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Press release

EU Discrimination Against Nuclear Energy: An "Omnibus" Legislative Act Is Needed

The petition regarding the discrimination against nuclear energy by European institutions remains open, having garnered unanimous support from the MEPs present at the Committee on Petitions (PETI) meeting on November 5, 2026. The 22 signatory NGOs are calling on the authorities of the Member States, the European executive, and Members of the European Parliament to introduce an "omnibus" legislative act dedicated to nuclear energy.

The European Parliament Committee on Petitions (PETI) unanimously supported the petition, which urges EU institutions to stop treating nuclear energy in a discriminatory manner compared to other low-carbon energy sources. The PETI Committee decided to keep the petition open, to refer the matter to the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE), and to request a written response from the European Commission regarding the blatant instances of discrimination highlighted in the petition.

Petition No. 1324/2026 was submitted by PNC-France, alongside 21 other associations from 14 EU Member States. The responses provided during the session by the Commission representative were clearly insufficient to address the arguments raised in the petition. Indeed, on March 10, 2026, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen acknowledged, with regard to the European electricity mix, that "*reducing the share of nuclear power was a choice; I believe Europe made a strategic mistake*."

With the backing of all political groups present at the PETI Committee meeting on Nov.5th, the petition comes at a critical moment. "*It is now up to all European institutions—first and foremost the European Commission—to rectify this situation across the entirety of European law*," stated Bernard Accoyer, representative of the petitioners and president of PNC-France.

The petitioners are now calling for the urgent drafting of **an "omnibus" legislative text for the nuclear energy**, aimed at revising all existing European legislative and regulatory instruments to ensure that all low-carbon sources—including nuclear—are treated on an equal footing.

Their core demand is that nuclear projects be granted the status of "**major public interest**," just as renewable energy projects are. Europe requires all available low-carbon sources to electrify various sectors and meet its climate goals. The petitioners also emphasize that each member state retain the freedom to define its own low-carbon energy mix, while bearing responsibility for the stability of its own electricity grid.

PNC-France and its partner associations will now engage with their respective national governments, European authorities, and Members of the European Parliament.

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List of NGOs who signed the Petition:

Name of the association	Country
WeCare	Belgium
100 TWh	Belgium
WePlanet	Belgium
Bulatom	Bulgaria
Hrvatsko nuklearno društvo (HND)	Croatia
Jihočeští taťkové - Fathers of Clean Energy	Czech Republic
Sauvons le Climat	France
Les Voix du nucléaire	France
PNC-France	France
Cérémé	France
WePlanet Finland	Finland
Nuklearia	Germany
WePlanet DACH	Germany
18 for 0	Ireland
Amici della terra	Italy
Nucleare e Ragione	Italy
Attīstības un inovāciju mācību centrs	Latvia
WePlanet Nederlands	Netherlands
Fota4Climate	Pologne
Sociedade para o Estudo da Energia Nuclear- SEEN	Portugal
WePlanet Portugal	Portugal
Ekomodernista Sweden /WePlanet	Sweden

Other NGOs supporting the Petition

Foundation for Nuclear Technology - Stitching Kernvisie	Netherlands
Vernunftkraft	Germany
AEPN – Association des écologistes pour le nucléaire	France
Jedrska	Slovenia
WePlanet Denmark	Denmark

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