In 2015, the ASME Committee on Nuclear Quality Assurance (NQA) established its first International Working Group (IWG) to provide a forum for the participation of quality assurance specialists outside the United States who want to contribute to the development of NQA-1 - “Quality Assurance Requirements for Nuclear Facility Applications”.

Since 2015, the International Working Group Europe (EUIWG) has attracted many members and visitors from various European countries and from a variety of interests that covers regulators, operators, designers, manufacturers and inspectors.

The EUIWG team has grown to an engaged group whose members sometimes stay active although not anymore working in the nuclear business. In our opinion this is a result of the quality and relevance of the group’s discussions and topics.

The main tasks of the EUIWG include but are not limited to:

- Initiating and processing proposed changes to the NQA-1 standard with a focus on comparison and harmonization of other quality standards;
- Supporting other NQA committees in developing their respective requirements and explaining relevant European positions;
- Providing interpretations to European inquirers;
- Providing a platform for training, discussion and sharing of best practices regarding the implementation of the NQA-1 standard.

EUIWG members and their organizations benefit from this exchange as well as from access to vast background documentation on NQA-1 requirements. They also get advance knowledge of changes to ASME codes and standards and the opportunity to shape the future of NQA-1.

Membership in the IWG is personal and free of charge but requires regular active participation in meetings (held twice a year across Europe). More detailed information about EUIWG can be found at:

https://cstools.asme.org/csconnect/CommitteePages.cfm?Committee=100759662

If you are interested in becoming involved in the EUIWG, you will find more information under “Participation” or “Volunteer Recruiting Toolbox” on the left sidebar of the abovementioned link. You will also find information about the ASME staff member who can be contacted and the next EUIWG meetings.

All meetings are open to the public and visitors are most welcome!