability methods.

The programme proposed for the third period (JPA3) aims mainly:

- to continue the efforts on physical phenomena for methods improvement and harmonization and on dynamic reliability methods development,
- to compare partners' views on "LERF – large early release frequency" and on "safe situations" definitions and harmonize, as far as possible, those views.

It is expected also to start then (to be continued during JPA4 period) a detailed comparison of partners methods for level 1 / Level 2 interface (Plan Damage States definition, integrated level 1/ level 2 PSA advantages and disadvantages, requirements for probabilistic software...).

Regarding the EC review of the SARNET project "*to have the network define how the lessons learnt can help better focus the up dated JPA*", following elements can be given concerning the PSA2 WP activities:

- the PSA2 WP programme is defined as a overall and continuous programme including preliminary tasks leading to select issues to be addressed and then resolution of those issues and also long term actions (such as methods or tools development),
- the initial information exchanges lead to identify more precisely the competences of the different partners and then to select tasks appropriate to those specific competences for a better efficiency,
- strong links have been created with other WP (SARP, ASTEC) with co-participant to the meetings or and intended to be created (corium, containment, fission products WP).

Regarding the advisory committee recommendation "*to not to aim at defining a standard for PSA level 2 methodology, but rather to focus the WP on new developments such as dealing with uncertainties and dynamic PSA*" following elements can be given:

- through the objective of harmonization, it is not expected to define a standard for PSA level 2 methodology which would be, as the advisory committee indicates, a very difficult task, but rather to identify from partners' experiences relevant possible methods to address the different points of level 2 PSA methodology. The identification of those different

methods, when possible, is accompanied by their description with enough precision so that they could really be shared and applied, and when impossible would lead to progress search;

- the general objective concerning “harmonization” is only one of the objectives of the group. Methods development concerning dynamic PSA and uncertainties is and remains a very important objective of the group. From this point of view, the benchmark exercise is seen as an important element to develop and compare dynamic reliability methods and also to improve classical methods.

### **Sub-project 1: Comparison of Level 2 PSA approaches and identification of improvement needs**

#### **Objective:**

The objective is to compare the approaches encountered by the partners in elaborating, quantifying and reviewing existing or ongoing Level 2 PSAs, in order to identify the points related to methods or knowledge which appear to be the most critical and for which improvements are needed. The second main objective is also to propose, as far as possible, ways of harmonization of partners’ methods.

#### **Programme:**

In the first one year period of SARNET (JPA1), the different elements of existing Level 2 PSAs amongst partners have been reviewed and compared:

- Level 1 / Level 2 interface,
- Tools,
- Accident progression event tree (structure, events considered),
- Release categories (grouping method),
- Assessment of physical events (general method, quantification of each phenomenon),
- Assessment of systems and human actions,
- Assessment of radiological releases,
- Results in link with R and D priorities,
- General method for evaluating uncertainties (considered in more details in sub-project 2).

These different topics have been discussed, on the basis of papers prepared by the partners. Technical subjects, related to methods or knowledge, where some improvements are considered as necessary, in a risk assessment perspective have been identified. From the list of improvement needs, a first selection has been made for the second SARNET period.

During the JPA2 period (April 2005 to March 2006):

- The synthesis of previous work has been provided (SARNET PSA2-P02 and SARNET PSA2-D36),
- A specific comparison of level 2 PSA for very similar Nuclear Power Plants has been achieved (SARNET PSA2-P09 – VEIKI & UJV),
- Partners methods to take into account hydrogen combustion and immediate consequences of vessel breach have been described in details (most partners),
- A comparison of main probabilistic software has been undertaken (INR). (Deliverable D70 expected to be provided in April 2006),

During the JPA3 period (proposal covering the period from April 2006 to September 2007):

- A proposal of possible harmonized methods to assess hydrogen combustion and immediate consequences of vessel breach at high or intermediate primary pressure (leading to corium fragmentation and dispersion) will be done (part of D71 deliverable),
- Partners’ methods to take into account melt corium and concrete interaction and to assess iodine releases will be described and a proposal of possible harmonized methods will be done (second part of D71 deliverable) ; the case of iodine release has been chosen as an example of important lack of knowledge leading to difficulties to assess the phenomena (and also due to the importance of iodine for radiological consequences),

- A review of main existing guidelines for level 2 PSA development will be achieved (Deliverable N + 1) ; guidelines concerned will be international guidelines and as far as possible national guidelines,
- On the base of partners' own definitions comparison for "large early releases frequency" and for "reactor safe state", and as far as possible, harmonized definitions will be provided (deliverable N + 3),
- A tentative of generalization of harmonized methods to take into account in a level 2 PSA the different physical phenomena will be undertaken (part of deliverable N +4). First ideas is that several categories of physical phenomena could be defined from the point of the methods to use to assess them in an APET or CET, and to classify the different physical phenomena into those categories,
- On the base of partners' methods detailed description and comparison, common views on plant damage states (PDS) and level 1/level 2 interface variables will be searched, advantages and disadvantages of integrated level 1/level 2 PSA and requirements for probabilistic software for such PSA will be identified (task proposed to be initiated in April 2007 and to be continued during JPA4).

### **Sub-project 2: Comparison and improvement of methodologies for assessment of uncertainties**

#### ***Objective:***

From the different improvement needs, the topic concerning the methodologies for the assessment of uncertainties, have been initially identified and is treated by the sub-project 2.

The objective of this project is to identify which types of uncertainties have been considered in existing Level 2 PSA amongst the partners, to compare the methods used to assess them and, in a second stage, to improve them and to achieve a certain level of harmonization amongst the partners.

#### ***Programme:***

The development of Level 2 PSA involves different sources of uncertainties:

- Uncertainties propagated from the Level 1 PSA, related to the frequencies of Level 1 sequences;
- Uncertainties (approximation) due to the binning of Level 1 sequences in Plant Damage States (variables not considered in the interface, values of continuous interface variables);
- Uncertainties (lack of completeness) related to the structure of the Accident Progression Event Tree (events not considered, order and chronology of events);
- Uncertainties (lack of knowledge) related to the probabilities of stochastic events (system failure or recovery, human actions, some physical phenomena such as ignition of hydrogen combustion or triggering of steam explosion);
- Uncertainties (lack of completeness) related to the modelling of physical phenomena;
- Uncertainties (lack of knowledge) related to the values of the parameters of the physical models;
- Uncertainties (approximation) related to the cut-off frequency used in the probabilistic quantification of the Accident Progression Event Tree;
- Uncertainties (approximation) related to the binning of Level 2 sequences in Release Categories (variables non considered, values of continuous variables).

During the first year of SARNET, the different types of uncertainties considered in the Level 2 PSA performed so far by the partners and the methods used to assess them have been identified. Besides, uncertainty and sensitivity methods that could be used in support of PSA level 2 have been reviewed.

During the JPA2 period (April 2005 to March 2006):

- The synthesis of previous work has been provided (SARNET PSA2-P05 and SARNET PSA2-D37),
- The report concerning uncertainty and sensitivity methods in support of PSA level 2 has been achieved (SARNET PSA2-P06),

- Partners' methods to take into account uncertainties related to hydrogen combustion and immediate consequences of vessel breach have been described in details (most partners),
- Review of possible software that could be used for uncertainty and sensitivity methods has been initiated (CEA & JRC),
- Besides, according to the recommendations of the EC review of SARNET to "*integrate in the Project the outcome of the Level 2 PSA uncertainties workshop to be organised by the OECD/NEA before the end of 2005, and, if necessary, to reassess the programme in the light of these findings*", there was a strong representation of SARNET PSA2 WP members to this workshop (Aix-en-Provence – 7 to 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2005). Two presentations were given on the main results of the SARNET WP5.2 activities. Conclusions of the work shop are not yet published but it appeared during the work shop that CSNI activities concerning methods development and their eventual harmonization should rather rely on the SARNET activities.

The proposal for JPA3 period (proposal covering the period from April 2006 to September 2007) is associated with proposal for sub project 1 and consists in:

- The preparation of a proposal of possible harmonized methods to assess uncertainties related to hydrogen combustion and immediate consequences of vessel breach will be done (first part of D72 deliverable),
- Describing partners' methods to take into account uncertainties in melt corium and concrete interaction and to assess uncertainties in iodine releases and proposing possible harmonized methods will be done (second part of D72 deliverable)
- A tentative of generalization of harmonized methods to take into account in a level 2 PSA the uncertainties related to the different physical phenomena (part of deliverable N +4) ; first ideas is that several categories of physical phenomena could be defined from the point of the methods to use to assess the uncertainties on those phenomena in an APET or a CET, and to classify the different physical phenomena into those categories,
- A review of possible software that could be used for uncertainty and sensitivity methods (deliverable N+5).

### **Sub-project 3: Improvement of event tree methodology using dynamic reliability techniques**

#### **Objective:**

From the different improvement needs, the development of dynamic reliability method have been initially identified and is treated by sub-project 3..

The event tree technique has been developed mainly to represent different scenarios of accidents, influenced by functional events. It has been used first in Level 1 PSA and extended to Level 2 PSA. A specific feature of Level 2 PSA event trees is that physical variables have to be assessed along each branch of the event tree, in order to identify the mode of loss of integrity of the containment and the radioactive release into the environment. Therefore a strong coupling exists between stochastic functional aspects and deterministic (but uncertain) physical aspects of the accidents, which are difficult to take into account within the classical event tree methodology.

The general objective of this sub-project is to study how the techniques of dynamic reliability could be used in order to improve the event tree approach in Level 2 PSA.

When specifying a possible approach, one should consider the assessment of uncertainties in particular those related to physical phenomena. Moreover, the complementary techniques making it possible to reduce the number of calculations, as importance sampling in Monte-Carlo approach, should be considered.

#### **Programme:**

Dynamic reliability techniques have been developed in order to study the reliability or the availability of continuous processes evolving with time in interaction with functional processes. Examples of such

techniques are Petri nets, Discrete Dynamic Event Tree (DDET), Monte-Carlo techniques or combinations of the previous ones.

Before SARNET, some works on (Level 1 or Level 2) PSA have been already performed, in particular by GRS (Germany) and CSN (Spain) in collaboration with the University of Brussels.

During the first SARNET period, the current limitations of the classical event tree approach have been identified and the concepts and the state of the art of the dynamic reliability methods have been drawn up (SARNET PSA2 – P04). A description of the SDTPD method (Stimuli Driven Theory of Probabilistic Dynamics) and an example of application of the MCDET (Monte Carlo Dynamic Event Tree) for induced breaks on the reactor coolant system have been also provided.

During the SARNET JPA2 period (April 2005 to end of March 2006) following tasks have been achieved:

- The comparison of the MCDET method results with classical methods results on the example of station black out situation (GRS),
- The synthesis of previous work (SARNET PSA2- D38),
- Another relevant example for dynamic reliability application has been chosen and a draft of specification for a benchmark exercise for application of dynamic reliability methods in comparison to classical methods has been prepared (IRSN) ; the benchmark exercise so selected concerns the risk of containment failure due to hydrogen combustion. Events that could influence the risk are the core reflooding and the spray system operating (that could intervene at any time) ,and hydrogen ignition due to recombiners effect or to any other random source of ignition (SARNET PSA2 - P12),
- Development of SDTPD theory has been continued in the perspective of both the benchmark exercise and more global applications (CSN & ULB).

During the JPA3 period (proposal covering the period from April 2006 to September 2007):

- The benchmark exercise will be achieved in two phases (first without considering uncertainties and then considering uncertainties – participants expected CSN, FRAMATOME, GRS, INR, IRSN, UJV, ULB, VEIKI ) (deliverable N+2),
- The development of SDTPD theory will be continued in the perspective of more global applications and considering possible ASTEC “coupling” (including necessary software development). The-sequence algorithm will be developed to be applied first to the benchmark exercise proposed in the SARNET project (deliverable N + 6). A two-year post-doc funding, combined with a six-month mobility grant to be divided into several short stages along the duration of the project is estimated necessary to achieve corresponding tasks. For the two-year funding, a specific assignment coming from the extra budget existing in SARNET is expected.

### ***Implementation of scientific databases***

The objective is to develop and maintain an instrument that insures preservation, easy access for codes, exchange and processing of severe accident experimental data, including all related documentation.

The data of concern are:

- Existing experimental data that SARNET partners are willing to share with the other partners in the network;
- All new data produced within SARNET.

No European database exists to host severe accident data in a unified platform for long term storage, sharing and use. A first step towards the development of such a platform was undertaken in WP5 of the EURSAFE project (5<sup>th</sup> FWP).

A platform mock-up has been developed in EURSAFE starting from the STRESA structure. Basically, a web connection to a portal hosted by one of the partners (database net administrator) gives access to

local servers (nodes) hosted by the other partners. In general, each local server contains the data of the partner who hosts it, but a more centralised storage can be envisaged whenever necessary. A STRESA software is installed on each local server, which is managed by the partner himself who decides and controls access to his data through different authorisation levels as a function of the property rights.

This system is a good candidate to become the SARNET experimental database. The action is carried out in 3 phases:

**Phase 1: Evaluation and decision (achieved during SARNET first year)**

Partners that already were trained to the use of STRESA have assessed the platform. Recommendations to select STRESA have been confirmed.

**Phase 2: Deployment (phase initiated during the first year)**

The software will be distributed and implanted on sites of new users. Training sessions will be organised.

**Phase 3: Data storing and plat-form maintenance (phase initiated during the first year)**

In the continuation of EURSAFE experimental database work package, some data storage is already foreseen by some partners:

- Data from PLINIUS platform: VULCANO, COLIMA;
- Data from Phébus FP and VERCORS;
- Data from KJET, PREMIX, ECO, QUEOS, DISCO;
- Data from FOREVER, KMFCCI, POMECCO;
- Data from CODEX-VVER: core degradation bundle tests;
- Data from VICTORIA and HORIZON.

Beyond this, data produced in SARNET will be integrated to the platform as they become available.

In parallel the developer of the plat-form will support the users and up-date the software in the frame of so-called maintenance activity.

This platform has been linked to the SARNET Advanced Communication Tool.

***Research priority assessment***

The objective of this action is to provide the Governing Board of SARNET with guidelines for defining the orientations to give to the JPA in terms of joint research activities of common interest and high priority. This action will make use notably of:

- The outcome of the EURSAFE action (results of PIRT on severe accidents);
- The results of the qualification/benchmarking activities on ASTEC;
- The results of reactor calculations carried out in the other activities;
- The outcome of the research performed in the three thematic sub domains of SARNET (corium, containment, source term);

It will make use also of results obtained in the frame of other international projects (ISTC, OECD...), and will be based in particular on the outcome of Level 2 PSA activities carried out in the frame of national programmes (risk-oriented research). It will take into account the potential capabilities of SARNET and identify the potential experimental or theoretical programmes to undertake for resolving the identified important pending issues.

This action will be performed in close collaboration within 12 participants (those mainly involved in EURSAFE), representing TSO, industry and utilities, including organisations of Associated Candidate

Countries. This collaboration between those who perform research and those who use its results is essential to correctly address the problem.

The action will result in a ranking and will allow in fact determining which programme should be initiated or pursued and which should be closed or not started. Following proposals made in the frame of OECD-CSNI working groups, the criteria for ranking will reflect considerations such as:

- the priority of the safety research issue it entails,
- the capacity to address a safety issue in a comprehensive manner,
- the potential for substantial improvements in accident mitigation and management procedures,
- the level of risk involved (when risk assessment is feasible and/or appropriate),
- the extend to which it affect plant operation, if it is an operating plant issue,
- the number of plants affected,
- the programme cost duration,
- the likelihood it will bring conclusive results,
- the relevance it has for maintaining strategic competence and infrastructure.

There are conditions under which closing an issue becomes a necessity; nevertheless, defining generic closure criteria is very difficult. The following principle might be used, and a research issue could be proposed for closure:

- when there is convincing information available that the issue addressed does not constitute a challenge to safety plant,
- or when there is a general understanding that knowledge is adequate and further research is not needed;
- or when it is unlikely that further research will provide end users with results that will augment significantly the knowledge that is already available (for instance because the return of knowledge from a programme has substantially diminished with the time);
- or when there have been important changes in situation (e.g. in industry plans or in regulator priorities), which reduce affect overall priorities.

Since closing an issue and the related programmes may lead to teams of experts to be disbanded or facilities closing, it will be important to weight carefully the consequences, and examine which re-orientation might be propose in order to avoid irreversible loss of strategic competence and infrastructures.

This action will lead every two years to a revision of priorities. The results of this action will be distributed to all participants for comment before their release. They will be transmitted to the scientific coordinators coordinating corium, containment and source term activities, for taking into account in the elaboration of their work proposals.

### ***Integration assessment***

This action consists of the evaluation of progress made by the consortium towards its objectives, and of the definition of corrective actions where necessary.

The members of the management team carry out the action. It consists of:

- collection of information necessary to measure the evolution of progress indicators as defined in the chapter 4 (quality of integration, indicators)
- analysis of the results (explanation of indicator evolution, definition of the progress margins)
- proposal of actions (revision of the JPA, proposal of contractor actions beyond the JPA, ...).

A yearly report on these indicators is released. [Furthermore, after two years of SARNET, it appeared that some of the progress indicators are poorly adapted, so further reflexion will lead to modify some of them.](#)

### 3.2.2 Programme for Jointly executed Research Activities (JPA/JRA)

The EURSAFE project highlighted a number of remaining important safety issues, which need to be investigated experimentally. The critical mass of competence (experimental facilities, experts) necessary to address these issues was identified. This competence has been assembled in the SARNET network with part of their current activities, as far as these activities have a link with the issues to be investigated. This assembly constitutes a promising matter of tight cooperation between participants of SARNET.

The Joint Research Activities programme, which is presented hereafter, is an added element aiming at promoting in sustainable way collaboration within the above assembly, between the main European actors in nuclear safety. The basic elements for such a promotion are:

- reaching a common understanding of issues and phenomena, of their importance in terms of safety and knowledge,
- determining a consensual approach to resolve the remaining uncertainties.

Thus, the JRAs consist of:

- The joint elaboration of syntheses on the interpretation of experimental results and joint elaboration of recommendations for model implementation in ASTEC;
- The joint elaboration of programme proposals; these proposals will address underway programmes (recommendations, re-orientation, ...) but also new ones; these proposals will take into account as an input conclusions released by the so-called "research priority assessment";
- The joint elaboration of work plans aiming at making the best of available competences and means, and their monitoring.

The JRA is clearly linked to the associated activities described in §3.2.1. Indeed, their results, aiming at solving Corium, Containment and Source Term issues, are the basic inputs of the JPA.

