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Closing remarks

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I appreciate the wide participation of European and Romanian research at this event, which has enabled the valuable results to be known, the prospects that open up to be understood, the opening of new collaborations, as well as the new European projects.

We also appreciate the structured approach of the two major aspects of nuclear energy: nuclear safety and radioactive waste management, as well as addressing cross-cutting themes of interest: challenges of climate change, trends in energy production, and challenges in shaping the future human resources.

Beyond the solutions presented by the projects and the cases of good practice, it is to be mentioned the opening to collaboration through "unity in diversity", by complementarity rather than by competition, by valorizing the synergic effects.

The format of the conference included an important number of workshops in which it was possible to discuss issues specific to the different themes of research and technology. These workshops identified research directions that can be supported jointly by European and national programs. In particular, we appreciated the large interest in the Workshop dedicated to ALFRED demonstrator, a project planned to be implemented in Romania.

In the nuclear domain, it is necessary to share all these efforts not only to avoid parallelism but also to form a critical mass of specialists.

We enjoy the presence of an important number of young people and their enthusiastic participation in the competitions dedicated to them. Beyond these competitions, deepening the way we work in European projects is an important gain in shaping the future expertise in the field.

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