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The Commission is aware of Framatome's joint venture project¹. The Commission remains committed to moving away from Russian supplies in the nuclear sector. The Roadmap towards ending Russian energy imports² is setting out a coordinated and gradual approach. Euratom is supporting development of alternative water-water energetic reactor (VVER) fuels financially, having invested EUR 20 million into research on non-Russian nuclear fuel design alternatives³ through research projects led by Westinghouse and Framatome⁴.

The investment in Lingen is subject to licensing by independent national nuclear safety regulatory authorities in Germany, with nuclear safety and security concerns due to be taken into account in this process.

The Commission continues engaging with all stakeholders. The Commission and the Euratom Supply Agency, in line with the objectives of the European Energy Security Strategy⁵ and the Energy Union Strategy⁶ to enhance security of supply and diversify energy sources, have long been highlighting the risk of such a dependence and called for, publicly and in contacts with stakeholders, a reduction of dependence on any single supplier in the nuclear value chain.

¹ Cooperation between Framatome and Rosatom/TVEL started in 2017, and plans for the joint venture predates the Russian war of aggression in Ukraine.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52025DC0440>.

³ It is expected that these fuels will be fully licenced within the next three to nine years.

⁴ On 21 June 2024, Framatome received an EUR 10 million contribution from the EU under the Euratom Research and Training Programme to support the development of a European fuel design for VVER reactors.

⁵ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council, European Energy Security Strategy, COM(2014) 330 final.

⁶ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Investment Bank - A Framework Strategy for a Resilient Energy Union with a Forward-Looking Climate Change Policy, COM/2015/080 final.