The experts of the network jointly analyse and discuss on experimental programmes performed within national programmes activities. They jointly formulate recommendations on test matrix, on test procedures or on instrumentation (practically partners involved in these experimental programmes will provide these experts with information on facility description, facility capabilities and limitations...). After a first period of work and according to the remaining issues, if new data are required, the experts will have to formulate recommendations on test definition.

Experts have also joint interpretation activities, which consist of analysing the different interpretation works performed within the associated programmes. From the discussions and analysis and comparison work, only possible in such a network frame, a better understanding of physical phenomena is expected. This activity constitutes a feedback for the orientations of the experimental programmes, and is a really integrating activity for sharing in the European Community the knowledge obtained through interpretation of experimental results.

A similar activity has been undertaken for joint modelling, that is to say that experts in the frame of JPAs will analyse, discuss and compare their approach. Such activity has the objective to converge on recommendation on the development of a model. The final outcome is to make recommendation for models implementation in ASTEC.

All the associated experimental programmes are part of the so-called Pre-Existing Know-How (PEKH). The corresponding access rights will be granted following principles defined in the Consortium Agreement:

- the access rights to pre-existing know-how (when not declared as non available) will be granted on a royalty-free basis for carrying work under the JPA;
- the access rights to "protected" data will have to be negotiated.

Thus, when elaborating the JPA, the access rights limitations are identified in order to make possible in a deadline consistent with the timetable the completion of the negotiation.

The results of interpretation of non-European experimental programmes, performed in the frame of for instance OECD or ISTC projects, will be used as inputs of the JRA.

In the particular case of ISTCs (those lying in the domain of interest of SARNET and monitored by CEG-SAM), specific actions will be defined and carried out inside the JPA, and aiming at:

- orientate the corresponding research programmes,
- monitor the progress,
- and carry on the interpretation of experimental results.

These actions will lead, at least from a technical point of view, to a partial integration of ISTCs in SARNET.

On practical way, the experimental results used in the frame of the project are collected and documented in the SARNET experimental database to be shared easily (with all the guarantee concerning the access rights). Thus, as far as possible the data implementation in the experimental data based is planned consistently with needs of the JRA.

Expert meetings are periodically organised. We can distinguish 2 kinds of meeting:

- The yearly review meeting (one per domain) to present synthesis of the work performed and to discuss for the concerned domain the orientations of the next JPA period;
- Specialized meetings (with no precise frequency), involving a small number of experts and devoted to technical point which could cover a work package or a part of it.

### ***Resolution of corium issues***

Eighteen organizations deal with this domain; three work packages have been defined:

- WP9 Early phase core degradation (EARLY)
- WP10 Late-phase Core Degradation and Vessel behaviour (LATVES)
- WP11 Ex-vessel Core Recovery (EXCORE) dealing with MCCI and Debris Coolability.

WP9 addresses the risk of early containment failure, due to rapid generation of hydrogen, which may not be accommodated by re-combiners. It deals with hydrogen generation during core reflooding conditions (esp. oxidation of metal-rich mixtures), B<sub>4</sub>C and fuel burn-up impact on core degradation, and more generally the remaining questions in the core degradation early-phase (in particular, oxidation of clad with advanced alloys and hydrogen generation during melt relocation into water present in the vessel lower plenum). It considers various atmospheres including air and air/steam mixture as they have a strong impact on fuel behaviour and fission product release. Experts continue to review experiments such as QUENCH, SETs and MAESTRO plat-form experiments, and jointly propose recommendations on tests design and tests matrix. Interpretations based on main codes calculations (ICARE/CATHARE, ATHLET-CD...), performed by SARNET partners, will be analysed and compared, with the objective to produce a synthesis on joint interpretation of experiments. Proposals of models from partners will also be studied and debated, leading to a synthesis on modelling and to proposals for ASTEC.

WP10 is devoted to late-phase degradation and corium behaviour in lower head, with the objective to improve predictability of the thermal loadings on RPV lower head. After review of main experiments (SIMECO, LIVE, MASCA...) joint recommendations on these experiments (test specifications,...) will be drawn according to remaining issues on corium pool configurations. As for WP9, experts will also have to study the different interpretations produced by partners on these experimental results, and associated modelling proposals. Syntheses are planned to be issued and proposals for ASTEC models improvements will be done.

Activities of WP11 should improve the predictability of axial versus radial ablation up to late phase MCCI for homogeneous and stratified corium pool, in order to determine basemat failure time and loss

of containment integrity. Ex-vessel case with water injection will be also part of the activities of this WP: an increase knowledge of cooling mechanisms is expected, in view of being able to demonstrate termination of accident progression. In particular, ex-vessel particulate debris coolability will be investigated. Main experiments on debris coolability (DEBRIS, STYX...) and on MCCI (MCCI-OCDE, VULCANO...) will be analysed and recommendations will be expressed for new test design. Experts will analyse the interpretation works, and jointly produce a synthesis. A common proposal of models of corium concrete or ceramic interaction and corium debris or melt coolability will be formulated for implementation into ASTEC.

In order to keep a consistent approach in the modelling of corium behaviour for all the different phases of severe accident scenario, the feed back from scenario sensitivity studies in reactor conditions will define the priority and level of details required to develop new models for remaining issues.

Among the different contributions, the experts on thermodynamic or thermo-physical properties are not merged into a specific work-package. They have to play a role in every WP and in every task. Through their participation in these joint activities, they will access to a large experimental database and contribute actively to definition, interpretation or modelling tasks. A part of WP outcomes will contribute to the assessment and development of databases (NUCLEA<sup>1</sup> for Thermodynamic properties and CORPRO for Thermo-physic properties), which contribute to the development of the Material Data Bank of the ASTEC code. Moreover, if some data significant for a given phenomenon are missing specific orientation of existing experimental programs or specific programs may be defined in the frame of the related WP.

In the frame of this project, two trans-national access platforms may be included: the PLINIUS and LACOMERA platforms. Today they are outside SARNET network. In the future we can imagine a joint steering of experiments performed on such a platform taking into account also the needs expressed for SARNET training activities. This will need to define in the frame of the elaboration of a "post contract Consortium Agreement" the mechanisms, which could make possible a common funding.

Some non-European R&D programmes, performed in the frame of OECD and ISTC projects, will provide inputs for the SARNET work on corium issues: MASCA, CORTRAN, ISTC-INVECOR, ISTC-2936 Core melting (corium molten pool behaviour), OLHF (vessel failure), ISTC-1648.2 and PARAMETER (core quenching), ISTC-METCOR.2 and ISTC-CORPHAD.2 on corium interactions and properties, and OECD-MCCI.2 on molten corium-concrete interactions.

### ***Resolution of containment issues***

The research efforts will concentrate on 2 WPs, involving in overall 18 organizations:

- WP12: Investigation of Hydrogen Behaviour in Containment (HBC),
- WP13: Investigation of Fast Interactions in Containment (FIC).

Within WP12, partners are studying the containment atmosphere mixing phenomena, and hydrogen combustion and associated risk mitigation. Experimental activities carried out in national programmes are discussed by experts, and recommendations for the tests specifications of ENACCEF, REKO-3, TOSQAN and MISTRA or other facilities are formulated. Interpretations based on CFD codes (TONUS, REACFLOW, GASFLOW, commercial codes) and Lumped Parameter codes such as COCOSYS, ASTEC or TONUS-0D and other codes, performed by partners, are discussed, in order to propose improvements in modelling capabilities. Analytical or code-to-code benchmarks are proposed in the framework of inhomogeneous hydrogen mixtures, wall condensation, spray system and interaction between recombiners and containment atmosphere. From this work, experts will produce syntheses, showing the progress on common understanding of these issues.

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<sup>1</sup>NUCLEA thermodynamic properties data base is a commercial pre existing know how excluded from SARNET project. It is necessary to buy the data base to use it.

WP13 is dedicated to activities concerning the Fuel Coolant Interactions (FCI) and Direct Containment Heating (DCH) phenomena. Numerous experiments such as FARO and ECO for FCI issue, and DISCO for DCH, are reviewed by experts with the objective to make common proposals to better address these issues. For FCI this has resulted in a common proposal for a second phase of the OECD/SERENA program. Interpretation of these experiments, with existing models and CFD-codes such as MC3D or MATTINA, respectively AFDM, have been analysed by experts with the objective to reach a consensus on these interpretations. Synthesis reports are being prepared. The possibility to link FCI stand-alone codes with ASTEC calculations is under consideration. Benchmark calculations of DCH experiments are performed with MAAP, CONTAIN and ASTEC with the objective to find models most qualified for ASTEC modules.

### ***Resolution of Source Term issues***

Twenty-three organisations cooperate in performing research in the Source Term domain. Research activities in this area are organized into 3 WPs:

- WP14: Investigation of FP Release and Transport phenomena (FPRT);
- WP15: Aerosol Behaviour impact on Source Term (AEROB);
- WP16: Containment Chemistry Impact on Source Term (CONTCHEM).

WP14 activities will improve the knowledge related to FP release and transport. Within the first years, activities will both address the impact of air ingress in a reactor core on source term and the iodine speciation along its transport in the primary circuit. Experiments such as VERDON, VERCORS, MERARG, VTT speciation tests and RUSSET for air ingress effects, and CHIP for iodine speciation will be reviewed by experts and common proposals and comments will be addressed to either re-orient some tests or to propose new ones. Interpretation work carried out by partners on these experimental results will be analysed, with the objective of delivering a joint synthesis. Experts will apply the same approach for the modelling proposals. Concerning the air ingress issue, reactor transients simulated by partners with different integral codes such as ASTEC, SATURNE/MAAP, SCDAP/RELAP5 and ICARE/CATHARE will be also compared and analysed to determine the impact of remaining uncertainties. Analysis of silver-indium-cadmium rod degradation and structural material release data such as those from EMAIC will also be pursued, given the importance of these elements in influencing the iodine source in the circuit.

WP15 should reduce uncertainties on the quantification of source term for aerosol retention in the secondary side of Steam Generators, remobilisation of deposits through revaporisation and resuspension and leakages through cracks in containment walls. Experiments such as ARTIST, PSAERO/HORIZON, PECA/SGTR, STORM, REVAP, RADSOL, RECI and SIMIBE will be analysed by experts, as well as related interpretation work and modelling proposals. A joint synthesis on interpretation and modelling should be issued from the experts' work.

Iodine source term is the main issue considered in WP16. Specific experiments such as EPICUR, PARIS, ThAI-Iod9 and CAIMAN will be studied and common recommendations on test specifications or programme re-orientation will be given by experts. Experts will also concentrate on analysis of the interpretation work and associated modelling proposals on iodine behaviour under severe accident conditions in the reactor containment. This will be supplemented by similar work on ruthenium matters (IRSN tests), and on the effect of fission product heatup on passive autocatalytic recombiners (RECI programme and possible successors). An iodine data manual, collecting numerous experimental data, will be prepared. A synthesis will be produced taking account of interpretation of experimental results, and suitable modelling, representative of a common understanding of the phenomena. In addition, larger-scale experiments like Phebus-FPT2 will be simulated so that it will be feasible to assess model predictability.

### **3.2.3 Activities designed to spread excellence**

The excellence spreading activities consist of 3 elements:

- WP17: Education and Training;

- WP18: Book on Severe Accident Phenomenology;
- WP19: Mobility programme.

Its objectives are to:

- Enhance and maintain competence in Severe Accident Research (SAR), contributing to Severe Accident Management (SAM) through education and training of students and young researchers in Europe;
- Impart additional skills to the researchers and analysts in the severe accident risk assessment;
- Foster integration of national programmes through sharing of researchers and work programmes.

The approach followed to achieve the above objectives will be to:

- Develop educational forums e.g. yearly courses, text (source) books, etc.;
- Develop training forums e.g. [courses for nuclear safety specialists](#), etc.;
- Promote personnel mobility between the various European institutions;
- Develop user groups for important computer codes e.g. ASTEC;
- Integrate with other education and training work programmes in other networks;
- Develop links with the NEPTUNO Project in 6<sup>th</sup> FWP.
- [Draft a rather comprehensive \(about 400 pages\) text book on “LWR Severe Accident Safety”](#)

More precisely, and for the period from April 2006 to September 2007:

The various activities in the education element, [targeted at Ph. D. students and young researchers](#) will be to:

- Provide a comprehensive course on Severe Accident Phenomenology;
- Develop a text book or source book on Severe Accident Phenomenology;
- Develop and provide a course on Level – 2 PSA, with description of codes (mainly ASTEC), for consequence analysis;
- Encourage the NEPTUNO Project to set up a course on Nuclear Power Safety, including an introduction to the Severe Accidents and to Level – 2 PSA.

The main activities in the training element, [targeted principally at researchers and nuclear safety specialists](#) will be to provide training in:

- Severe accident management procedures. The main idea here is to identify the underlying basis for these procedures for the plant operators and other interested nuclear safety specialists so that greater understanding is gained, including a better knowledge of the order of magnitude and uncertainties associated to the various phenomena which would occur in a core melt accident.
- Experimental methods and techniques e.g. on the PLINIUS and LACOMERA platforms;
- The operation, checking and debugging of computer codes;
- The workings of a plant analyser having severe accident algorithms.

The Book element activities will consist in:

- writing [“Lecture Notes on Severe Accident Phenomenology”](#) based on the text material that was compiled for the SA Phenomenology Course given in Cadarache in January 2006;
- [progressing on the rather comprehensive \(about 400 pages\) text book on “LWR Severe Accident Safety”](#), with the aim to issue it in a final form early 2008.

The mobility element involves both Ph.D. students and researchers. This element is of great importance towards the integration of the European National Programmes in Severe Accidents and in the Probabilistic Safety (Risk) Analysis. In this context, coordination of the mobility programme of SARNET with that developed in the NEPTUNO Project would be very desirable. Clearly, the mobility programme of SARNET will require adequate funding for exploiting the long-term integration possibilities offered by the personnel mobility. The joint activities pursued in this programme element will be to:

- Provide summer internships for students;
- Develop a programme of deputing researchers at the facilities of different partners for periods up to one year;
- Develop teams of researchers drawn from different partner countries that have special talents for different generic research activities followed in the SARNET JPA. Thus, one team of researchers may work on small or medium scale simulant material experiments; another on large-scale simulant experiments; another on prototypic material experiments and another on code development. The teams are formed by assignments of national researchers to the teams, which may last 2 – 3 years, in order to achieve some significant results. In this approach some national laboratories or institutes may specialize in different research areas, depending upon the facilities or the infrastructure that they may have developed over the years. We believe that with this approach the integration of the European National Programmes will be achieved very readily and effectively.

Practically speaking, for the period from April 2006 to September 2007, a significant increase in the number of mobilities, compared to previous years, is aimed, through a strong involvement and coordination work (e.g., using the internal SARNET website, ACT) by the Excellence Spreading Topical Leader.

The partners who have agreed to work together in making a success of the integration process that will be brought about in the Education and Training sub domain of the SARNET JPA are universities, technical service organizations (TSOs) national laboratories and industrial organizations. They bring enormous talent and experience to the joint programme. They also have the young as well as the more experienced personnel to make education and training a jointly beneficial activity. There are professors from universities who are internationally recognized and who love to teach and there are researchers from national laboratories whose research achievements are well documented. There are participants from the recently jointed and candidate Eastern European Countries who will not only bring the knowledge base needed to deal with the Soviet-designed reactors, but also bring the rigor of education that is practiced in Eastern Europe. The recently jointed and candidate Eastern European Countries also have relatively larger number of young persons enrolled in nuclear engineering profession as students and researchers. They would increase the pool of the future competent persons that are needed for the welfare of the nuclear industry in Greater Europe, which was born in 2004. We believe that we have assembled a great team of participants for the Excellence Spreading JPA.

Finally, during the period from April 2006 to September 2007, it is aimed to “spread excellence” via communication to other stakeholders (e.g., utilities, regulators, interested public organizations, etc.), by using the Internet (e.g., SARNET public web site), and through public fora.

### 3.2.4 Management activities

These activities mainly consist of:

- General coordination of the JPA;
- Financial coordination;
- Reporting;
- Diffusing information.

The technical coordination (knowledge generation, knowledge preservation and identification of needs in knowledge) more precisely consist in:

- Monitoring progresses;
- Checking release of deliverables in due time;
- Surveying milestones;
- Organizing technical reviews when necessary;
- Anticipating difficulties in carrying out the JPA and taking appropriate actions to overcome them;
- Making a synthesis of all recommendations coming from current projects for updating yearly the JPA;

- Managing the information system and making sure that access rights are fully respected;
- Implementing the decisions of the Governing Board.

The financial coordination consists in:

- Elaborating estimated budget for coming year;
- Monitoring expenses, in particular those partly or totally covered by the Community funds;
- Allocating Community funds in accordance with the Contract conditions, the Consortium agreement provisions and the decisions of the Governing Board;
- Establishing yearly cost statements for all the expenses of the JPA and funds allocated.

The Management Team yearly reports to the Commission and the Governing Board on the technical progress made in the JPA and on the financial status. It organizes the meetings (preparation, minutes) of the Governing Board, of the Advisory Committee and of the Ad-hoc Scientific Review Committee.

A large part of the management activities is also devoted to the dissemination of information and Knowledge inside and outside of the Network ([link with the Excellence Spreading activities](#)):

- Information on the progress made in the JPA;
- Information on main outcomes of the JPA;
- Information exchange between participants on their activities and specificities;
- Promotion of joint publications in open literature;
- Organization of annual conferences and topical seminars.

Beyond these tasks a large effort will be initiated two years after the beginning of SARNET to revise the Consortium Agreement in order to define the conditions, which will make possible the prolongation of the network after completion of the contract with the Commission.

### **3.3 Plan for using and disseminating knowledge**

As the main obstacle to integration of most of the experimental programmes is the need to raise funding at national and extra-national levels, a clear policy in terms of knowledge management, notably regarding access rights to experimental data produced within the network, is proposed to preserve the interests of the different organizations. For instance, data reports on “protected” experimental programmes are only be distributed to those members who need them to perform their part of the Joint Programme of Activities. Generally speaking, these members are already partners as co-funders in these programmes. In addition, it is planned to issue progress reports on these “protected” programmes, so as to provide any member with the opportunity to negotiate with the owners of these programmes the access to the data to participate to the joint research activities around them, or to use the knowledge in application out of SARNET; more, the Consortium members committed to grant the access rights for use outside of SARNET on fair and non-discriminatory conditions. In any case, the outcomes of these programmes are models to be implemented in ASTEC or in qualified databases thereby contributing to diffuse the knowledge to the members.

