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World Nuclear Exhibition 2018

THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING-PLACE FOR THE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY OF TOMORROW

From 26 to 28 June this year, the global civil nuclear energy community will gather at the World Nuclear Exhibition at Paris Nord Villepinte.

Like the two previous editions this third show looks very exciting, with its new more modern setting and easier access, [and some 750 exhibitors already signed up](#) – 10% up on 2016.

WNE 2018 offers a window into the theme of this year's event, the new era for the civil nuclear industry. New technologies, innovations and research programmes, the real drivers for performance and competitiveness on this road of excellence, will be front and centre of the event.

Complementing a packed [programme](#) of exhibitor-led round tables and workshops, WNE highlights the major advances in the global nuclear sector, particularly addressing [4 themes](#): "Small Modular Reactors (SMR)" and "Advanced reactors, GEN IV & beyond" - the subject of the two lunch debates, and "Digitalisation" and "Dismantling & Decommissioning", covered in themed guided tours.

An even more international third event

Firmly international and business-focused, WNE brings together the global players in the civil nuclear energy sector, covering the whole cycle (except extraction): from fuel transformation to waste processing.

The crossroads for product and global demand, and following on from the previous two events, this edition will have an even greater international presence, with **40% of exhibitors from abroad** (compared to 27% in 2014), **31 countries represented**, [15 national pavilions](#) and the major global leaders present.

Alongside the major players, a significant number of SMEs and intermediate-sized businesses as well as start-ups will be represented, with no less than **20,000 attendees from Europe, Asia, Africa, the Middle East, the Americas and Russia coming together** for the 3 days.

WNE is a premier business accelerator show. Over **4,000 business meetings** will be arranged this year (compared to 3,200 in 2016). Their objectives: to facilitate international dialogue, sharing experience and best practice among suppliers and major global purchasers, to pave the way for new contracts to be signed and new partnerships to be formed.

Business acceleration is also the subject of the [Investors' Day](#) on 28 June, with major sponsorship from BPI France. This is the first time WNE is actually opening its doors to investors who will be able to meet exhibitors seeking finance, from among small and very small businesses, as well as the new [20 promising new entrants from the Startup Planet](#)

The WNE AWARDS: spotlighting innovation and excellence in the sector

Following its 2016 successes, WNE is also announcing the second WNE Awards, showcasing the real innovations and talents with **8 prizes** rewarding innovation, skills and knowledge management, operational excellence and nuclear safety. New for 2018: Micro- and small & medium-sized enterprises will have their own prizes awarded in each of the four categories.

No fewer than **147 projects** were submitted this year - that's up 24% on 2016 - from some one hundred companies, half of them SMEs. The WNE Awards 2018 will be unveiled on the first afternoon of the show, Tuesday 26 June, at 16:45 in the Panel Discussions hall.

Digital transformation of the nuclear sector in action at WNE

The nuclear industry is moving fast along the digital transformation path, across its entire value chain, in order to improve competitiveness while optimising quality and the efficiency and safety of existing plant and new projects.

Digitalisation of the civil nuclear sector is reinventing industrial processes, offering a unique opportunity to attract the next generation and build a skills base on which tomorrow's talented professionals will rely.

Automation, simulation, modelling, data-mining, artificial intelligence, robotics, cobotics, drones, additive manufacturing, augmented reality, connected objects, etc., **WNE 2018 will offer the opportunity to explore digital and technological innovations developed by industries** to handle the business challenges and support the development and deployment of new projects in this premier industry sector.

This year around 20% of the exhibitors will be presenting their work or expertise in digital and many meetings will be held to echo this digital transformation: Startup Planet, round tables, guided tours, and more.

Please use the [press pack](#) to obtain an **overview of the global nuclear industry** through feedback from **CEA, Capgemini and Dassault Systèmes** (given at the press briefing on 16 May 2018 at the BPI)

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