

**Civil Society Involvement in
Public Information
About Nuclear Activities
in Romania
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In the field of nuclear activities in Romania the information is rather provided by the energy industry. There are some NGOs involved in such process but their audience in mass media was poor.

The new tools of social media offer now good possibilities to spread out wider information among a large categories of public.

But it is important also to pay attention and provide right information in order to don't be manipulative.

How can civil society offer real information to public?

This is a challenge now in Romania and the EAGLE project is a part of the answer.

The presentation shows the experience of ARIN NGO in risk communication on some nuclear issues.

The story of the involvement of ARIN in information about nuclear issues started from Baita Bihorului, where an Uranium minning company was operating and in the town of Stei, where some facilities for primary process of Uranium minerals and rocks were operating too. In one of our first try to obtain some information about the effects on population and environment, the answer of the Company was „The information about the possible pollution are top secret”!!

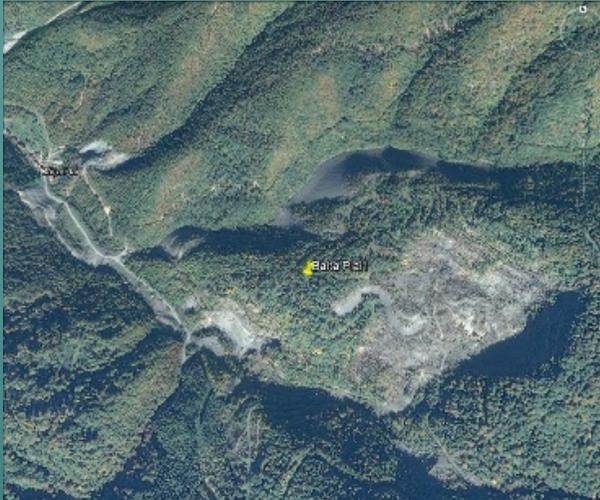
Thus, different activities in order to aware the population started (in 1992) and, 10 years later, ARIN obtained some funds for the project „NucleAarhus” (Implementing the Aarhus Convention in Romania, in Nuclear Issues)



Block houses in Baita Plai, extremely close to the waste deposits.



The former „Club” of the miners, in the „Zero Area”; it was, also, used as Rescue and Healthy Unit (Baita Plai)



Aerial picture of the Baita Plai area



The sewage unit for wasted water from the mine and social group; at least in the 10 last years of the mine, it was left in deterring



The „Moara 4” – radioactive rocks „mill”, in the immediate proximity of the Stei town; from here, the concentrates go to Feldioara



The Laboratory for Uranium minerals analysis (left side), in the middle of the Stei town



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The „Uzina R”, Feldioara (here it was obtained the „yellow cake”); here we discovered that the liner of the tailing ponds was not disposed in an appropriate manner.



The deposit of radioactive wastes Baita)



Seminar in the project NucleAarhus („nuclear staff“)



Seminar in the project NucleAarhus (NGOs and experts).



Greenpeace demonstration against nuclear energy, in the front of Environment Ministry



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