

Instrumentation & Control: Framatome and Rusatom Automated Control Systems Sign Memorandum of Understanding

Framatome and the Russian company JSC Rusatom Automated Control Systems (JSC RASU, the integrator of Rosatom in I&C and electrical engineering) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the sidelines of the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum. The agreement will see the companies enhance their cooperation in the field of Instrumentation & Control (I&C) for their mutual benefit.

The agreement notably provides a framework for the participation of RASU and Framatome in VVER and Framatome's nuclear power plant projects in the global market, cooperation in the fields of maintenance and modernization, training, development of nuclear infrastructure, and support for the certification of Russian equipment to ensure compliance with European and international norms and standards. The parties will also look at how to integrate Framatome I&C systems into Rosatom new build projects abroad, with the possible localization of component and system production on Rosatom sites.

Fréderic Lelièvre, Senior Executive Vice President in charge of Sales, Regional Platforms and the Instrumentation and Control Business Unit at Framatome, commented: "There are obvious synergies between Framatome and JSC RASU. We have a number of years of experience in jointly commissioning automation systems at nuclear power plants in Russia and are convinced that the conditions created under this agreement for specific cooperation projects will be in demand in global markets. The initial key markets for us are Turkey, Hungary and Egypt. Cooperation between our two companies creates a win-win situation all round; for JSC RASU, for Framatome and, most importantly, for our customers to enable them meet the challenges they face today."

Andrei Butko, General Director of RASU, declared: "Success today is possible only if strong players cooperate and create better solutions for their customers. Our experience with colleagues from Framatome just proves that this approach has a positive effect. We have already established permanent working groups, agreements have been reached on joint development of promising solutions for VVER and Framatome's nuclear power plant projects, joint work on training of NPP staff and the development of digital training platforms. Everything that we do together is directed solely at deepening partnership, expanding its borders, being guided, first of all, by the interests of business."

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With 14,000 employees worldwide, every day Framatome's expertise helps its customers improve the safety and performance of their nuclear plants and achieve their economic and societal goals.

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