The dissemination will result from the activities of excellence spreading and efforts made by the organization producing basic knowledge to open data to other organisation especially organisations coming from the recently jointed and candidate Eastern European Countries.

The dissemination of knowledge results also from 2 other activities:

- the distribution of ASTEC by GRS and IRSN to end users under conditions defined in a specific software agreement;
- the publications and participations to conference.

Knowledge management is a key activity of the Management Team. It has the mission to:

- Coordinate the knowledge generation through joint projects of research activities,
- Monitor the knowledge integration in ASTEC,

- Make sure that the access rights and use rights as stipulated in the Consortium agreement are correctly implemented,
- Disseminate appropriate information on the knowledge by using electronic communication links and by organizing conferences/workshops,
- Preserve the knowledge in scientific databases with long-term maintenance capacities,
- Identify the missing knowledge (continuation of EURSAFE action).

As stated earlier in this report, efforts will be done to improve (both in terms of content and of attractiveness) the SARNET public WEB site, which is an appropriate vector for disseminating the knowledge.

Furthermore, at the strategic level, generated knowledge and proposed actions to acquire missing knowledge will be assessed by the Ad-hoc Scientific Review Committee, whereas the Governing Board will decide with the advice of end-user representatives upon the orientations to be taken regarding missing knowledge.

### 3.4 Milestones

#### 3.4.1 Major Milestones over full project duration

The Major Milestones of the project concern:

- the deployment of linking elements such as ASTEC and the ACT;
- the elaboration of a common research programme addressing important (for nuclear safety) pending issues commonly identified and validated by end users;
- the elaboration of a complete documentation for teaching and training in the domain of severe accidents;
- the revision of the Consortium Agreement in order to make possible the continuation of SARNET after the end of the contract with the Commission.

#### **T<sub>0</sub> + 1 year**

**MM1:** Full deployment of ASTEC. The code has been successfully implemented in all the organizations needing the code to carry on their tasks. Users have been trained (at least one trained user per organization). The corresponding efforts are provided by the so-called integrating activities (WP2).

**MM2:** The platform to be used to store experimental data has been defined. The data base feeding has been initiated. The corresponding efforts will be provided by the so-called integrating activities (WP6).

**Both milestones have been reached in due time.**

#### **T<sub>0</sub> + 2 years**

**MM3:** Full deployment of an ACT. The ACT is working and may be used by the contractors to access to SARNET documentation. The so-called Integrating Activities (WP1) will provide the corresponding efforts.

**MM4:** Revision 1 of EURSAFE. The research priorities of SARNET have been revised; the associated document describes the topics for which research and development are still required. The so-called Integrating Activities (WP7) will provide the corresponding efforts.

**MM5:** First edition of an integrated R&D SA programme. This document describes the strategy proposed by SARNET to tackle the pending issues important for reactor safety. A programme is proposed describing the research elements, but also the work distribution making the best of available competence and means. The definition of this common programme will constitute an important step toward the integration of the different national R&D strategies in the domain of severe accidents. The so-called Joint Research Activities (WP9-15) will provide the corresponding efforts.

**The three milestones have been reached in due time.**

#### **T<sub>0</sub> + 3 years**

**MM6:** Delivery of a fully assessed version of ASTEC, including developments requested by SARNET users for VVER type reactors. The so-called Integrating Activities (WP2-4) will provide the corresponding efforts.

**MM7:** Release of a SA book. The so-called Spreading of Excellence (WP18) will provide the corresponding efforts.

**MM8:** Completion of SA course. The so-called Spreading of Excellence (WP17) will provide the corresponding efforts.

**MM9:** First draft of the “post contract Consortium Agreement”. This point is particularly important since the so-called “post contract Consortium Agreement” will define the conditions in terms of organization and of funding making possible the continuation of SARNET beyond the Commission contract. An ad-hoc working group steered by the Governing Board will carry out this activity.

#### **T<sub>0</sub> + 4 years**

**MM10:** Revision 2 of EURSAFE conclusions

**MM11:** Update of the integrated R&D SA programme

**MM12:** Signature of the new CA

## **4 Quality of integration and performance indicators**

By its multidisciplinary structure, SARNET JPA is providing a frame for developing growing associations of complementary expertise towards covering adequately the whole range of the Physics involved in the severe accident area. Thus it is expected that, rather than trying to cover the whole range of phenomena, most organisations will progressively rely on the most competent ones for developing tools or performing tests. Thus, SARNET should lead at mid-term to a global saving at the European level in this area of research.

It is believed that ASTEC, with the strong support of the IRSN-GRS developer team, has all the qualities required to become one of the best codes in the world in reactor severe accident analysis. This is an excellent vector for integrating the research efforts of all participants, diffusing the accumulated knowledge and sharing the experience of each user.

The participants have signed a Memorandum of Understanding, making a commitment towards a deep and durable integration, beyond the period of the Community Contract. This Memorandum of Understanding is appended to this proposal.

To assess the success of the integration, it is proposed to measure the evolution of several indicators.

For monitoring the success of the electronic communication system:

- The number of SARNET member accesses to the SARNET Web site per month (I1);
- The number of collaborative documents elaborated and/or stored using ACT per year (I2);

For monitoring the success in using ASTEC and PSA methodology:

- The number of ASTEC users in SARNET (I3);
- The number of organisations using ASTEC for its own applications (reactor studies or test analyses) (I4);
- The number of industrial applications per year using ASTEC (I5);
- The number of Level 2 PSAs using methodology/recommendations developed by SARNET (I6).

For monitoring the success of developing collaboration in research activities:

- The number of access rights granted by contractors for applications in the frame of SARNET, or new partnerships with ISTC, VVER research programmes and advanced reactor research programmes related to Severe Accidents (I7);
- The fraction (in part of budgets) of research projects carried out in Europe that have been set-up under the aegis of SARNET per year (I8);

- The maximum number of associated organisations in a joint project (I9);
- The number of issues closed (I10);

For monitoring the scientific quality in collaborative research:

- The number of joint publications per year (I11);

For monitoring the success of the Education and Training activities and of the mobility plan:

- The number of attendees to SARNET courses or training sessions (I12);
- The number of researcher detachments (I13).

For monitoring the success of the dissemination of public knowledge:

- The number of presentation of SARNET activities in conferences (I14);
- The number of hours devoted to updating the SARNET web site for diffusing information outside SARNET (I15);
- The number of accesses to the Website from outside the Network (I16).

A yearly report on these indicators is released. Furthermore, after two years of SARNET, it appeared that some of the progress indicators are poorly adapted, so further reflexion will lead to modify some of them.

## **5 Detailed Joint Programme of Activities N°3 (JPA3) – month 25 to month 42**

### **5.1 Introduction – general description, milestones, measurable objectives**

The JPA3 for the month 25 to month 42 period keeps the same structure as the previous one. It is divided in 20 work packages, including 8 on integrating activities, 8 on jointly executed research activities, 3 on spreading excellence and 1 on management.

They are all follow up of actions initiated during the first periods, and will be conducted in parallel. The main measurable objectives of the JPA3 have been connected to milestones. They are:

- the organisation of 2 important events:
  - o ERMSAR 2007, European Review Meeting on Severe Accident Research and management, this event will be organised in Spring 2007 (before month 40);
  - o First course on severe accident management and PSA level 2, this course should be delivered during the first trimester on 2007 (before month 37);
- the release of 2 major documents related to ASTEC:
  - o Synthesis of ASTEC V1.2 validation (month 33);
  - o Synthesis of ASTEC V1.2 evaluation for plant applications (month 33);
- the release of a draft version of the revision of SARNET Consortium Agreement to be applied beyond the end of the contract with the EC;
- the definition of the JPA N°4 (month 37-month 48), with further efforts towards integration of research programmes;
- The finalized version of the first edition of an integrated R&D SA programme at month 36. This document describes the strategy proposed by SARNET to tackle the pending issues important for reactor safety. A programme is proposed describing the research elements, but also the work distribution making the best of available competence and means. The definition of this common programme will constitute an important step toward the integration of the different national R&D strategies in the domain of severe accidents. The so-called Joint Research Activities (WP9-15) will provide the corresponding efforts.
- the updated version of the mobility plan (month 36);
- and the final draft of the SA book (month 42).

For corium topic, the first two periods were dedicated to the promotion of networking activity through the description of facilities, codes and models and through the first joint interpretation efforts.

Inflexion in term of networking for the third period will consist in focussing corium topic activity on few benchmark exercises. So doing, we can strengthen the joint activity in term of interpretation and models improvement with output for ASTEC. Through reactor application, it is also the way to obtained information in term of remaining uncertainties with a feed back on priorities definition in relation with SARP. And finally, conclusions from these analyses will allow when it is justified the definition of joint experiments or models improvement.

Lessons learnt from JPA2 regarding Source Term were considered at the annual review meeting of this topic. It was concluded that more visible focus needed to be made on resolution of outstanding issues, with consequences on the organisation and reporting of the work, and that it should be clear that the needs of end users have been taken into account in the planning and execution of the work packages.

It has been found in the Source Term area that organising the work through technical circles, clustering organisations round specific safety issues, design and construction of experiments, interpretation of data etc., was the best way to proceed, bringing experimenters and modellers closer together. Following successful experience in JPA1 and JPA2, the number of such circles has been increased to about fifteen in JPA3. The end-of-year deliverables have also been revised. In addition to a general annual report, a more detailed report will be provided from each work package, with chapters corresponding to each technical circle.

Each chapter will include experimental, interpretation and modelling parts. In this way, progress towards resolution will be more transparent; each issue is treated in one place rather than scattered about separate reports on experiments, interpretation and modelling, as before. This organisation also favours publication, initially at conferences but later in the open literature as the work matures, as all relevant information is collected in one place. Detailed technical material will be documented in 'P' series technical reports, as now, while issues not covered so far will be identified in the annual report.

On end-user needs, several ST members are from industry (EdF, Fortum, Framatome-ANP, VTT, AECL), from organisations acting as contractors to industry (AEAT, UJV etc.), and organisations with a regulatory element (CEA, GRS etc.). Thus, needs of end-user organisations are taken into account directly at the technical working level. Also, the ST coordinating organisation, PSI, performs contract work for industry and regulator, and thus is familiar with their concerns. Furthermore, the ST area has been active in cooperating with the SARP area where industry is strongly represented. Thus, it is felt that end-user interests are sufficiently taken into account through these involvements. Cooperation with outside organisations and projects such as Phebus FP ISTP and ISTC has also been successfully initiated, with common technical meetings being held in the first two of these, and attempts will be made to increase the scope of this in JPA3. This also helps to focus the international relevance of the work.

## 5.2 Work package list/overview

**WARNING:** The lead contractors identified in the following tables may change during the execution of the JPA.

### SARNET Work package list (42 months)

In bold N° of deliverables to be produced during the 3<sup>rd</sup> JPA (JPA3: April 2006 – September 2007)

Work-package No	Work package title	Lead contractor No	Start month	End month	Deliverable N°
<i>Integrating activities</i>					
WP1	Development of an Advanced Communication Tool (ACT)	23	1	>48	1, 3, 43

Work-package No	Work package title	Lead contractor No	Start month	End month	Deliverable N°
WP2	ASTECS Users Support and Training, Integration and Adaptation (USTIA)	1	1	>48	6,7, 34, 35, 46, <b>47, 48</b>
WP3	ASTECS PHYsical Model Assessment (PHYMA)	1	1	>48	6, 8, 30,46, <b>76, 80</b>
WP4	ASTECS Reactor Application and Benchmarking (RAB)	1-23	1	>48	6, 9, 31, 46, <b>77</b>
WP5	Level 2 PSA methodology and advanced tools (PSA2)	1	1	>48	36, 37, 38,70, <b>71,72, 73,75,97,99, 100,101,102</b>
WP6	Implementation of Experimental Database (IED)	28	1	>48	2, 39, <b>79</b>
WP7	Definition of Severe Accident Research Priorities (SARP)	23	6	42	40, <b>67,96</b>
WP8	Integration Assessment (IA)	1	9	48	10, 49, <b>81</b>
<i><b>Joint research activities</b></i>					
WP9	EARLY phase core degradation (EARLY)	7	1	36	11,12,13,14, 15,49,50,51, 52,53,54, <b>82, 83</b>
WP10	Late-phase Core Degradation and Vessel behaviour (LATVES)	7	1	36	11,12,13,14, 15,49,50,51, 52,53,54, <b>82, 84</b>
WP11	EX-Vessel Corium REcovery (EXCORE)	7	1	36	11,12,13,14, 15,49,50,51, 52,53,54, <b>82, 85</b>
WP12	Hydrogen Behaviour in Containment (HBC)	21	1	36	16,17,18,19, 20,49,55,56, 57,58,59, <b>86, 87</b>
WP13	Fast Interactions in Containment (FIC)	21	1	36	16,17,18,19, 20,49,55,56, 57,58,59, <b>86, 88</b>
WP14	Fission Product Release and Transport (FPRT)	36	1	36	21,22,23,24, 25,49,60,61, 62,63,64, <b>89, 90</b>
WP15	AEROSol Behaviour impact on source term (AEROB)	36	1	36	21,22,23,24, 25,49,60,61, 62,63,64, <b>89, 91</b>

Work-package No	Work package title	Lead contractor No	Start month	End month	Deliverable N°
WP16	CONTainment CHEMistry Impact on source term (CONTCHEM)	36	1	36	21,22,23,24, 25,49,60,61, 62,63,64, <b>89, 92</b>
<i>Spreading of excellence activities</i>					
WP17	Education and Training (ET)	32	1	>48	32,33,41, <b>78, 104</b>
WP18	BOOK on severe accident phenomenology (BOOK)	32	1	>48	42, <b>69,103</b>
WP19	MOBility programme (MOB)	32	1	>48	4, 5,45; <b>68</b>
<i>Management activities</i>					
WP20	MANAGement (MANAG)	1	1	>48	26,27,28,29, 44,65,66,67, <b>93,94,95,98</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>66 + <u>38</u></b>

WP1 is essential for making easier the communication between the Coordinator and all the participants and reducing the number of meetings. The main development effort has been produced during the first year, beyond this year a lower but constant effort will be produced to improve the tool - which is already an efficient tool, widely used by the SARNET participants - and support users.

ASTEC WP2 to WP4 are continuous actions. WP2 is a key one for a strong use of the code and for extending its capacity to most of water-cooled NPPs in Europe. In addition, WP2 is a key node in the integration process of the knowledge generated by the research activities in WP 9 to WP16.

WP3 to WP5 are providing information on which topics the research must focus.

WP6 will make easier the access to the data for model qualification (WP3) and also contribute to knowledge preservation and diffusion.

WP 7 will use this as an input together with the states of the art and the recommendations issued by research activities, WP9 to WP15, to make appropriate recommendations to the Governing Board on the orientations to be given to the research in SARNET.

WP8 allows a good monitoring of the progress as regards integration.

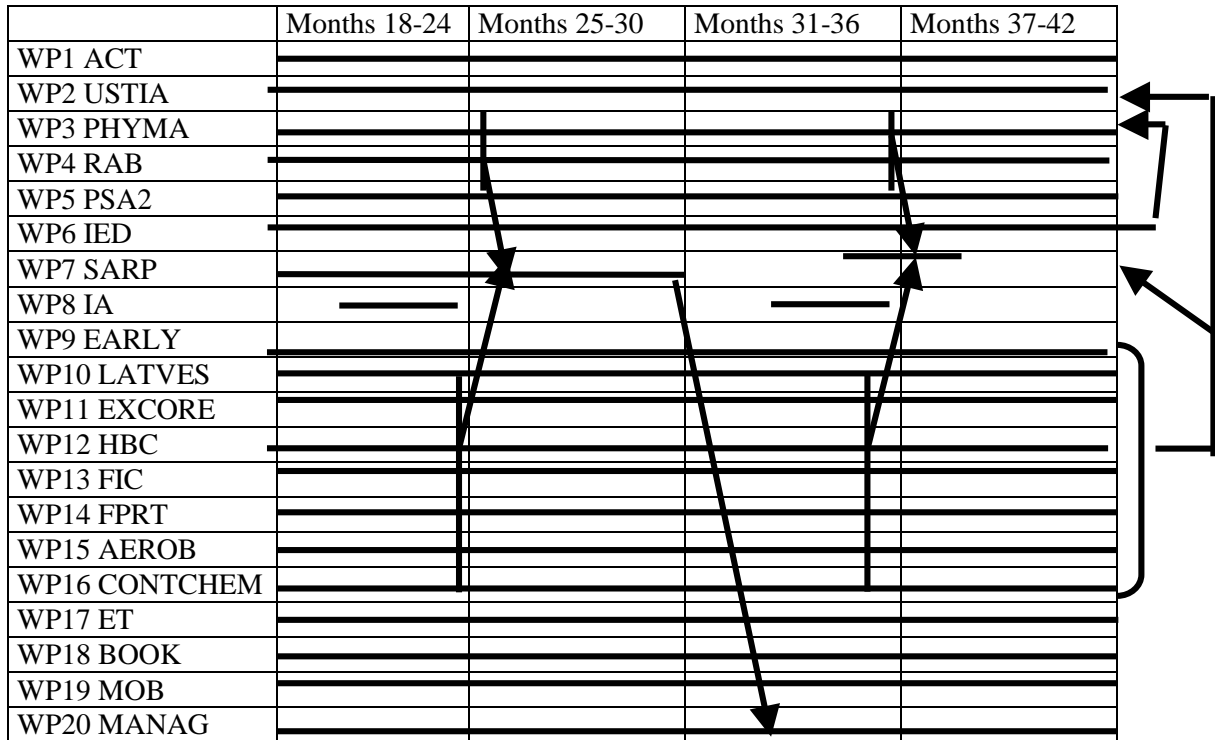
WP9 to WP16 are focused on the issues identified by EURSAFE as being remaining outstanding safety issues. They will contribute to resolve them while promoting the development of collaborations between participants.

WP17 to WP19 have the mission to contribute to the spreading of excellence. They will have links with WP2 on ASTEC, WP5 on PSAs and more generally all research activity WPs.

WP20 will have a strong interface with all the WPs.

### 5.3 Graphical presentation of work packages

The main links between the WPs are illustrated below:



#### 5.4 Detailed description, planning and time table

The following tables present the different work packages. A summary of the deliverables is given at the end of the section. The person-months per participant are indicated when they correspond to a significant involvement of the contractor (larger than 0.5 m-m).

