

# The EU 6th FWP CA HOTLAB a first step towards an European Network of Hot Laboratories

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- Objectives
  - to assess the European Hot Laboratories research capacity
  - and its aptitude for supporting the nuclear industry and research community
  - ⇒ taking a picture of present day situation
    - PIE capabilities & research themes / occupancies
  - ⇒ as a basis towards future 'integration'
    - transport issue as primary obstacle for cooperation

- All deliverables delivered in due time
  - highly functional internet based catalogue of hot laboratories
    - complemented by nuclear transport cask catalogue & first identification of transport operation needs
  - assessment of present occupation and future needs of experimental facilities

## But

- only a very useful 'format'
  - catalogue format & functionalities adequate
    - ↔ poor filling, hence limited benefit
  - only first limited identification of transport issues
    - ↔ not yet tackled
  - research themes inventoried & individual labs occupancies
    - ↔ not yet e.g. complementarities, cooperation modes, ...
- due to limited resources
- ⇒ formal (financed) resources needed in continuation project to realize HOTLAB's potential assets

# HOTLAB closure

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- delayed
  - due to heavy formal EU requirements
  - and great number
  - + several inexperienced partners
- final approval FMR
  - obtained yesterday
  - final payment soon expected