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OPINIONS ON “NUCLEAR ENERGY” AND “ENERGY SUPPLY” IN SLOVENIAN PUBLIC

The Slovenian Democratic Party (SDS) – the opposition party in 2011

“The question of energy supply is of strategic importance, therefore our goal is sustainable, competitive and reliable energy supply”.

This is a quote from the speech of party member Dr. Romana Jordan Cizelj, who is also a member of the European Parliament and has a PhD in nuclear engineering.

As she emphasized in her speech nuclear energy represents 30 % of whole electricity in the European Union, does not produce greenhouse gases and distributes EU's import dependence, thus nuclear energy deserves an appropriate place in the European energetic mixture.

Liberal Democracy of Slovenia (LDS) – the coalition party in 2011 *“Slovenia can not assure its energetic future without nuclear energy.”*

Government of the Republic of Slovenia (in 2011)

“Nuclear power plants are clean producers of energy. The easiest way to satisfy the needs for energy is via project of building another block of Nuclear Power Plant Krško.

With realization of this project we will essentially reduce production of greenhouse gases, reduce our dependency on import of electricity and the competitive price of electricity will keep or even improve competitiveness of Slovenian economy”.

UMANOTERA – The Slovenian Foundation for Sustainable Development

“The main question concerning the energetic future of Slovenia should not be the decision between another block of Thermal Power Plant Šoštanj and the second block of Nuclear Power Plant Krško. The duty of Slovenian government is to prepare a third scenario, which will include neither of these two options”.

FOKUS – Association for Sustainable Development is an independent, non-governmental, non-profit and apolitical association of individuals.

“The greater part of energy we nowadays use comes from fossil fuels. These are not renewable, they cause pollution and other problems. Because of our energy dependence we need renewable sources that are environmentally friendly. Fokus supports use of renewable energy sources, effective use of energy and eradication of nuclear energy”.

GREENPEACE Slovenia

“If Slovenia decided for nuclear future, we would denounce all advantages of transition to cleaner and safer energy sources”.

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»The low price of nuclear energy is an absurd: it does not include all the expenses, for example the insurance in a case of an accident in the power plant, the costs of radioactive waste in next decades, the health issues of the inhabitants in the nearby ... There are some persons who live only 2,5 km away from Krško power plant – it is an unique and an absolutely unacceptable situation in Europe ...«

(Slovenian Ecological Association - ZEG)

»We want to represent a balanced opinion on nuclear energy and inform responsible individuals on all its pros and cons. We want to contribute to a democratic discussion which admits the scientific and technical facts as well as the public concerns.«

(Slovenian DMFA)

»In the article entitled as 'Public risks of the nuclear energy' the authors give an exaggerated and completely negative opinion on nuclear energy. They also suggest a political decision on its unacceptability which is not a good idea. We do not support such an attitude ...«

(Slovenian Foratom)