## Development of an Advanced Communication Tool (ACT)

<b>Work package number</b>	1			<b>Start date or starting event:</b>							13		
<b>Activity Type</b>	Integrating activities												
<b>Participant id</b>	23	1											
<b>Person-months per participant</b>	5												

### Objectives

Maintenance of the ACT, user support, evaluation of users' feedback and structuring of the information content of the ACT. Maintenance and extension of the Web Site

### Description of work

Note that task 1.1 to 1.4 have been achieved during SARNET first year.

ACT and the SARNET public web site have been developed during the first year of SARNET project. The follow-up described below concerns only the maintenance of ACT and the update of information available on the public WEB-Site.

The work will be split in five tasks:

#### Task 1.5: Maintenance of the ACT

- Maintenance of the Server (Software upgrades)
- Maintenance of the ACT (user administration, administration of user rights, backup and restore facilities)

#### Task 1.6: Support of Users

- Extension of online help facility
- Support in handling document management and collaboration features of the ACT
- Help in setting up new shared sites and workspaces

#### Task 1.7: Evaluation of user feedback and extension of functionality (if required)

- Evaluation of a survey conducted to assess the user satisfaction
- Evaluation of proposals for improvement of existing functionality
- Development of new functionality (if required)

#### Task 1.8: Structuring and mapping the information content of the ACT

- Classification of information according to relevance
- Construction of an information and knowledge map for facilitating dissemination and exploitation of project results

#### Task 1.9: Extending the public Web Site

Addition of information and of important, publicly accessible documents as the project evolves

### Deliverables

Contribution to SARNET progress Report at month 36: D94

### Milestones and expected result

Continuous updating and improvement of ACT and of public Web site.

Improvements in the ACT according to user feedback

## ASTEC Users Support and Training, Integration and Adaptation (USTIA)

<b>Work package number</b>	2				<b>Start date or starting event:</b>							25			
<b>Activity Type</b>	Integrating activities														
<b>Participant id</b>	1	4	6	7	10	13	15	16	18	21	23	24	25		
<b>Person-months per participant</b>	13.5	1	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	18	6		
<b>Participant id</b>	26	27	30	31	32	33	35	36	37	42	43	46	47		
<b>Person-months per participant</b>	1	1	1	1	12	9	1	1.1	1	1	1	1	1.5		
<b>Participant id</b>	49	51	53	54											
<b>Person-months per participant</b>	1	1	1	1											

### Objectives

Distribute the code versions and their documentation to code users.

Provide a support for code users.

Organize information exchange between ASTEC users.

Capitalize the knowledge by integration of models proposed in the 3 SARNET Topics Corium, Containment and Source Term.

Improve and adapt the code to meet the users requirements, particularly the extension to most types of reactors.

### Description of work

**Task 2.1:** Code release and support to code users.

The IRSN-GRS team will:

- analyse the requests of ASTEC users and propose solutions (error corrections, minor development)
- update the code and make these updates available
- deliver code versions and documentation: ASTEC V1.3 release in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2006 and V1.4 mid-07 to all SARNET partners.

**Task 2.2.** Users Club

All the organizations participating to the Integral Code JPA will participate to the ASTEC Users Club. Periodically Users Club meetings will be organized in order to: exchange information on the code use; examine the code status regarding its development and assessment; examine users requests and discuss their priority; prepare recommendations to be addressed to the Governing Board. The 2<sup>nd</sup> User Club meeting is planned in June 2006 (it will also serve as 3<sup>rd</sup> ASTEC progress meeting).

The ASTEC Web site will be developed and maintained to make easier exchange of information and documents between maintenance team and users (link with ACT in WP1).

**Task 2.3.** Training and learning

All the organisations involved in the Integral Code JPA will participate to this activity (host, teach or learn). Training sessions will be periodically organized. E-learning will be organized (on ASTEC Web site) and maintained. A specific training course will be organized by GRS in 2006 on ATLAS graphical tool for processing ASTEC results.

During the JPA3 period, one training session on code use for beginners could be organized (if judged necessary by partners) in early 2007. The organisation of specialized training sessions for experienced users must be discussed with all partners and prepared probably in late JPA3 or JPA4).

**Task 2.4:** Code developments (in continuity of JPA2 work)

- Update and/or completion of general specifications for the extension to BWR, CANDU and RBMK (only initiated in JPA2), then writing of detailed specifications and start of model adaptations,
- Specifications of models of the different systems for SAM as requested by ASTEC users,
- Permanent synthesis of requests on ASTEC development, issued from outcomes of the Users' Club meetings and of other WP of SARNET (corium, containment, source term, PSA2). This will be used mid-06 as inputs for detailed IRSN-GRS specifications of the versions ASTEC V2.
- Model developments by partners to improve the existing modelling (including those issued from outcomes of other SARNET Topics).

**Deliverables**

Progress Report on ASTEC adaptation to different NPP and new safety systems (D47) at 33 months  
Progress Report on ASTEC modelling developments or improvements by partners (D48) at 33 months  
3<sup>rd</sup> annual general Progress Report on topic ASTEC (D80) at 36 months

**Milestones and expected result**

Delivery of ASTEC V1.3 in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2006  
ASTEC V2 development plan end of 2006  
Second Users club meeting in June 2006  
Second users' training session in early 2007

### Project Planning Time Table

WP2 Tasks	USTIA	Lead. 1	Months 25 - 30	Months 31 - 36	Months 37 - 42
<b>MEETINGS</b>			M		M
		<b>Part. Id.</b>			
2.1	V1.3 release of code and user documentation	1, 23	----- →WP3 →WP4	D80	
	V1.4 release of code and user documentation	1, 23			----- →WP3 →WP4
2.2	Users clubs	1, 23 + Users	M		---M
	ASTEC Web site update	1	-----	-----D80	----- →WPI
2.3	Training session	1, 23 + Users	M (ATLAS)	--M	
	E-learning	1, 23		-----D80	----- →WPI
2.4	Adaptation to other reactors and systems	1, 23, 24, 25, 32, 33, 36, 53	-----D47	-----D80	-----
	Model developments	7	-----D48	-----D80	-----
	Integration of requirements for V2 develop. plan	1, 23	-----	-----	

—————> Indicates main dependences between tasks

Users = 1, 4, 6, 7, 10, 13, 15, 16, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 42, 43, 46, 47, 49, 51, 53, 54

## ASTEC Physical Model Assessment (PHYMA)

<b>Work package number</b>	3			<b>Start date or starting event:</b>								25	
<b>Activity Type</b>	Integrating activities												
<b>Participant id</b>	1	4	6	7	10	13	16	21	23	24	26	27	30
<b>Person-months per participant</b>	9	3.5	2	4	10	3.5	9	8	4.5	5	3	6	17
<b>Participant id</b>	31	33	36	37	43	47	54						
<b>Person-months per participant</b>	5	1	0.5	2	5.5	3	1						

### Objectives

Assess the physical models of the ASTEC code through comparison to experimental results.

### Description of work

This activity consists of comparison of ASTEC with experimental data; exceptionally experimental data can be replaced by results provided by detailed reference codes, whose models are mainly more detailed and assessed than the ASTEC ones (example: CFD codes compared to CPA multi-compartment containment part of ASTEC).

The work organization during the JPA3 period is:

**Task 3.1:** Completion of partners' assessment of ASTEC V1.2.

**Task 3.2:** Assessment work for the version V1.3 based on the large validation matrix defined in JPA2. A regular distribution of work will be searched between all physical phenomena and between NPP specificities. This phase will extend until the JPA3 end.

**Task 3.3:** Update of the general validation matrix.

This activity will be shared between 18 organisations, according to their competence:

- In-vessel phenomena (thermal hydraulic and degradation phenomena): CEA, ENEA, FZK, IKE, INRNE, IRSN, IVS, JRC-Petten, UJV, BNRA
- Ex-vessel corium (MCCI, corium cooling, DCH): ARCS, UPI, FZK, GRS, IRSN, TUS, UJV,
- Containment thermalhydraulic behaviour: CIEMAT, UPI, ENEA, GRS, IRSN, JRC Petten, LEI,
- Source term: CIEMAT, ENEA, GRS, IRSN, JRC Petten, JSI, PSI, RUB, TUS
- Integral tests (Phébus.FP): IRSN, JRC Petten

### Deliverables

Synthesis of ASTEC V1.2 validation (D76) at 33 months

3<sup>rd</sup> yearly general Progress Report on topic ASTEC (D80) at 36 months

### Milestones and expected result

ASTEC V1.2 validation at 33 months

ASTEC V1.3 validation at 45 months

### Project Planning Time Table

WP3 Tasks	PHYMA	Lead. 1	Months 25 - 30	Months 31 - 36	Months 37 - 42	
<b>MEETINGS</b>			<b>M</b>		<b>M</b>	
		<b>Part. Id.</b>				
<b>3.1 (with ASTECC V1.2)</b>	<b>In-vessel corium</b>	<i>CIV</i>	-----	<b>D76 D80</b>		
	<b>Ex-vessel corium</b>	<i>CEV</i>	-----			
	<b>Containment</b>	<i>CCO</i>	-----			→ WP2
	<b>FP</b>	<i>CFP</i>	-----			
	<b>Integral tests</b>	<i>CIT</i>	-----			
<b>3.2 (with ASTECC V1.3)</b>	<b>In vessel corium</b>	<i>CIV</i>	-----	-----	-----	
	<b>Ex vessel corium</b>	<i>CEV</i>	-----	-----	-----	
	<b>Containment</b>	<i>CCO</i>	-----	-----	<b>D80</b>	
	<b>FP</b>	<i>CFP</i>	-----	-----	-----	
	<b>Integral tests</b>	<i>CIT</i>	-----	-----	-----	
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Validation matrix update</b>	<i>All</i>	-----	<b>D80</b>	-----	

-----> Indicates dependence between tasks

*CIV*= 1, 7, 16, 21, 24, 26, 27, 30, 47

*CEV*= 1, 4, 13, 21, 23, 43, 47

*CCO*= 1, 10, 13, 16, 23, 30,

*CFP*= 1, 10, 16, 23, 30, 31, 36, 37,54

*CIT*= 1, 23, 30

## ASTEC Reactor Application and Benchmarking (RAB)

<b>Work package number</b>	4		<b>Start date or starting event:</b>							25			
<b>Activity Type</b>	Integrating activities												
<b>Participant id</b>	1	6	13	15	16	18	23	24	25	26	27	32	33
<b>Person-months per participant</b>	9	6	4.5	2.6	8	2.6	8	3.5	14	16	11	6	8
<b>Participant id</b>	35	36	42	43	46	49	51	53	54				
<b>Person-months per participant</b>	2.7	0.5	3	6	11	13	19	2	4				

### Objectives

Evaluate and improve the capability of ASTEC to simulate reactor transients.

### Description of work

This activity will provide inputs for the WP2 and WP7. The reactor transients will concern 5 types of reactors: PWR, BWR, VVER, CANDU and RBMK. ASTEC will be compared on reactor transients with the integral codes MELCOR and MAAP and with some specialized codes such as: ICARE/CATHARE, ATHLET-CD, RELAP-SCDAP, COCOSYS, TONUS ...

The work organization during the JPA3 18-months period is:

**Task 4.1:** Assessment work to complete for ASTEC V1.2 the benchmarking activity that started in JPA2.

**Task 4.2:** Reactor calculation and benchmarking activity with the version V1.3 using the large reactor sequence matrix defined in JPA2. This phase will extend until the JPA3 end.

**Task 4.3:** Update of the ASTEC reference input decks for PWR and VVER reactor applications (and progressively for RBMK, CANDU and BWR reactors).

This activity will be shared between 22 partners. The application scope will be extended to other accident scenarios or to other SAM than in JPA2. Some benchmarks could focus on specific parts of the sequences. Most partners will contribute to the evaluation of ASTEC applicability for PWR (see project time table). Only partial code applications to BWR, CANDU and RBMK will be studied (waiting for further model adaptation in USTIA WP).

The extension of ASTEC applicability for other reactor types than PWR will be analysed as follows:

- BWR: IKE, KTH
- VVER-440: BUTE, IVS, UJD, VEIKI, VUJE
- VVER-1000: INRNE, KTH, TUS, UPI, BNRA
- CANDU: INR, AECL
- RBMK: LEI

### Deliverables

Synthesis of ASTEC V1.2 benchmarking activity (D77) at 33 months

3<sup>rd</sup> yearly general Progress Report on topic ASTEC (D80) at 36 months

### Milestones and expected result

ASTEC V1.2 evaluation for reactor applications at 33 months

ASTEC V1.3 evaluation for reactor applications at 45 months

**Project Planning Time Table**

WP4 Tasks	RAB	Lead. 1	Months 25 - 30	Months 31 - 36	Months 37 - 42
<b>MEETINGS</b>					<b>M</b>
		<b>Part. Id.</b>			
<b>4.1</b> (ASTEC V1.2)	<b>PWR</b>	<i>CPR</i>	-----	-----	} <b>D77</b> → WP2, WP7  <b>D80</b>
	<b>VVER-1000</b>	<i>CVIR</i>	-----	-----	
	<b>VVER-440</b>	<i>CV4R</i>	-----	-----	
	<b>RBMK</b>	33	-----	-----	
	<b>CANDU</b>	25, 53	-----	-----	
	<b>BWR</b>	23, 24, 32	-----	-----	
<b>4.2</b> (ASTEC V1.3)	<b>PWR</b>	<i>CPR</i>		-----	-----
	<b>VVER-1000</b>	<i>CVIR</i>		-----	-----
	<b>VVER-440</b>	<i>CV4R</i>		-----	-----
	<b>RBMK</b>	33		-----	-----
	<b>CANDU</b>	25, 53		-----	-----
	<b>BWR</b>	23, 24, 32		-----	-----
<b>4.3</b>	<b>Update of input deck data base</b>	1, 23, 25, 26, 32, 33, 42, 51	-----	-----D80	→ WP2

—————>Indicates dependence between tasks

*CPR* = 1, 15, 16, 18, 23, 24, 35, 36, 42  
*CVIR* = 13, 26, 32, 43, 54  
*CV4R* = 6, 27, 46, 49, 51

## Level 2 PSA Methodology and Advanced Tools (PSA2)

<b>Work package number</b>	5				<b>Start date or starting event:</b>					25				
<b>Activity Type</b>	Integrating activities													
<b>Participant id</b>	1	5	7	11	15	19	23	25	30	33	34	36	39	
<b>Person-months per participant</b>	5,5	2,5	3	22	2,5	3	3,5	2,5	3	2,5	2,5	2,5	2,5	
<b>Participant id</b>	43	44	47	49										
<b>Person-months per participant</b>	2,5	4	2,5	2,5										

### Objectives

Compare, improve and harmonize the methodologies used for developing Level 2 PSA within European countries and share effort to develop advanced tools, as far as they are required.

Identify most critical knowledge difficulties in continuation with EURSAFE for R&D prioritisation.

Adapt methodologies for application to the reactor types used in the NAS countries.

### Description of work

Task 5.1: Comparison of Level 2 PSA approaches, identification of improvement needs and recommendations of methods:

- A proposal of possible harmonized methods to assess hydrogen combustion and immediate consequences of vessel breach at high or intermediate primary pressure will be done (part of D71 deliverable),
- Partners' methods to take into account melt corium and concrete interaction and to assess iodine releases will be described and a proposal of possible harmonized methods will be done (second part of D71 deliverable),
- A review of main existing guidelines for level 2 PSA development will be achieved (Deliverable D75) with a priority to international guidelines,
- On the base of partners' own definitions comparison for "large early releases frequency" and for "reactor safe state", and as far as possible, harmonized definitions will be provided (deliverable D99),
- A tentative of generalization of harmonized methods to take into account in a level 2 PSA the different physical phenomena will be undertaken (part of deliverable D100) ,
- On the base of partners' methods detailed description and comparison, common views on Plant damage states (PDS) and level 1/level 2 interface variables definition will be searched, advantages and disadvantages of integrated level 1/level 2 PSA, requirements for probabilistic software for such PSA will be identified (tasks proposed to be initiated in April 2007 to be continued during JPA4).

Task 5.2: Comparison of methodologies for assessment of uncertainties and identification of improvement and harmonization needs:

- Preparation of a proposal of possible harmonized methods to assess uncertainties hydrogen combustion and immediate consequences of vessel breach will be done (first part of D72 deliverable),
- Description of partners' methods to take into account uncertainties in melt corium and concrete interaction (MCCI) and to assess uncertainties in iodine releases and proposing possible harmonized methods will be done (second part of D72 deliverable); concerning MCCI, the state of validation of the codes used should be considered in the uncertainties assessment,
- Tentative of generalization of harmonized methods to take into account in a level 2 PSA the uncertainties for the different physical phenomena (part of deliverable D100),
- A review of possible software that could be used for uncertainty and sensitivity methods will be achieved (deliverable +5).

Task 5.3: Improvement of event tree methodology using dynamic reliability techniques:

- The benchmark exercise concerning hydrogen combustion will be achieved in two phases (without considering uncertainties and then considering uncertainties) (deliverable D97),
- The development of SDTPD theory will be continued in the perspective of more global applications and considering possible ASTEC "coupling" (including necessary software development). To perform these tasks, it will be asked for SARNET support for a two year PhDs or post PhDs work combined with a sixth month mobility programme.

