

## "Steps to Sharing" Joint Procurement of Services / Facilities

Fund for financing the decommissioning of the Krško NPP



#### **Legislative Framework**

- Directive 2014/24/EU of 26 February 2014 on public procurement (Text with EEA relevance)
  - Article 39 (Procurement involving contracting authorities from different Member States)
  - contracting authorities from different Member States may act jointly in the award of public contracts
- Croatian and Slovenian Intergovernmental Agreement on Regulation of Status and Other Legal Issues Regarding Investments in Krško NPP, and its Exploitation and Decommissioning
- national provisions



# Agreement on joint public procurement

- ARAO & Fund Agreement on joint public procurement of services
  - > The responsibilities of the parties
  - Relevant applicable national provisions
  - Internal organization of the procurement procedure:
    - the procedure management,
    - the distribution of services to be procured and
    - the conclusion of contract



#### Jointly ordered services

- Procurement of technical studies background documents for preparation of Third revision of the Krško NPP RW & SNF Disposal Program:
  - New revision of document "Reference Scenario for Geological Disposal Facility in Hard Rock with Cost Estimation for its Implementation"
  - "Analysis of Possible Division and Takeover of Krsko NPP operational and Decommissioning Radioactive Waste"
- estimated net value of each service was below thresholds defined in Article 4 of Directive 2014/24/EU



# Public procurement procedure ARAO - Fund

- Each organization was responsible for procurement of one of the studies under the national provisions in that country.
- Other party was participant in that procedure, including:
  - preparation of the procurement documentation
  - participation in the procurement process
  - contracting, monitoring and control of procedures
  - reviews of phase reports and final products (studies)



## Public procurement procedure ARAO - Fund

- Parties jointly decided on:
  - estimated value of the procurements,
  - description, ToR, technical specifications and quantities of the services,
  - criteria for the selection of the suppliers,
  - deadlines and payment terms,
  - basic contractual provisions
- The costs for both services were split by half
  - the service provider invoiced the one organization (contract holder) and the other organization (participant) refunded 50% of the amount



#### Challenges and possibilities

- Differences in national provisions
  - provisions for public procurement of services below threshold (221.000 €) in Croatia are striker and more complicated than in Slovenia
  - VAT treatment for ARAO (Public Agency) and Fund (nonprofit organization)
- Late approvals of annual budgets/financial planes
- for Croatia and Slovenia joint public procurement is interesting solution due to possible joint projects proposed in the frame of Third revision of the Krško NPP RW & SNF Disposal Program
  - R&D for SNF and HLW disposal
  - LILW predisposal management





