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**To:** [office@cnfe.eu](mailto:office@cnfe.eu)

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Dear Mayor, dear Councillor, dear Colleague,

From today, Saturday 15th April, Germany is nuclear free.

Today, the three reactors, Isar 2, Neckarwestheim 2 and Emsland will be powered down for the final time, after a temporary operational extension granted last Autumn by the coalition government. They were originally scheduled for closure at the end of 2022, but anxieties over national energy supplies, increased by the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and the disruption of Russian gas, led to a temporary delay.

The closures represent the conclusion of the phase-out from nuclear power, first initiated by former German Chancellor Angela Merkel, following the 2011 Fukushima nuclear power plant disaster.

Our CNFE Chairman, Vienna's Executive City Councillor Jürgen Czernohorszky said:

"We believe Germany has taken an important step. It is based on reason and facts and demonstrates that a major industrial country has no need for nuclear energy, with all its costs and hazards. We hope that more countries will follow Germany's example to achieve the ultimate goal of a nuclear free Europe."

With Germany, 15 of the 27 European Union's countries are nuclear free. Spain and Belgium postponed their phase-out, but will hopefully follow the German example soon.

We are happy to receive also congratulations from our partner organisation Nuclear Free Local Authorities. Councillor Lawrence O'Neill, Chair of the UK/Ireland NFLA, said:

"The NFLA would like to send our warmest congratulations to anti-nuclear colleagues in Germany, especially amongst our partners in Cities for a Nuclear Free Europe, for their efforts over many years in achieving this milestone. In the UK, we still have some way to go, but we remain optimistic that we shall also get there."

We gladly forward these congratulations to our German member cities and regions, who have been fighting for this day.

Please do not hesitate if you have any questions or remarks, to contact us.

Kind regards,

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