**Deliverables**

Report of probabilistic software comparison for level 2 PSA application (D 70) at 24 months)

Report on recommendations of best estimated methods to take into account hydrogen combustion, consequences of vessel breach, MCCI, iodine releases in a level 2 PSA (D 71) at 30 months

Report on recommendations on best estimated methods to take into account uncertainties on hydrogen combustion, MCCI, iodine releases in a level 2 PSA (D 72) at 30 months

Status report on dynamic reliability methods application to level 2 PSA (D73) at 30 months

Review of existing guidelines for level 2 PSA development (D75) at 32 months

Results of the benchmark exercise for application of dynamic reliability methods (D97) at 36 months

Definitions of "large early releases " and of "reactor safe states" in the frame of a level 2 PSA (D99) at 42 months

Report on recommendations of methods to take into account physical phenomena in a level 2 PSA (D100) at 42 months

Review of software that could be used for uncertainty and sensitivity methods in support of PSA level 2 (D101) at 42 months

Status report on SDTPD method development (D102) at 42 months

**Milestones and expected results**

2 general meetings per year expected : coordination of the activities

First proposal of methods harmonization (D71, D72) at 30 months: harmonization of partners' methods

Results of benchmark exercise for dynamic reliability methods (D97) at 36 months: conclusions concerning dynamic reliability methods and possible improvement of classical methods

Proposal for harmonization (D99, D100) at 42 months: harmonization of partners' methods

## Project Planning Time Table

WP5 Tasks	PSA2	Lead. 5	Months 25 - 30	Months 31-36	Months 37-42
<b>MEETINGS (see Tasks)</b>					
		<b>Part. Id.</b>			
<b>5.1</b>	<b>Comparison</b>	<i>List 5.1</i>	<b>D71</b> →WP2	<b>D75</b>	<b>D99</b> <b>D100</b>
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Uncertainty</b>	<i>List 5.2</i>	<b>D72</b> →WP2		<b>D100</b> <b>D101</b>
<b>5.3</b>	<b>Dynamic reliability</b>	<i>List 5.3</i>	<b>D73</b>	<b>D97</b>	<b>D102</b>

*List 5.1:* 1, 5, 11, 15, 19, 23, 25, 33, 34, 36, 39, 43, 47, 49

*List 5.2:* 1, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 30, 33, 34, 36, 39, 43, 47, 49

*List 5.3:* 1, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 25, 33, 36, 44, 47, 49

## Implementation of Experimental Database (IED)

<b>Work package number</b>	6		<b>Start date or starting event:</b>								25		
<b>Activity Type</b>	Integrating activities												
<b>Participant id</b>	28	1	3	7	10	17	21	23	32	50			
<b>Person-months per participant</b>	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	3.5	4.5	4.5	4.5			

### Objectives

Provide SARNET with, develop and maintain an instrument that ensures preservation, easy access for codes, exchange and processing of Severe Accident experimental data

### Description of work

Task 6.2: Introducing in the network of GRS organisations that was not part of the EURSAFE activity on the data base, and support to the others:

- Creation of local STRESA nodes for the newcomers
- Organisation of one-week training for these organisations

Providing support for establishing the links with communication tool developed in WP1.

Task 6.3: Completing the existing EURSAFE database network developed from STRESA structure with the other available severe accident data of the participating organisations.

- Data from PLINIUS platform: VULCANO, COLIMA (CEA)
- Data from KJET, PREMIX, ECO, QUEOS, DISCO (FZK)
- Data from FOREVER, KMFCI, POMEKO (KTH)
- Data from Phébus.FP (FPT0, FPT1) and VERCORS (IRSN)
- Data from CODEX: core degradation bundle tests (AEKI)
- Data from VICTORIA and HORIZON: Helium and aerosol experiments (FORTUM)

### Deliverables

Data base catalogue (D79) at 36 months

### Milestones and expected result

## Project Planning Time Table

WP6 Tasks	IED	Lead. 28	Months 25 - 30	Months 31-36	Months 37-42
<b>MEETINGS</b>			M		
		<b>Part. Id.</b>			
<b>6.2</b>	Deployment by partners 23	<i>List 6.2</i>	----- -	----- ↓	
	Deployment continuation and user support	28	-----	-----	-----
<b>6.3</b>	Data Base Completion	<i>List 6.3</i>	-----	----- <b>D79</b>	-----

*List 6.2:* 28, 23

*List 6.3:* 28, 1, 3, 7, 10,17, 21, 23, 32, 50

## Definition of Severe Accident Research Priorities (SARP)

<b>Work package number</b>	7			<b>Start date or starting event:</b>					25				
<b>Activity Type</b>	Integrating activities												
<b>Participant id</b>	23	1	7	15	21	32	43	50					
<b>Person-months per participant</b>	4.5	3	3	3	3	3	3	2					

### Objectives

Prioritise the research to be performed in the field of severe accident phenomena and management, notably using the results of EURSAFE, and ASTEC and Level 2 PSA work packages

### Description of work

- Agree on methodology
- Review issues resulting from EURSAFE not appropriately covered by SARNET
- Analyse R&D progresses and results from Level 2 PSA studies
- Review issues ranking
- Review potential experimental and theoretical programmes to address these issues
- Make recommendations for R&D programme revision

### Deliverables

Updated version of SARNET R&D strategic plan, with if necessary revision of the R&D priority index (D96) at 39 months.

### Milestones and expected result

Updated SARNET Integrated R&D elaborated in the frame of Joint Research Activities WPs at 39 months: D96

## Project Planning Time Table

WP7 Tasks	SARP	Lead. 23	Months 25 - 30	Months 31-36	Months 37-42
<b>MEETINGS</b>			<b>M</b>		
		<b>Part. Id.</b>			
<b>7.2</b>	<b>Revision of EURSAFE conclusions/ proposals</b>	<i>List 7</i>	-----	-----	----- <b>D96</b> <b>JRA →</b>

*List 7:* 23, 1, 7, 15, 21, 32, 43, 50

The JRA (Joint Research Activities) provide inputs during the revision process.

The revision leads to recommendations to be integrated in the update of the JRA.

## Integration Assessment (IA)

<b>Work package number</b>	8			<b>Start date or starting event:</b>				33			
<b>Activity Type</b>	Integrating activities										
<b>Participant id</b>	1	7	21	23	32	36					
<b>Person-months per participant</b>	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5					

### Objectives:

To monitor the progress of the network and propose corrective actions in order to reach the SARNET objectives.

### Description of work

Task yearly carried out, 3 months before the release of the annual report.

The Coordinator, concerned Scientific Coordinators and some WP leaders carry out the work.

The work consists in:

- Collecting the information necessary to measure the evolution of the 16 indicators defined in chapter 7;
- Analysing the results, and propose if necessary JPA corrective actions;
- Proposing the revision of the list in order to make easier the assessment.

For the second year, the evolution of only one part of the indicators will be significant:

- I1: number of member accesses to the Web site
- I2: number of collaborative documents elaborated and/or stored using ACT
- I3: number of ASTEC users in SARNET
- I4: The number of organisations using ASTEC for its own applications
- I7: the number of access rights granted to contractors for application in SARNET
- I11: the number of joint publications/communications
- I12: the number of attendees to SARNET course or topical trainings
- I13: the number of researcher detachment
- I14: the number of presentations of SARNET
- I15: the number of hours devoted to updating SARNET Web site
- I16: the number of access to the Website

### Deliverables

Annual assessment report D81 at 36 months

### Milestones and expected result

Continuous improvement of the process leading to fulfil SARNET objectives.

## Early-phase core degradation (EARLY)

<b>Work package number</b>	9			<b>Start date or starting event:</b>						25			
<b>Activity Type</b>	Other specific activities												
<b>Participant id</b>	1	15	16	21	23	25	26	29	36	41	47		
<b>Person-months per participant</b>	5,6	2,7	4,5	7,8	2,25	2,4	13,5	4,5	4,5	1	3,25		

### Objectives

These issues result from:

- Selection of the research issue N°1.1 in 5<sup>th</sup> FWP EURSAFE project with following selection rationale: rapid generation of hydrogen which may not be accommodated by re-combiners and risk of early containment failure; improve knowledge about the magnitude of hydrogen generation.
- Conclusions of the COLOSS 5<sup>th</sup> FWP project and preparation of Phébus FPT3 test which showed needs of improvements of understanding and modelling of B<sub>4</sub>C impact on core degradation. Same conclusions for irradiated fuel dissolution.
- For oxidation and hydrogen production in a damaged core, oxidation by air has been stressed during EURSAFE PIRT exercise. Ranked at level 2 for core degradation there is nevertheless a strong impact of oxidising environment on the fuel and on the fission products release especially for Ruthenium. Initially addressed in WP14, the Zircaloy oxidation by air or by steam-air mixtures issue will be identified separately within WP-9 and constitute the initial conditions fuels rods behaviour and fission products release. The phenomenon of air oxidation may also occur during abnormal fuel management operations.

A more complete understanding is needed on the following physical processes: hydrogen generation during core reflooding conditions (esp. oxidation of metal-rich mixtures), B<sub>4</sub>C and fuel burn-up impact on core degradation for various atmosphere conditions (steam, air and steam/air mixtures), and more generally the remaining questions in the core degradation early-phase (in particular, oxidation of clad with advanced alloys and hydrogen generation during melt relocation into water present in the vessel lower plenum).

The main WP objective will be the progressive integration of the R&D capacities on these issues, in order to better coordinate the research activities and optimise the available competences and resources. This will be done particularly through:

- Joint investigation of the physical processes in order to reach a common understanding through syntheses on experimental programs and on their interpretation.
- Development of adequate models for the above physical processes to be implemented into ASTEC.

This will lead to the definition and proposal of a joint R&D programme (models, experiments) to solve this issue, either by re-orientation of existing programmes or by launching new ones.

### Description of work

**Task 9.1.** Continuation of review and selection of available experiments/models for interpretation and modelling activities. Joint recommendations on the test specifications (design and test matrix...).

Main experiments (separate-effect tests or integral tests): QUENCH (incl. ISTC-1648 frame), SETs, experiments of dissolution of fuel (UO<sub>2</sub>, MOX) by Zry, MAESTRO plat-form, INR experiment and ISTC-PARAMETER. Extension of the air oxidation experimental kernel to included INR experimental activity in the definition of a joint test matrix. QUENCH-12 preparation through pre-calculations.

**Task 9.2.** Synthesis of analyses and interpretations of selected experiments from above Task, using different models and/or codes (or thermodynamic databases such as NUCLEA).

After the work performed during the two first period to select experiments and review existing codes and models, joint activity strengthened by the promotion of benchmarking activity. Benchmark exercises around QUENCH-10, QUENCH-11 and PHEBUS FPT3 (focus on boron carbide effect in connection with BIC activities). QUENCH 11 benchmark will be coordinated by a new WP9 partner, INRNE, with the support of FzK.

Main codes: ICARE/CATHARE, SCDAP/RELAP5, SCDAPSIM, ATHLET-CD, MELCOR, ASTEC.

**Task 9.3.** Model synthesis and proposal of models to be implemented into ASTEC.

The joint activity for this task will follow the conclusion of benchmark exercises. Contribution from national program can be reported in an updated of 2<sup>nd</sup> period deliverables D53.

**Task 9.4.** Synthesis of plant applications. The objective is to evaluate progress performed and remaining uncertainties in order to define in connection with SARP the priorities for the next R&D period.

No reactor application in jointly way is foreseen for WP9 during the third period. To be considered during the fourth period.

**Deliverables**

Progress report on CORIUM topic (D82) at 36 months

WP9 report on benchmark activities (D83) at 36 months

**Milestones and expected result**

Technical milestones associated to benchmark exercises are detailed on road map defined by sub-topics leaders.

Third period conclusion meeting, assessment of work and definition of future joint R&D at 39 months

## Project Planning Time Table

(Here example for WP9 but valid for WP 9 to 16)

WP9 Tasks	WP 9	Lead.	Months 25 - 30	Months 31- 36	Months 37 - 42
<b>MEETINGS</b>				M	
		<b>Part. Id.</b>			
<b>1</b>	Joint review of experiments	<i>All</i>	----- ↓	-----	-----
<b>2</b>	Joint interpretation Benchmark	<i>All</i>	----- ↓	-----D83	-D82, D96----- ----- → WP7
<b>3</b>	Proposals of models for ASTEC	<i>All</i>		----- ↓ -----D83	----- ----- → WP2
<b>4</b> (Depends on WP)	Synthesis of plant applications	<i>All</i>	-----	-----D83	----- ----- → WP7

## LATe-phase Core Degradation and VESsel behaviour (LATVES)

<b>Work package number</b>	10			<b>Start date or starting event:</b>							25		
<b>Activity Type</b>	Other specific activities												
<b>Participant id</b>	1	7	15	21	22	23	24	27	32	37	41	47	53
<b>Person-months per participant</b>	3,5	1,95	0,9	1,5	4,5	2,25	1,2	4,5	4,35	1,5	1,0	1,0	1,5

### Objectives

The rationales for these issues result from 5<sup>th</sup> FWP EURSAFE project:

- For late-phase degradation and corium behaviour in lower head, Research issue N°1,3 with following selection rationale: Improve predictability of the thermal loadings on RPV lower head (or corium catcher devices) to maintain their integrity. It is also related to the Research issue N°1.4 “External vessel cooling and RPV integrity” for in-vessel melt retention strategies.
- For vessel integrity and corium release to cavity, Research issue N°1,6 with following selection rationale: Improve predictability of mode and location of RPV failure to characterise the corium release into the containment. This addresses also part of Research issue N°3.1 “Melt relocation into water and particulate formation” through the melt relocation from core region into water filled space.

A more complete understanding is needed on the following physical processes:

- For coolability of a molten corium pool in the lower plenum or in an external core-catcher: in case of dry cavity, initial corium characteristics from the core region when relocating to the lower plenum, and behaviour of molten pool in the lower plenum (segregation/stratification, heat transfers to boundaries...); in case of external vessel cooling, critical heat flux and external cooling conditions in order to evaluate and design AM strategies for in-vessel melt retention.
- For vessel integrity and corium release to cavity: in conditions of dry cavity, vessel mechanical failure (mode, instant, location) due to thermal and mechanical loadings, and breach opening processes and characteristics of corium release to the cavity.

The main WP objective will be the progressive integration of the R&D capacities on these issues, in order to better coordinate the research activities and optimise the available competences and resources. This will be done particularly through:

- Joint investigation of the physical processes in order to reach a common understanding through syntheses on experimental programs and on their interpretation.
- Development of adequate models for the above physical processes to be implemented into ASTEC.

This will lead to the definition and proposal of a joint R&D programme (models, experiments) to solve this issue, either by re-orientation of existing programmes or by launching new ones.

### Description of work

**Task 10.1.** Continuation of review and selection of available experiments/models for interpretation and modelling activities. Joint recommendations on the test specifications (design and test matrix...).

Main on going experiments:

- for debris bed formation and coolability : DEFOR/MISTEE-F, POMECCO-U
- for late-phase degradation: LIVE
- for vessel integrity: analytical tests on plate fissuring, Vessel external cooling...

Other inputs may come from international projects: MASCA, CORTRAN, OLHF, ISTC METCOR, ISTC 2936, ISTC INVECOR....

**Task 10.2.** Synthesis of analyses and interpretations of experiments from above Task with existing models or codes (or thermodynamic databases such as NUCLEA).

After the work performed during the two first period to select experiments and review existing codes and models, joint activity strengthened by the promotion of benchmarking activity. Benchmark exercises around OLHF and FOREVER to study vessel failure and define in a second time the best approach to perform reactor applications. Main codes: ICARE/CATHARE, ATHLET-CD, CFD codes, ANSYS, ASTEC.

**Task 10.3.** Model synthesis and common proposal of models on late-phase degradation and vessel integrity to be implemented into ASTEC.

The joint activity for this task will follow the conclusion of benchmark exercises. Contribution from national program can be reported in an updated of 2<sup>nd</sup> period deliverables D53.

**Task 10.4.** Synthesis of reactor scenario studies in order to improve the evaluation of initial or limit conditions or to determine the impact of remaining uncertainties on accident evolution, using different codes (ICARE/CATHARE, ATHLET-CD/KESS, ANSYS).

Proposal for a benchmark activity on multi layered corium pool configuration for academic situation.

Definition of benchmark on reactor application academic situation with “realistic” thermal loading to study vessel failure during the 4<sup>th</sup> period.

#### **Deliverables**

Progress report on CORIUM topic (D82) at 36 months

WP10 report on benchmark activities (D84) at 36 months

#### **Milestones and expected result**

Technical milestones associated to benchmark exercises are detailed on road map defined by sub-topics leaders.

Third period conclusion meeting, assessment of work and definition of future joint R&D at 39 months

## Ex-vessel Corium Recovery (EXCORE)

<b>Work package number</b>	11				<b>Start date or starting event:</b>						25			
<b>Activity Type</b>	Other specific activities													
<b>Participant id</b>	1	4	7	15	19	21	23	24	32	41	47	48	50	
<b>Person-months per participant</b>	2.6	1.5	5.85	0,9	4.5	3.0	1,2	4.05	3.0	1.0	2.5	4.5	2,25	

### Objectives

The rationales for these issues result from 5<sup>th</sup> FWP EURSAFE and EUROCORE projects:

- For ex-vessel case w/o water injection (EURSAFE items N°2.1 “MCCI: molten pool configuration and concrete ablation” and N°2.3 “Ex-vessel corium catcher: corium ceramics interaction and properties”): improve predictability of axial versus radial ablation up to late phase MCCI to determine basemat failure time and loss of containment integrity; demonstrate the efficiency of specific corium catcher designs by improving the predictability of the corium interaction with corium catcher materials.
- For ex-vessel case with water injection (EURSAFE items N°2.2 and 2.4): increase knowledge of cooling mechanisms by top flooding the ex-vessel corium pool to demonstrate termination of accident progression and maintenance of containment integrity; demonstrate efficiency of water bottom injection to cool corium pool and its impact on containment pressurization.
- The scope of the work-package is extended also to particulate debris coolability for in-vessel situation (EURSAFE item N°1.2): termination of the accident by re-flooding of the core while maintaining RCS integrity. Increase predictability of core cooling during re-flooding.

A more complete understanding is needed on the following physical processes:

- For corium behaviour during interaction with concrete or ceramic and for ex-vessel pool corium coolability: pool stratification and layers stability under gas sparging; heat transfer mechanism, power distribution and ablation homogeneity; fission product remaining in the pool; ceramic dissolution mechanisms; cooling mechanisms with water on top of the melt (bulk cooling, water ingress or melt ejection); crust anchorage phenomena in reactor pit and consequence for melt ejection mechanism; porosity formation during cooling by bottom injection of water into the melt and consequences for water management and steam production.
- For core coolability: behaviour of ex-vessel particulate debris beds in water present in the cavity, thermal hydraulics of debris beds, without or with water injection, coolability of debris beds (in- and ex-vessel), coolability of the molten pool within the core, fuel rod collapse and molten pool crust failure.

The main WP objective will be the progressive integration of the R&D capacities on these issues, in order to better coordinate the research activities and optimise the available competences and resources. This will be done particularly through:

- Joint investigation of the physical processes in order to reach a common understanding through syntheses on experimental programs and on their interpretation.
- Development of adequate models for the above physical processes to be implemented into ASTEC.

This will lead to the definition and proposal of a joint R&D programme (models, experiments) to solve this issue, either by re-orientation of existing programmes or by launching new ones.

### Description of work

**Task 11.1.** Continuation of review and selection of available experiments/models for interpretation and modelling activities. Joint recommendations on the test specifications (design, test matrix...). Contribution to new OECD program proposal.

Main on going experiments:

- for debris or corium pool coolability: DEBRIS, STYX, DEFOR, MISTEE-J, POMECO-U, VULCANO
- for MCCI: ARTEMIS, VULCANO, SICOPS, COMETA
- Other inputs may come from international projects: OECD-MCCI, CHESS ISTC, ...

**Task 11.2.** Synthesis of analyses and interpretations of experiments from above Task with existing models or codes (or thermodynamic databases such as NUCLEA).

After the work performed during the two first period to select experiments and review existing codes and models, joint activity strengthened by the promotion of benchmarking activity. Benchmark exercises defined on COMET-L2 homogeneous pool MCCI experiment and COMET-L3 stratified pool MCCI experiment.

List of codes:

- for debris coolability: ICARE/CATHARE, KESS and ATHLET-CD, WECHSL, ASTEC, TOLBIAC-ICB, THEMA, CROCO 2D, WEX, COCOSYS, MELCOR, MC3D....
- for MCCI: WEX, WECHSL, ASTEC, TOLBIAC, TOLBIAC-ICB, CROCO 2D, MELCOR, MEWA, COSACO...

**Task 11.3.** Model synthesis and common proposal of models of corium concrete or ceramic interaction and corium debris or melt coolability to be implemented into ASTEC.

Ongoing synthesis for debris coolability. For corium concrete or corium ceramic interaction issues, the joint activity for this task will follow the conclusion of benchmark exercises. Contribution from national program can be reported in an updated of 2<sup>nd</sup> period deliverables D53.

**Task 11.4.** Synthesis of plant applications in order to determine the impact of remaining uncertainties on accident management.

Reactor applications in academic situations to investigate debris bed coolability in 2D geometry and stratified pool configuration behaviour during MCCI conditions with possible extension after month 36.

### Deliverables

Progress report on CORIUM topic (D82) at 36 months

WP11 report on benchmark activities (D85) at 36 months

### Milestones and expected result

Technical milestones associated to benchmark exercises are detailed on road map defined by sub-topics leaders.

Third period conclusion meeting, assessment of work and definition of future joint R&D at 39 months

## Hydrogen Behaviour in Containment (HBC)

<b>Work package number</b>	12		<b>Start date or starting event:</b>						25		
<b>Activity Type</b>	Other specific activities										
<b>Participant id</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Person-months per participant:</b>	6	6.75	4.5	0	1.5	7.5	4.5	1.5	6.75	3	1.5
<b>Participant id</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>53</b>		
<b>Person-months per participant:</b>	1.5	1.5	0	1.5	3	3	3	2.25			

### Objectives

This WP concerns two main issues:

- Containment atmosphere mixing and hydrogen distribution in the containment, with respect to risk of high concentration,
- Hydrogen combustion and associated risk mitigation.

A more complete understanding is needed on the following physical processes:

- For containment atmosphere mixing, it is essential to determine with good confidence the hydrogen distribution in the different parts of the containment, taking account of containment geometry (multi-compartment), mass and energy exchanges coming from phenomena as wall condensation, spray and sump evaporation. During JPA2 period, these three issues have been investigated by the partners: state-of-the-art report on condensation modelling in CFD code; spray benchmark specifications regarding available TOSQAN and MISTRA experiments, and PARIS numerical benchmark related to recombiners/atmosphere interaction. Planning of JPA3 is driven by the calculations regarding the spray benchmark and the comparison of the results obtained by the partners with the experimental ones, the end of the first step of the PARIS benchmark and continuation regarding more complicated situations, and the comparison of CFD modelling of wall condensation by conducting numerical benchmarks where the different approaches can be compared on very simple situations.

- For hydrogen combustion and associated risk mitigation: formation of combustible gas mixtures in containments, its local gas composition and potential combustion modes. The investigations take into account the containment geometry (multi-compartment), mass and energy exchanges (wall condensation, spray and sump evaporation), local multidimensional effects of hydrogen combustion and the reaction kinetics inside catalytic recombiners. In TPA/JPA3 model development for recombiners will continue with the target to come up with a unique integral model for ASTEC. Also, work to couple hydrogen distribution and combustion will continue as well as reactor applications of hydrogen combustion.

The main WP objective will be the progressive integration of the R&D capacities on these issues, in order to better coordinate the research activities and optimise the available competences and resources. This will be done particularly through:

- Joint investigation of the physical processes in order to reach a common understanding through syntheses on experimental programs and on their interpretation, and the organisation of workshops.
- Development of adequate models for the above physical processes to be implemented into ASTEC.

This will lead to the definition and proposal of a joint R&D programme (models, experiments) to solve this issue, either by re-orientation of existing programmes or by launching new ones.

### Description of work

**Task 12.1.** Review and selection of available experiments/models for interpretation and modelling activities. Comparison of models, sensitivity analyses and scaling issues, to be addressed in a numerical benchmark problem. Discussion of experimental activities and recommendations for the specification of experiments/programmes: TOSQAN, MISTRA (OECD and national), ThAI (OECD), ENACCEF and REKO. Transfer of information (experimental data as well as models) on catalytic recombiners to WP-12-2.

**Task 12.2.** Synthesis of analyses and interpretations of experiments from above Task with existing models or codes (CFD codes, TONUS, COM3D, REACFLOW, ASTEC, COCOSYS...).

**Task 12.3.** Further work on specific containment related models for CFD (spray, recombiners...) and applicability of CFD to real plants (review of issues related to code performance, meshing, scaling effects...).

**Task 12.4.** Model synthesis and common proposal of models to be implemented into ASTEC but also recommendations for implementation of containment-related physical models for CFD codes.

**Deliverables**

Progress report on HBC topic (D87) at 36 months

Contribution to progress report on the CONTAINMENT topic (D86) at 36 months.

Contribution to the revision SARNET Integrated R&D Plan at 39 months: D96

**Milestones and expected result**

Third period conclusion meeting, assessment of work and definition of future joint R&D at 39 months

## Fast Interactions with Corium (FIC)

<b>Work package number</b>	13		<b>Start date or starting event:</b>						25	
<b>Activity Type</b>	Other specific activities									
<b>Participant id</b>	1	7	15	19	21	23	24	31	32	37
<b>Person-months per participant:</b>	6	3.75	2.25	0	5.4	0.75	3	9	0.15	0
<b>Participant id</b>	43									
<b>Person-months per participant:</b>	3.9									

### Objectives

The diverse interaction modes of corium, ejected into the reactor cavity after RPV failure, may lead to high temperature and pressure loads on the containment or vital components. Depending on the conditions at failure and on reactor geometry, fuel-coolant-interactions (FCI) or direct containment heating (DCH) can take place.

A more complete understanding is needed on the fluid-dynamic, thermal and chemical processes, for model development and validation, especially for the application to the reactor case that requires a scaling in dimension and from model fluids to corium.

The main WP objective will be the progressive integration of the R&D capacities on these issues, in order to better coordinate the research activities and optimise the available competences and resources. This will be done particularly through:

- Joint investigation of the physical processes in order to reach a common understanding through syntheses on experimental programs and on their interpretation.
- Development of adequate models, for the DCH only, for the above physical processes to be implemented into ASTEC.

This will lead to the definition and proposal of a joint R&D programme (models, experiments) to solve this issue, either by re-orientation of existing programmes or by launching new ones.

### Description of work

**Task 13.1.** Review and selection of available experiments/models for interpretation and modelling activities. Recommendation for further test and recommendation for further interpretation and model development.

Discussion of experimental activities and recommendations for the specification of experiments/programmes for the DCH issue (DISCO facilities) and the FCI issue (exp. facilities: KROTOS/PLINIUS). As for FCI, a close link with the OECD-SERENA programme exists.

**Task 13.2.** Synthesis of analyses and interpretations of experiments from above Task with existing models or improved models and codes (MC3D, IKEJET/IKEMIX, IDEMO-2D, SIPHRA3D, COMETA for FCI, and CONTAIN, MAAP4, and ASTEC for DCH).

**Task 13.3.** Assessment of performed work and definition of a joint R&D program to be performed in the next period. Model synthesis and common proposal of models to be implemented into ASTEC, as far as possible.

### Deliverables

Progress report on FIC topic (D88) at 36 months

Contribution to progress report on the CONTAINMENT topic (D86) at 36 months.

Contribution to the revision SARNET Integrated R&D Plan at 39 months: D96

### Milestones and expected result

Third period conclusion meeting, assessment of work and definition of future joint R&D at 39 months

## Fission Product Release and Transport (FPRT)

<b>Work package number</b>	14			<b>Start date or starting event:</b>							25		
<b>Activity Type</b>	Other specific activities												
<b>Participant id</b>	1	3	7	15	16	21	23	25	30	36	47	50	53
<b>Person-months per participant:</b>	6	7.5	4.5	3.3	4.5	0.8	1.2	4.5	1.5	3	0.8	3	1.1

### Objectives

The rationales for these issues related to fission product release and transport in the RCS result from the 5<sup>th</sup> FWP EURSAFE project:

- Quantification of the source term, in particular for Ru, under oxidation conditions / air ingress;
- Improvement of predictability of iodine species exiting the RCS to provide a best estimate of the source into the containment.

The main WP objective will be the progressive integration of the R&D capabilities on these issues, in order to coordinate better the research activities and optimise the available competences and resources. This will be done particularly through:

- Joint investigation of the physical processes in order to reach a common understanding through syntheses on experimental programmes and on their interpretation;
- Development of adequate models for the above physical processes to be implemented into ASTEC.

This will lead to the definition and proposal of a joint R&D programme (models, experiments) to solve this issue, either by re-orientation of existing programmes or by launching new ones.

### Description of work

**Task 14.1.** Review and selection of available experiments/models for interpretation and modelling activities. Discussion of experimental activities and recommendations for the specification of following experiments/programmes: VTT Ru speciation tests, Canadian experiments on Ru release as available, VERDON, MERARG, RUSSET, VERCORS, EMAIC, FZK Zr/air oxidation tests, CHIP and Phébus-FP.

**Task 14.2.** Synthesis of analyses and interpretations of the above experiments with existing models or codes.

**Task 14.3.** Synthesis of plant applications in order to determine the impact of remaining uncertainties.

**Task 14.4.** Model synthesis and common proposal of models to be implemented into ASTEC.

### Deliverables

Progress report on SOURCE TERM topic (D89) at 36 months.

Progress report on the FPRT area covering experiments, data interpretation, plant applications and modelling (D90) at 36 months.

### Milestones and expected result

Third period conclusion meeting, assessment of work and definition of future joint R&D at 39 months

## AEROSol Behaviour impact on source term (AEROB)

<b>Work package number</b>	15				<b>Start date or starting event:</b>				25					
<b>Activity Type</b>	Other specific activities													
<b>Participant id</b>	1	7	8	10	12	17	23	29	30	36	47	50	53	55
<b>Person-months per participant:</b>	1.5	1.5	4.5	6.0	1.5	1.5	0.8	4.5	1.5	2.3	0.8	1.5	0.8	4.5

### Objectives

The rationale for the issues related to aerosol behaviour result from the 5<sup>th</sup> FWP EURSAFE project:

- Quantification of the source term for aerosol retention in the secondary side of steam generator and leakage through cracks in the containment wall;
- Quantification of the source into the containment due to re-volatilisation in the RCS.

Following re-assessment of the issues by SARP, the second point has been re-oriented to include resuspension as well (remobilisation of deposits).

The main WP objective will be the progressive integration of the R&D capacities on these issues, in order to better coordinate the research activities and optimise the available competences and resources. This will be done particularly through:

- Joint investigation of the physical processes in order to reach a common understanding through syntheses on experimental programmes and on their interpretation;
- Development of adequate models for the above physical processes to be implemented into ASTEC.

This will lead to the definition and proposal of a joint R&D programme (models, experiments) to solve this issue, either by re-orientation of existing programmes or by launching new ones.

### Description of work

**Task 15.1.** Review and selection of available experiments/models for interpretation and modelling activities. Discussion of experimental activities and recommendations for the specification of following experiments/programmes: ARTIST, PSAERO, HORIZON, PECA/SGTR, RADSOL, STORM resuspension tests, Canadian re-vaporisation tests as available and the JRC re-vaporisation tests REVAP.

**Task 15.2.** Synthesis of analysis and interpretations of above experiments with existing models or codes.

**Task 15.3.** Model synthesis and common proposal of models to be implemented into ASTEC.

### Deliverables

Progress report on SOURCE TERM topic (D89) at 36 months.

Progress report on the AEROB area covering experiments, data interpretation, and modelling (D91) at 36 months

### Milestones and expected result

Third period conclusion meeting, assessment of work and definition of future joint R&D at 39 months

## CONTainment CHEMistry impact on source term (CONTCHEM)

<b>Work package number</b>	16				<b>Start date or starting event:</b>							25	
<b>Activity Type</b>	Other specific activities												
<b>Participant id</b>	1	2	7	9	10	12	15	19	23	36	43	50	53
<b>Person-months per participant:</b>	3.0	3.8	1.5	3	6.0	2.3	1.2	0.3	1.8	2.3	4.5	0.8	1.1

### Objectives

The rationale for the issues related to iodine chemistry in the containment result from the 5th FWP EURSAFE project that drew conclusions on needs for improvement of predicting iodine chemistry in the containment, to reduce the uncertainty in the iodine source term. Following re-assessment by SARP, two new issues have been introduced, namely the effect of fission product release in passive autocatalytic recombiners on the source term, and ruthenium behaviour on the containment.

The main WP objective will be the progressive integration of the R&D capacities on these issues, in order to better coordinate the research activities and optimise the available competences and resources. This will be done particularly through:

- Joint investigation of the physical processes in order to reach a common understanding through syntheses on experimental programmes and on their interpretation;
- Development of adequate models for the above physical processes to be implemented into ASTEC.

This will lead to the definition and proposal of a joint R&D programme (models, experiments) to solve this issue, either by re-orientation of existing programmes or by launching new ones

### Description of work

**Task 16.1.** Review and selection of available experiments/models for interpretation and modelling activities. Discussion of experimental activities and recommendations for the specification of following experiments/programmes: EPICUR, CAIMAN, SISYPHE, Chalmers tests, PARIS, ThAI-Iod9, Phébus-FP, Canadian iodine tests as available, RECI experiments and possible successors, and IRSN tests on ruthenium behaviour in the containment.

**Task 16.2.** Synthesis of analyses and interpretations of above experiments with existing models or codes.

**Task 16.3.** Model synthesis and common proposal of models to be implemented into ASTEC.

### Deliverables

Progress report on SOURCE TERM topic (D89) at 36 months.

Progress report on the CONTCHEM area covering experiments, data interpretation, and modelling (D92) at 36 months

### Milestones and expected result

Third period conclusion meeting, assessment of work and definition of future joint R&D at 39 months

## Education and Training (ET)

<b>Work package number</b>	17	<b>Start date or starting event:</b>								25	
<b>Activity Type</b>	Other specific activities										
<b>Participant id</b>	32	1	7	10	12	22	23	36	37	43	41
<b>Person-months per participant:</b>	1.5	4.5									

Person-months will be clarified later (around 1.5 m-y), after identification of teachers in the candidate organisations (only, the topical coordinator (KTH), and IRSN as co-organisers of the second course sessions are identified).

### Objectives

Develop Courses on Severe Accident Phenomenology and Modelling

Develop Courses on Severe Accident Management and PSA2

### Description of work

The Education and Training programme in SARNET is focusing on raising the competence level of the students and researchers engaged in severe accident research. Towards this purpose a course will be developed on the various areas of severe accident phenomenology. This would include topics such as the early and late phase of in-vessel core degradation, fission product release, aerosol transport, vessel failure, DCH, hydrogen combustion and detonation, MCCI, containment loading etc. The teaching will not be a survey but an in-depth treatment so that the students and researchers will be able to (a) understand (b) develop the methodology in the topics further and (c) use analysis tools (e.g. ASTEC) more effectively.

A course on Severe Accident phenomenology has been taught and has been proposed to ENEN for the European Masters in Nuclear Engineering programme.

A course on Severe Accident modelling will be prepared and taught around month 33.

A reflection on the preparation of a course on SAM and PSA2 will be carried on, one of these two courses should be organised during the JPA3

### Deliverables

Course on Severe Accidents modelling will be available for delivery at 33 months (D78).

Course on PSA and or SAM will be available for delivery at 42 months (D104).

### Milestones and expected result

Finalization of the programme of a first teaching session on SA modelling at 28 months

Finalization of the programme of a first teaching session on PSA or SAM at 36 months

Completion of a first version SA modelling Course at 36 months

Completion of a first version of PSA or SAM Course at 42 months

## BOOK on severe accident phenomenology (BOOK)

<b>Work package number</b>	18	<b>Start date or starting event:</b>							25	
<b>Activity Type</b>	Other specific activities									
<b>Participant id</b>	32	1	10	12	23	33	37	43	7	
<b>Person-months per participant:</b>	1.5									

Person-months will be clarified later (around 1.5 m-y), after identification of writers in the candidate organisations (only, the topical coordinator: KTH is considered in this table).

### Objectives

To develop a text (source) book on Severe Accident Phenomenology.

### Description of work

At present there is no textbook (and no sourcebook) on severe accident phenomenology, which can be used by the students and researchers to learn the subject area. A textbook is quite essential in terms of providing knowledge in a concise and focussed manner along with the references, which could be used by a student or a researcher to perform independent and more detailed studies. The textbook should deal with the whole progression of the severe accident including the initial transient leading to a severe accident caused by additional faults. This textbook, probably, would be quite voluminous due to the large body of material and the large number of papers and studies in Severe Accidents. The text should be reviewed by a set of peer reviewer. The intent should be to provide not only the methodology but also an assessment of the research results. The textbook should be addressed to students and researchers beyond the level of Masters in Nuclear Engineering. An abbreviated version may be addressed to the students, who enrol in the European Masters in Nuclear engineering Programme under ENEN auspices.

### Deliverables

Book first draft at month 30 (D69)

Book final draft at 42 months (D103)

### Milestones and expected result

The final draft of the book should be completed in 2007

## MOBility programme (MOB)

<b>Work package number</b>	19	<b>Start date or starting event:</b>							13		
<b>Activity Type</b>	Other specific activities										
<b>Participant id</b>	32	1	7	10	12	13	23	24	25	43	
<b>Person-months per participant:</b>	0.75										

### Objectives

To develop the Mobility and Training Programme for students and researchers, to form teams of researchers and to develop training for reactor operators in severe accident domain.

### Description of work

At present there is no organized programme in Europe under which students and researchers could go to different laboratories for education and training in the severe accident area. One element to develop is the summer internship programme under which a student spends a summer at another University (than his own) to learn about the severe accident work ongoing there.

The second element of this WP would be the development of the deputation programme in which a researcher from one laboratory will spend a year at another European Laboratory where he / she would participate in an area of the severe accident research ongoing there. In this mobility programme, the long term goal is to build teams which would engage together in a certain activity of the NoE e.g. code debugging, code validation, simulant material experiments, real material experiments, etc.

### Deliverables

Update of the 2 development plans at 36 months (D68)

### Milestones and expected result

Placing of 2 – 3 students on summer internships per year

Placing of 1-2 researchers for deputation at other laboratories per year

## MANAGement (MANAG)

<b>Work package number</b>	20	<b>Start date or starting event:</b>						25					
<b>Activity Type</b>	Other specific activities												
<b>Participant id</b>	1	7	21	23	32	36							
<b>Person-months per participant:</b>	22	4	4	2.5	2.5	4							

### Objectives

Coordinate the JPA technically and financially

This activity involves mainly the Coordinator and the topical coordinators

### Description of work

- Monitor progress of JPA
- Check release of deliverables and survey milestones
- Organize technical reviews when necessary
- Anticipating and examining possible difficulties in JPA execution
- Making synthesis for JPA update (12 months after SARNET beginning) for Governing Board approval
- Elaborate budget for the second JPA (month 13 to month 30)
- Distribute community funds as decided in the Consortium agreement;
- Organize meetings of Governing Board, Advisory Committee and Ad-hoc Scientific Review Committee.
- Establish cost statement for the first year
- Organize information diffusion (newsletter, progress reports, ...)
- Organize periodically a general conference (to be coupled with ASTEC users club meeting), every 18 months

### Deliverables

International seminar ERMSAR 2007 at month 38: D98

At 30 months:

Mid term progress report (D74)

At 36 months:

Annual progress and management reports (D94, D93)

JPA update proposal (D95)

### Milestones and expected result

Second SARNET conference (2007)

## 5.5 Deliverable list

The JPA for the second 18 months is divided in 28 work packages, including 8 on integrating activities, 16 on jointly executed research activities, 3 on spreading excellence and 1 on management.

<b>Deliverables list</b>							
<b>Joint programme of activities 18 months (months 25 - 42)</b>							
<i>(In Italics deliverables produced during the first 24 months of the contract)</i>							
<b>Del. no.<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Deliverable name</b>	<b>WP no.</b>	<b>Lead participant</b>	<b>Estimated indicative person months</b>	<b>Nature<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Dissemination level<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>Delivery date<sup>5</sup> (proj. month)</b>
<i>1</i>	<i>SARNET WEB site</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>O</i>	<i>PU</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>Data Base Proposal</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>CO</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>ACT specification</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>CO</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>Student mobility plan</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>PU</i>	<i>9-&gt;13</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>Researcher mobility plan</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>PU</i>	<i>9-&gt;13</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>Progress report on ASTEC Activities</i>	<i>2-4</i>	<i>1-23</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>CO</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>ASTEC WEB site</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>O</i>	<i>RE</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>ASTEC Assess. Matrix</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>RE</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>ASTEC Bench. matrix</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>1-23</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>RE</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>Indicator Assessment.</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>CO</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>Progress report on CORIUM Activities</i>	<i>9-11</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>CO</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>CORIUM Exp. Recom</i>	<i>9-11</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>CO</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>CORIUM Interp Synth.</i>	<i>9-11</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>CR</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>14</i>	<i>CORIUM Model Recom</i>	<i>9-11</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>CR</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>15</i>	<i>CORIUM Prog. Revision</i>	<i>9-11</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>CO</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>16</i>	<i>Progress report on CONTAIN. Activities</i>	<i>12,13</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>CO</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>17</i>	<i>CONTAIN. Exp. Recom</i>	<i>12,13</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>CO</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>18</i>	<i>CONTAIN. Interp Synth.</i>	<i>12,13</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>CR</i>	<i>12</i>

<sup>2</sup> Deliverable numbers in order of delivery dates: D1 – Dn

<sup>3</sup> Please indicate the nature of the deliverable using one of the following codes:

**R** = Report

**P** = Prototype

**D** = Demonstrator

**O** = Other

<sup>4</sup> Please indicate the dissemination level using one of the following codes:

**PU** = Public

**PP** = Restricted to other programme participants (including the Commission Services).

**RE** = Restricted to a group specified by the consortium (including the Commission Services).

**CO** = Confidential, only for members of the consortium (including the Commission Services).

**CR** = Confidential, parts of the reports only for members of working on the same subject (including the Commission Services)

<sup>5</sup> Month in which the deliverables will be available. Month 1 marking the start of the project, and all delivery dates being relative to this start date.

Del. no. <sup>2</sup>	Deliverable name	WP no.	Lead participant	Estimated indicative person months	Nature <sup>3</sup>	Dissemination level <sup>4</sup>	Delivery date <sup>5</sup> (proj. month)
19	<i>CONTAIN. Model Recom</i>	12,13	21	18	R	CR	12
20	<i>CONTAIN.Prog. Revision</i>	12,13	21	10	R	CO	12
21	<i>Progress Report on Source Term (ST) activities</i>	14-16	1-36	3	R	CO	12
22	<i>ST Exp. Recom</i>	14-16	1-36	10	R	CO	12
23	<i>ST Interp Synth.</i>	14-16	1-36	28	R	CR	12
24	<i>ST Model Recom</i>	14-16	1-36	18	R	CR	12
25	<i>ST Prog. Revision</i>	14-16	1-36	10	R	CO	12
26	<i>Annual progress report</i>	20	1	6	R	CO	12
27	<i>JPA update</i>	20	1	4	R	CO	12
28	<i>Budget Revision</i>	20	1	1	R	CO	12
29	<i>Cost statements</i>	20	1	1	R	CO	12
30	<i>ASTEC Assessment Report</i>	3	1	100	R	CR	15
31	<i>ASTEC Evaluation Report</i>	4	1-23	100	R	CR	15
32	<i>SA Course</i>	17	32	12	R	PU	15-> 22
33	<i>NEPTUNO Particip.</i>	17	32	2	R	PU	15-> >22
34	<i>Requirements for ASTEC V2 dev. plan</i>	2	1-23	12	R	RE	18
35	<i>Specifications of ASTEC adaptation to different NPP and systems</i>	2	1	30	R	CO	18
36	<i>Status Report on PSA2, methodology</i>	5	1	15	R	RE	18
37	<i>Status Report on PSA2, uncertainty assessment</i>	5	1	15	R	RE	18
38	<i>Status Report on PSA2, event tree</i>	5	1	15	R	RE	18
39	<i>Experimental Data Base Catalogue</i>	6	28	21	R	CO	18
40	<i>Revision of EURSAFE Conclusions</i>	7	23	30	R	PU	18->21
41	<i>PSA2 Course</i>	17	32	12	R	PU	18->22
42	<i>Book, skeleton</i>	18	32	12	R	RE	18
43	<i>Synthesis of requests from ACT users</i>	1	1	3	R	PU	18
44	<i>ERMSAR 2005</i>	20 + all		10	O	PU	20
45	<i>Revision of Mobility plan</i>	18	32	2	R	PU	21

Del. no. <sup>2</sup>	Deliverable name	WP no.	Lead participant	Estimated indicative person months	Nature <sup>3</sup>	Dissemination level <sup>4</sup>	Delivery date <sup>5</sup> (proj. month)
46	<i>Progress report on ASTEC Activities</i>	2-4	1-23	20	R	CO	24
47	ASTEC Adaptation to different NPP and systems (Prog. Rep.)	2	1	15	R	RE	30->33
48	ASTEC New Models	2	1-23	15	R	RE	30->33
49	<i>Indicator Assessment.</i>	8	1	4	R	CO	24
50	<i>Progress report on CORIUM Activities</i>	9-11	7	3	R	CO	24
51	<i>CORIUM Exp. Recom</i>	9-11	7	10	R	CO	24
52	<i>CORIUM Interp Synth.</i>	9-11	7	28	R	CR	24
53	<i>CORIUM Model Recom</i>	9-11	7	18	R	CR	24
54	<i>CORIUM Prog. Revision</i>	9-11	7	10	R	CO	24
55	<i>Progress report on CONTAIN. Activities</i>	12,13	21	3	R	CO	24
56	<i>CONTAIN. Exp. Recom</i>	12,13	21	10	R	CO	24
57	<i>CONTAIN. Interp Synth.</i>	12,13	21	28	R	CR	24
58	<i>CONTAIN. Model Recom</i>	12,13	21	18	R	CR	24
59	<i>CONTAIN.Prog. Revision</i>	12,13	21	10	R	CO	24
60	<i>Progress Report on Source Term (ST) activities</i>	14-16	36	3	R	CO	24
61	<i>ST Exp. Recom</i>	14-16	36	10	R	CO	24
62	<i>ST Interp Synth.</i>	14-16	36	28	R	CR	24
63	<i>ST Model Recom</i>	14-16	36	18	R	CR	24
64	<i>ST Prog. Revision</i>	14-16	36	10	R	CO	24
65	<i>Annual progress report</i>	20	1	6	R	CO	24
66	<i>JPA update</i>	20	1	6	R	CO	24
67	First version of R&D programme	20+all	1	6	R	PU	24->30
68	Update of Mobility Plan	18	32	2	R	RE	25->36
69	Book first draft	18	32	12	R	RE	30
70	Probabilistic software comparison for PSA2	5	1	3	R	RE	24
71	Recommendations of methods to take into account some specific physical phenomena in a level 2 PSA.	5	1	5	R	RE	30

<b>Del. no.<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Deliverable name</b>	<b>WP no.</b>	<b>Lead participant</b>	<b>Estimated indicative person months</b>	<b>Nature<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Dissemination level<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>Delivery date<sup>5</sup> (proj. month)</b>
72	Recommendations of methods to take into account uncertainties on some specific physical phenomena in a level 2 PSA	5	1	5	R	RE	30
73	Status report on dynamic reliability methods application to level 2 PSA	5	1	5	R	RE	30
74	Mid term progress report	20	1	1	R	PU	30
75	Review of existing guidelines	5.1	36	3	R	RE	32
76	Synthesis on ASTEC V1.2 validation	3	1	100	R	RE	33
77	Synthesis on ASTEC V1.2 benchmarking	4	1	100	R	RE	33
78	Modelling Course	17	32	12	O	PU	36
79	Experimental Data Base Catalogue Revision 1	6	28	21	R	CO	36
80	Progress report on ASTEC Activities	2-4	1-23	20	R	CO	36
81	Indicator Assessment.	8	1	4	R	CO	36
82	Progress report on CORIUM Activities	9-11	7	3	R	CO	36
83	Report on EARLY Activities	9	7	32	R	CR	36
84	Progress report on LATVES Activities	10	7	32	R	CR	36
85	Report on EXCORE Activities	11	7	32	R	CR	36
86	Progress report on CONTAIN. Activities	12,13	21	3	R	CO	36
87	Report on HBC Activities	12	21	35	R	CR	36
88	Report on FIC Activities	13	21	35	R	CR	36
89	Progress Report on Source Term (ST) activities	14-16	36	3	R	CO	36
90	Report on FPRT Activities	14	36	32	R	CR	36
91	Report on AEROB Activities	15	36	32	R	CR	36
92	Report on CONTCHEM Activities	16	36	32	R	CR	36

<b>Del. no.<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Deliverable name</b>	<b>WP no.</b>	<b>Lead participant</b>	<b>Estimated indicative person months</b>	<b>Nature<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Dissemination level<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>Delivery date<sup>5</sup> (proj. month)</b>
93	Annual Management report	20	1	6	R	CO	36
94	Annual Progress report	20	1	6	R	CO	36
95	JPA update	20	1	6	R	CO	36
96	Finalized version of R&D programme	7	23	12	R	PU	36
97	Results of the benchmark exercise for application of dynamic reliability methods	5.3	1, 11, 23, 44	12	R	RE	36
98	ERMSAR 2007	20 + all	1	10	O	PU	38
99	Definitions of "large early releases " and of "reactor safe states"	5.1	1	10	R	RE	42
100	Recommendations of methods to take into account physical phenomena	5.1 & 5.2	1	12	R	RE	42
101	Review of software for uncertainty and sensitivity methods	5.2	7	5	R	RE	42
102	Status report on SDTPD method development	5.3	11, 44	24	R	RE	42
103	Book final draft	18	32	12	R	CO	42
104	SAM & PSA Course	17	32	12	O	PU	34
TOTAL for deliverables to be produced during the JPA3				727			

## 6 Project resources and estimation of incurred eligible costs

### 6.1 Efforts for the full duration of the project (as defined at the beginning of the project)

#### Net work Effort Form 1<sup>6</sup> – Indicative efforts for full duration of project

Project Number (acronym) - 509065 (SARNET)

Figures followed by a \* concern the organisations responsible for coordination of Topics in SARNET (during the duration of the project, these responsibilities may change, and this will modify the efforts provided by concerned organisations).

<i>Network Activity Type</i>	<b>Joint Programme of Activities<sup>7</sup></b>			<b>Management activities</b>	TOTAL per PARTICIPANT
	Integrating Activities <sup>8</sup>	Jointly executed research activities <sup>3</sup>	Spreading of Excellence activities <sup>3</sup>		
1. IRSN *	158	36	8	72	274
2. AEAT		12			12
3. AEKI	12	12			24
4. ARCS	12				12
5. AVN	8				8
6. BUTE	48				48
7. CEA *	78	48	8	12	146
8. CESI		12			12

<sup>6</sup> Indicate effort in person months

<sup>7</sup> 'other specific activities' according to Article II.25 of Annex II to the contract

<sup>8</sup> except management of the consortium activities

9. Chalmers		12			12
10. CIEMAT	24	12			36
11. CSN	24				24
12. DEMOKRITOS		2	8		10
13. UPI	48	12			60
14. EA	20				20
15. EDF	24	36			60
16. ENEA	48	24			72
17. FORTUM	12	4			16
18. FRA ANP SAS	10				10
19. FRA ANP-Gmbh	8	24			32
20. FZJ		12			12
21. FZK *	72	36	8	12	128
22. FZR		12	4		16
23. GRS *	102	36	8	4	150
24. IUSTT-IKE	52	24	8		84
25. INR	54	12	4		70
26. INRNE	48				48

27. IVS	36				36
28. JRC-ISPRA *	12				12
29. JRC-ITU		24			24
30. JRC-PETTEN	54	24			78
31. JSI	24	12			36
32. KTH *	65	24	12	8	109
33. LEI	54	12	8		74
34. NNC	8				8
35. NRG	12	8			20
36. PSI	6	24	4		34
37. RUB		24	8		32
38.					
39. SWEDPOWER	12				12
40. TA		12			12
41. THERMODATA	3	12			15
42. TE	16				16
43. TUS	54	24	8		86
44. ULB	12				12

45. UCL		12			12
46. UJD	28				28
47. UJV	30	24			54
48. UPM		24			24
49. VEIKI	48	12			60
50. VTT	8	24			32
51. VUJE	50				50
52. BTech		24			24
TOTAL per ACTIVITY Type	1404	692	96	108	
Overall TOTAL efforts					2294

WARNING: This table has been established with the assumption that during the duration of the contract there is no changing in organizations (\*) responsible of coordinating domains or managing databases or information systems.

## 6.2 Efforts for the full duration of the project (as defined after 24 months of operation of the project)

### Net work Effort Form 1<sup>9</sup> – Indicative efforts for full duration of project

Project Number (acronym) - 509065 (SARNET)

Figures followed by a \* concern the organisations responsible for coordination of Topics in SARNET (during the duration of the project, these responsibilities may change, and this will modify the efforts provided by concerned organisations).

<i>Network Activity Type</i>	<b>Joint Programme of Activities<sup>10</sup></b>			<b>Management activities</b>	TOTAL per PARTICIPANT
	Integrating Activities <sup>11</sup>	Jointly executed research activities <sup>3</sup>	Spreading of Excellence activities <sup>3</sup>		
1. IRSN *	158	36	8	72	274
2. AEAT (WMT)		12			12
3. AEKI	12	12			24
4. ARCS	12				12
5. AVN	8				8
6. BUTE	48				48
7. CEA *	78	48	8	12	146
8. CESI (CESI RICERCA)		12			12
9. Chalmers		6			6
10. CIEMAT	24	12			36

<sup>9</sup> Indicate effort in person months

<sup>10</sup> 'other specific activities' according to Article II.25 of Annex II to the contract

<sup>11</sup> except management of the consortium activities

11. CSN	12				12
12. DEMOKRITOS		2	8		10
13. UPI	48	12			60
14. EA	20				20
15. EDF	24	36			60
16. ENEA	48	24			72
17. FORTUM	12	4			16
18. FRA ANP SAS	10				10
19. FRA ANP-GmbH	8	24			32
20. FZJ		12			12
21. FZK *	72	36	8	12	128
22. FZR		12	4		16
23. GRS *	102	36	8	4	150
24. IUSTT-IKE	52	24	8		84
25. INR	54	12	4		70
26. INRNE	48				48
27. IVS	36				36
28. JRC-ISPRA *	12				12

29. JRC-ITU		24			24
30. JRC-PETTEN	54	24			78
31. JSI	24	12			36
32. KTH *	65	24	12	8	109
33. LEI	54	12	8		74
34. NNC	8				8
35. NRG	12	8			20
36. PSI	6	24	4		34
37. RUB		24	8		32
38.					
39. SWEDPOWER	12				12
40. TA		6			6
41. THERMODATA	3	12			15
42. TE	16				16
43. TUS	54	24	8		86
44. ULB	12				12
45. UCL		6			6
46. UJD	28				28

47. UJV	30	24			54
48. UPM		24			24
49. VEIKI	48	12			60
50. VTT	4	12			16
51. VUJE	50				50
52. BTech		24			24
53. AECL (years 3 and 4)	4	6			10
54. BNRA (years 3 and 4)	8				8
55. NCU (years 3 and 4)		6			6
<b>TOTAL per ACTIVITY Type</b>	1400	674	96	108	
<b>Overall TOTAL efforts</b>					2278

Globally, after two years of operation of the project, taking into account three new partners for the last two years on one hand, and a lesser involvement of four partners on the other hand the total effort foreseen now on the project comes to 2278 person months, to be compared to an initial estimate of 2294 person months. So, it is practically similar (we are dealing with estimated figures, showing a difference of 0.7%).

### 6.3 Efforts for the third JPA 18 month period (month 25 - month 42)

#### Network Effort Form 2 - 18 months period, month 25-42

Project Number (acronym) - 509065 (SARNET)

	Participant 1 IRSN	Participant 2 AEA-T	Participant 3 AEKI	Participant 4 ARCS	Participant 5 AVN	Participant 6 BUTE	TOTAL ACTIVITIES
<b>Joint Programme of Activities</b>							
Integrating activities							
ACT							
USTIA	13.5			1		1	15.5
PHYMA	9			3.5			12.5
RAB	9					6	15
PSA2	5.5				2.5		8
IED	4.5		4.5				9
SARP	3						3
IA	0.5						0.5
Jointly executed research activities							
CORIUM	11.7			1.5			13.2
CONTAINMENT	12						12
SOURCE TERM	10.5	3.75	7.5				21.75
Spreading of Excellence activities							
ET**	4.5						4.5
BOOK**	0						
MOB	0						
<b>TOTAL JPA</b>	<b>79.2</b>	<b>3.75</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>114.95</b>
<b>Management Activities</b>							
MANAG	22						22
<b>TOTAL Management</b>	<b>22</b>						<b>22</b>
<b>TOTAL per PARTICIPANT</b>	<b>101.2</b>	<b>3.75</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>Overall TOTAL EFFORTS</b>							<b>136.95</b>

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	Participant 7 CEA	Participant 8 CESI	Participant 9 Chalmers	Participant 10 CIEMAT	Participant 11 CSN	Participant 12 DEMOKRITOS	TOTAL ACTIVITIES
<b>Joint Programme of Activities</b>							
Integrating activities							
ACT							
USTIA	12			1			28.5
PHYMA	4			8			24.5
RAB	0						15
PSA2	3				22		33
IED	4.5			4.5			18
SARP	3						6
IA	0.5						1
Jointly executed research activities							
CORIUM	7.8						21
CONTAINMENT	10.5						22.5
SOURCE TERM	7.5	4.5	3	12		3.75	52.5
Spreading of Excellence activities							
ET**							4.5
BOOK**							
MOB							
<b>TOTAL JPA</b>	<b>52.8</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3.75</b>	<b>226.5</b>
<b>Management Activities</b>							
MANAG	4						26
TOTAL Management	4						26
<b>TOTAL per PARTICIPANT</b>	<b>56.8</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3.75</b>	
<b>Overall TOTAL EFFORTS</b>							<b>252.5</b>

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	Participant 13 UPI (Pisa Univers.)	Participant 14 EA	Participant 15 EDF	Participant 16 ENEA	Participant 17 FORTUM	Participant 18 FRA ANP SAS	TOTAL ACTIVITIES
<b>Joint Programme of Activities</b>							
Integrating activities							
ACT							
USTIA	1		1	1		1	32.5
PHYMA	3.6			9			37.1
RAB	4.4		2.7	8		2.7	32.8
PSA2			2.5				35.5
IED					4.5		22.5
SARP			3				9
IA							1
Jointly executed research activities							
CORIUM			4.5	4.5			30
CONTAINMENT	4.5		2.25				29.25
SOURCE TERM			4.5	4.5	1.5		63
Spreading of Excellence activities							
ET**							4.5
BOOK**							
MOB							
<b>TOTAL JPA</b>	13.5		20.45	27	6	3.7	297.15
<b>Management Activities</b>							
MANAG							26
TOTAL Management							26
TOTAL per PARTICIPANT	13.5		20.45	27	6	3.7	
Overall TOTAL EFFORTS							323.15

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	Participant 19 FRA ANP-Gmbh	Participant 20 FZJ	Participant 21 FZK	Participant 22 FZR	Participant 23 GRS	Participant 24 IUSTT-IKE	TOTAL ACTIVITIES
<b>Joint Programme of Activities</b>							
Integrating activities							
ACT					5		5
USTIA			1		9	18	60.5
PHYMA			8		4.5	8	57.6
RAB					8.1	3	43.9
PSA2	3				3.5		42
IED			3.5		4.5		30.5
SARP			3		4.5		16.5
IA			0.5		0.5		2
Jointly executed research activities							
CORIUM	4.5		12.3	4.5	5.7	5.25	62.25
CONTAINMENT	1.5	7.5	10.4		2.25	3	53.9
SOURCE TERM	0.3		0.75		3.45		67.5
Spreading of Excellence activities							
ET**							4.5
BOOK**							
MOB							
<b>TOTAL JPA</b>	9.3	7.5	39.45	4.5	51	37.25	446.15
<b>Management Activities</b>							
MANAG			4		2.5		32.5
TOTAL Management			4		2.5		32.5
TOTAL per PARTICIPANT	9.3	7.5	43.45	4.5	53.5	37.25	
Overall TOTAL EFFORTS							478.65

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	Participant 25 INR	Participant 26 INRNE	Participant 27 IVS	Participant 28 JRC ISPRA	Participant 29 JRC ITU	Participant 30 JRC PETTEN	TOTAL ACTIVITIES
<b>Joint Programme of Activities</b>							
Integrating activities							
ACT							5
USTIA	6	1	1			1	69.5
PHYMA	0	3	6.5			17	84.1
RAB	6	14	10.5				74.4
PSA2	2.5					3	47.5
IED				4.5			35
SARP							16.5
IA							2
Jointly executed research activities							
CORIUM	2.4	13.5	4.5		4.5		87.15
CONTAINMENT						4.5	58.4
SOURCE TERM	4.5				4.5	1.5	78
Spreading of Excellence activities							
ET**							4.5
BOOK**							
MOB	0						
<b>TOTAL JPA</b>	21.4	31.5	22.5	4.5	9	37	562.05
<b>Management Activities</b>							
MANAG							32.5
TOTAL Management							32.5
TOTAL per PARTICIPANT	21.4	31.5	22.5	4.5	9	27	
Overall TOTAL EFFORTS							594.55

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Project Number (acronym) - 509065 (SARNET)

	Participant 31 JSI	Participant 32 KTH	Participant 33 LEI	Participant 34 NNC	Participant 35 NRG	Participant 36 PSI	TOTAL ACTIVITIES
<b>Joint Programme of Activities</b>							
Integrating activities							
ACT							5
USTIA	1	12	9		1	1	93.5
PHYMA	5		1			0.6	90.7
RAB		6	8		2.7	0.5	91.6
PSA2			2.5	2.5		2.5	55
IED		4.5					39.5
SARP		3					19.5
IA		0.5				0.5	3
Jointly executed research activities							
CORIUM		7.35				4.5	99
CONTAINMENT	12	1.65	1.5		1.5		75
SOURCE TERM						7.5	85.5
Spreading of Excellence activities							
ET**		1.5					6
BOOK**		1.5					1.5
MOB		0.75					0.75
<b>TOTAL JPA</b>	18	38.75	22	2.5	5.2	17.1	665.55
<b>Management Activities</b>							
MANAG		2.5				4	39
TOTAL Management		2.5				4	39
<b>TOTAL per PARTICIPANT</b>	18	41.25	22	2.5	5.2	21.1	
<b>Overall TOTAL EFFORTS</b>							704.55

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	Participant 37 RUB	Participant 38	Participant 39 SWEDPOWER	Participant 40 TECHNICATOME	Participant 41 THERMODATA	Participant 42 TRACTEBEL	TOTAL ACTIVITIES
<b>Joint Programme of Activities</b>							
Integrating activities							
ACT							5
USTIA	1					1	95.5
PHYMA	2						92.7
RAB						3	94.6
PSA2			2.5				57.5
IED							39.5
SARP							19.5
IA							3
Jointly executed research activities							
CORIUM	4.5			0	3		106.5
CONTAINMENT	0			0			75
SOURCE TERM							85.5
Spreading of Excellence activities							
ET**							6
BOOK**							1.5
MOB							0.75
<b>TOTAL JPA</b>	<b>7.5</b>		<b>2.5</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>682.55</b>
<b>Management Activities</b>							
MANAG							39
TOTAL Management							39
TOTAL per PARTICIPANT	7.5		2.5		3	4	
Overall TOTAL EFFORTS							721.55

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Project Number (acronym) - 509065 (SARNET)

	Participant 43 TUS	Participant 44 ULB	Participant 55 NCU	Participant 46 UJD	Participant 47 UJV	Participant 48 UPM	TOTAL ACTIVITIES
<b>Joint Programme of Activities</b>							
Integrating activities							
ACT							5
USTIA	1			1	1.5		99
PHYMA	5.4				3		101.1
RAB	9			11			114.6
PSA2	2.5	4			2.5		66.5
IED							39.5
SARP	3						22.5
IA *							3
Jointly executed research activities							
CORIUM					6.75	4.5	117.55
CONTAINMENT	5.4				3	3	86.4
SOURCE TERM	4.5		4.5		1.5		96
Spreading of Excellence activities							
ET**							6
BOOK**							1.5
MOB							0.75
<b>TOTAL JPA</b>	30.8	4	4.5	12	18.25	7.5	<b>759.6</b>
<b>Management Activities</b>							
MANAG							39
TOTAL Management							39
TOTAL per PARTICIPANT	30.8	4	4.5	12	18.25	7.5	
Overall TOTAL EFFORTS							798.6

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Project Number (acronym) - 509065 (SARNET)


	Participant 49 VEIKI	Participant 50 VTT	Participant 51 VUJE	Participant 52 BTech	Participant 53 AECL	Participant 54 BNRA	TOTAL ACTIVITIES
<b>Joint Programme of Activities</b>							
Integrating activities							
ACT							5
USTIA	1		1		1	1	103
PHYMA						1	102.1
RAB	13		17		2	4	150.6
PSA2	2.5						69
IED		4.5					44
SARP		2					24.5
IA							3
Jointly executed research activities							
CORIUM		2.25			1.5		121.5
CONTAINMENT	3	2.25					91.65
SOURCE TERM		4.5			3		103.5
Spreading of Excellence activities							
ET**							6
BOOK**							1.5
MOB							0.75
<b>TOTAL JPA</b>	19.5	15.5	18	0	7.5	6	826.1
<b>Management Activities</b>							
MANAG							39
TOTAL Management							39
<b>TOTAL per PARTICIPANT</b>	19.5	15.5	18	0	7.5	6	
<b>Overall TOTAL EFFORTS</b>							865.1

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**WARNING: PARTICIPANT 55 (NCU) HAS BEEN INSERTED BETWEEN PARTICIPANT 44 AND 46**

## 6.4 Estimated breakdown of the requested EC Contribution per reporting period

This part is a copy of the A3.1 form of the contract preparation form. No change has been made since the initial version. So the requested funds for the next period (month 25 to month 36) still amount to 1,570,000 €. Probably, minor adjustments will have to be done for the fourth SARNET year.

Contract Preparation Forms			
	EUROPEAN COMMISSION	<b>Network of Excellence</b>	A3.1
	6th Framework Programme on Research, Technological Development and Demonstration		
Proposal Number	609065	Proposal Acronym	SARNET
Estimated breakdown of the requested EC contribution per reporting period			
Reporting Periods	Month x - month y	Requested Grant to the Budget	
		Total	in which first six months
Reporting Period 1	M1 - M12	1 570 000,00	,00
Reporting Period 2	M13 - M24	1 570 000,00	785 000,00
Reporting Period 3	M25 - M36	1 570 000,00	785 000,00
Reporting Period 4	M37 - M48	1 570 000,00	785 000,00
Reporting Period 5	M49 - M60	,00	,00
Reporting Period 6	M61 - M72	,00	,00
Reporting Period 7	M73 - M84	,00	,00
<b>Total</b>	Full duration	6 280 000,00	2 355 000,00
Estimated costs of the Joint Programme of Activities			
Estimated costs for the full duration		24 352 520,00	
Estimated costs for the first 18 months		9 376 353,00	

## 6.5 Project management level, description of resources and grant

The following two tables describe the resources needed to carry out the Joint Programme of Activities, respectively for the second 18 months period and for the total duration of the contract (48 months).

### For the JPA3 (18 months)

3 kinds of expenses are considered:

- manpower, it has been evaluated starting from the estimation given in § 10.2, with a lump value of the man-year cost (130000 €/year)
- travels for mission, with an average cost of 750€/per mission
- other expenses related to:
  - o support of ASTEC users, one part of this activity will required a subcontract of 1m-y/y (130000€)
  - o a sub contract for maintenance and specific development for the ACT, including the improvement of ASTEC web site (provision of 40000€)
  - o the organisation of one SARNET conference ERMSAR (50000€)

- the organisation of a SA modelling course and a SAM/ PSA2 course (50000€)
- mobility; it has been evaluated to 60000 €/year

The total expenses will be around 10.7 M€.

### **For the total duration of the contract**

**The evaluation is that made at the beginning of the contract**, with the following assumptions:

- no significant changes (/JPA1) in the investigated domains, and in the number of organisations participating to each one;
- 1 m-y/y for the coordinator;
- 2 m-y/y for support, training of users and model implementation in ASTEC (1 of the 2 m-y is provided via a sub contract);
- 1.5 m-y/y for the coordination of scientific and excellence spreading activities;
- 0.25 m-y/y for the management (and user-training) of the experimental data base;
- 0.25 m-y/y for the management of the information system (ACT);
- 0.66 m-y/y/participant to ASTEC activities;
- 0.25 m-y/y/participant to each one of the following activities: Corium, Containment, Source Term,
- 0.15 m-y/y/participant for Research priorities
- 0.15 m-y/y/participant to level2 PSA activities;
- 0.15 m-y/y/participant to excellence dissemination activities

We kept the same assumption as above for ACT possible sub-contract.

We assumed the holding of 2 SARNET conferences.

The total expenses will be around 24M€.

## JPA COST FOR THE THIRD 18 MONTHS PERIOD (JPA3)

Activities	Nb of organisations	Nb of correspondents per organisation	Nb of meetings within 18 months	Meeting cost	Nb of man-months	Manpower cost	Other costs	Total	
ACT development				0		0	40000	40000	
Electronic network administration	1	1	2	1500	5	54166,6667		55667	
ASTEC user support	2				18	195000	195000	390000	
ASTEC WPs	30	1	3	67500	337,7	3658416,667		3725916,667	
Level 2 PSA	17	1	3	38250	69	747500		785750	
Exp. Data Base Administration	1	1	1	750	4,5	48750		49500	
Exp. Data Feeding	9	1		0	39,5	427916,6667		427916,6667	
Research priorities	8	2	2	24000	24,5	265416,6667		289417	
Integration Monitoring	7			0	0	0		0	
Corium WPs	23	2	3	103500	121,5	1316250		1419750	
Containment WPs	20	2	3	90000	91,65	992875		1082875	
Source Term WPs	23	2	3	103500	103,5	1121250		1224750	
Education & training	12	1	2	18000	43,5	471250	50000	539250	
Mobility programme	10	1	0	0	0,75	8125	90000	98125	
Management team	7	1,5	3	23625	42	455000		478625	
Governing board meetings	49	0,66	2	48510				48510	
Advisory committees meetings	10	1	2	15000				15000	
SARNET CONFERENCES (1)							50000	50000	
<b>Total</b>				<b>534135</b>	<b>901,1</b>	<b>9761917</b>	<b>425000</b>	<b>10721052</b>	

Lump cost of one man-month (€) 10833  
Lump cost of one participation /meeting € 750

SARNET JPA COST (€)	10721051,67
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## JPA FULL COST FOR THE CONTRACT DURATION (4 years)

Activities	Nb of organisations	Nb of correspondents per organisation	Nb of meetings per year	Meeting cost	Nb of men-years/year	Manpower cost	Other costs	Total
ACT development				0		0	50000	50000
Electronic network administration	1	1	1	3000	0,25	125000		128000
ASTEC user support	2				1	500000	500000	1000000
ASTEC WPs	28	1	2	168000	18,98	9490000		9658000
Level 2 PSA	17	1	2	102000	2,55	1275000		1377000
Exp. Data Base Administration	1	1	1	3000	0,25	125000		128000
Exp. Data Feeding	5	1		0	1,25	625000		625000
Research priorities	8	2	1	48000	1,2	600000		648000
Integration Monitoring	7			0	0	0		0
Corium WPs	18	2	2	216000	4,75	2375000		2591000
Containment WPs	19	2	2	228000	5	2500000		2728000
Source Term WPs	21	2	2	252000	5,5	2750000		3002000
Education & training	12	1	1	36000	1,45	725000		761000
Mobility programme	10	1			0,5	62500	60000	122500
Management team	7	1	2	42000	2,5	1250000		1292000
Governing board meetings	49	0,66	1	97020				97020
Advisory committees meetings	10	1	1,5	45000				45000
SARNET CONFERENCES (2)							100000	100000
<b>Total</b>				<b>1240020</b>	<b>45,18</b>	<b>22402500</b>	<b>610000</b>	<b>24352520</b>

Lump cost of one man-year (€) 125000  
Lump cost of one participation /meeting € 750

<b>SARNET JPA COST (€)</b>	<b>24352520</b>
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## **Appendix A- Consortium description, new contractors**

### **A.1 Update of the list of partner organizations and of scientists involved in the network**

Three new candidate will enter the consortium for the execution of the third JPA:

- Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL: participant N°53)
- The Bulgarian Nuclear Safety Authority (BNRA: participant N°54)
- and the Newcastle University (NCU: participant N°55).

The participant N°45 will stop his participation to SARNET activities.

### **A.2 Sub-contracting**

The activity consisting in supporting ASTEC users will be sub-contracted. The reason is that experts in ASTEC will be mostly involved in tasks aiming at improving and assessing the code.

The company that which is contractually in charge of supporting ASTEC users (maintenance and Web site) will carry the corresponding activity. After a call for tenders in 2001, the contract has been initiated in December 2001 and will last up to December 2004. In order to support the SARNET ASTEC users, an amendment of this sub-contract has already been decided to extend the duration of 1 year, thus covering the whole year 2005.

Thus, the contract was finished in December 2005. During the year 2005, a new call for tenders has been set up for the following years, with the milestone of sub-contractor selection end of 2005.

IRSN is responsible for the subcontracting, the amount of the sub-contract is around 130 k€/year.

The development and maintenance of ACT and of the public SARNET Web site require a subcontract. GRS is responsible for the subcontracting, the amount of the sub-contract for the whole duration of the project is around 120k€, subject to some extensionsto increase its user-friendliness.

The training for using STRESA tools (necessary for data implementation) may punctually require the support of external organisations. JRC-ISPRA or trainee organisation will be responsible for these subcontracts.

### **A.3 Third parties**

The participation of AEA-T to SARNET will be co-funded by BRITISH ENERGY, and by BNFL (in-kind contribution in Joint Executed Research Activities).

The participation of VTT to SARNET will be co-funded by the State Nuclear Waste Management Fund (VYR), the Nordic Nuclear Research Programme (NKS) and Finnish Nuclear Safety and Radiation Authority (STUK).

The participation of GRS to SARNET will be financially supported by the German Federal Ministry of Economy and Labour.