# Global nuclear developments and the impact on the fuel cycle

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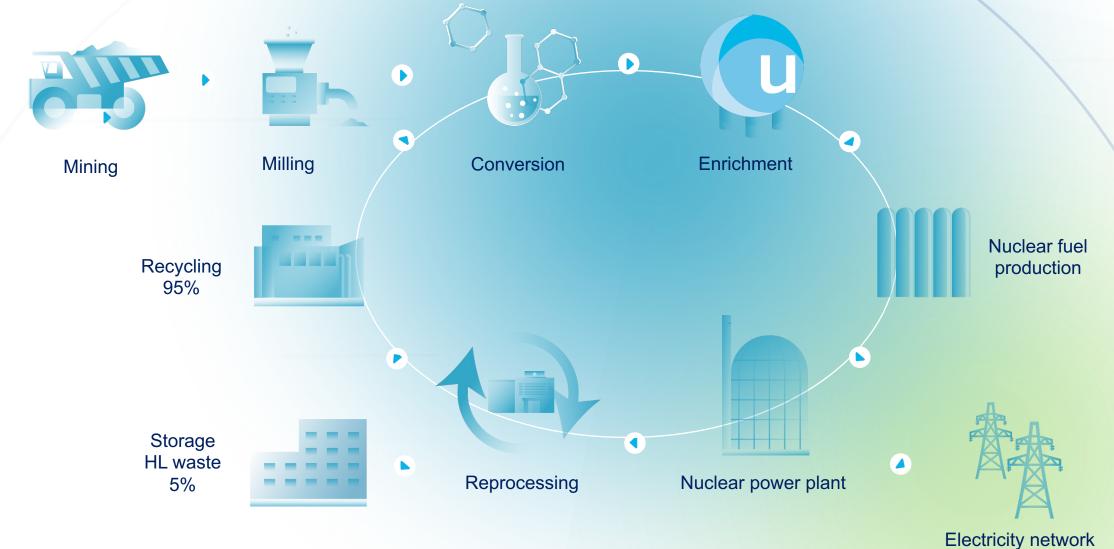
## Summary

- Urenco Netherlands is a 100% subsidiary of Urenco Limited.
- Urenco enriches uranium for nuclear energy generation and it also produces stable isotopes for use in medical, industrial and research applications.
- Our workforce of 350 committed employees is expanding.
- Main market developments:
  - Both markets are expanding: increased demand for enrichment services
  - More diverse enrichment levels: LEU+ and HALEU
  - RepU enrichment (in Almelo): closing the loop by enriching reprocessed uranium.
- Conclusion: the nuclear fuel cycle is adapting to developments

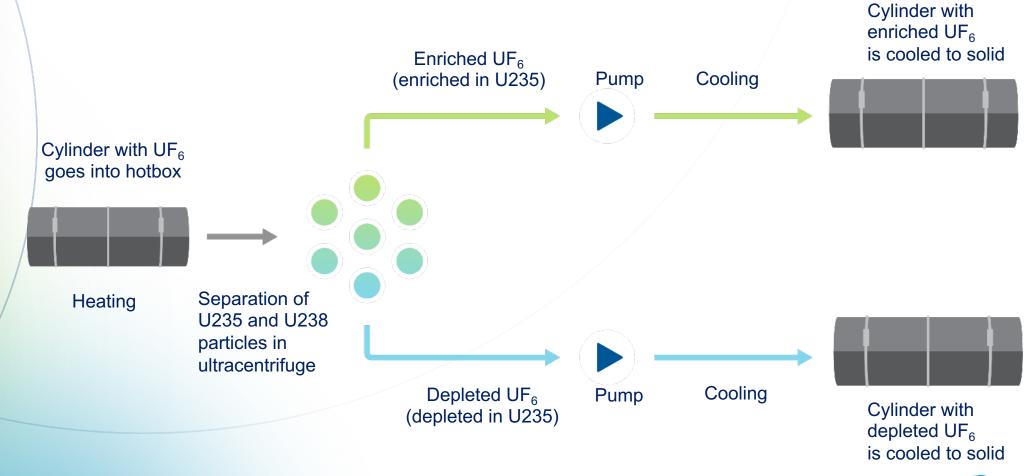




## Nuclear fuel cycle



## Uranium enrichment





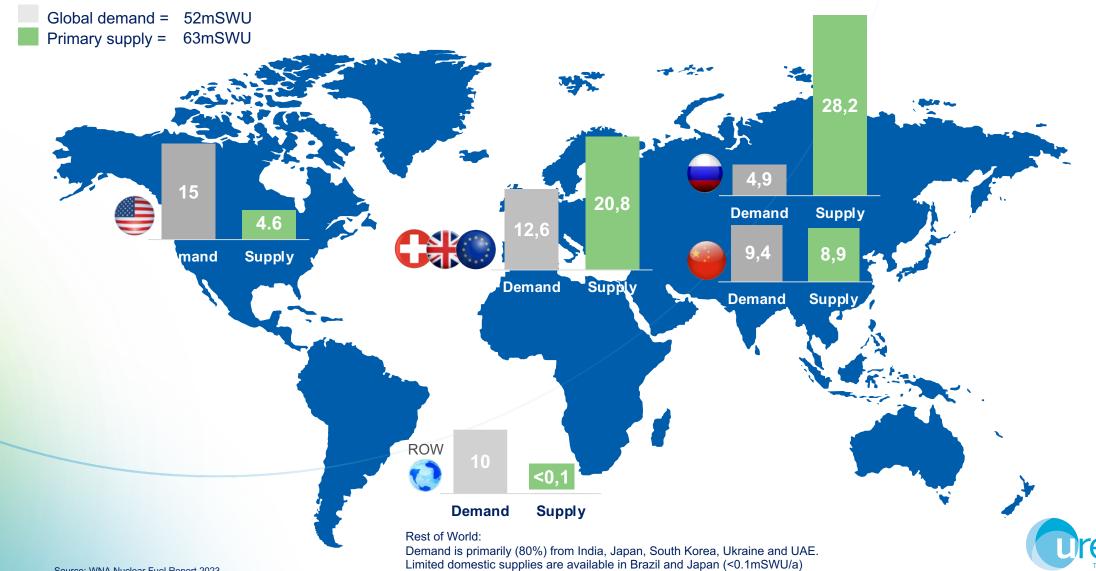


## Customers

50 customers in 19 countries



## Regional enrichtment capacity vs. demand in 2022



## Enrichment price history









## Next generation fuels: LEU+

- Today we enrich up to 5%; LEU+ increases this to up to 10%.
- Customers require LEU+ to optimise fuel cycles in existing power plants.
- LEU+ programmes at our US and UK sites; deliveries from 2025.

## Next generation fuels: HALEU

- HALEU: enriched uranium between 10% and 19.75%.
- Projects for next generation nuclear power plants require higher enriched fuel.
- UK and US governments have announced programmes to support the development of domestic HALEU facilities.
- Urenco is counterpart in both countries to support the development of a HALEU plant.
- Market is evolving and customer relationships are growing.
- US ban on uranium imports from Russia as of January 2028



# Overview of recent policy support for nuclear as part of decarbonisation/net zero ambitions



#### **United Kingdom**

New 15% Investment Clean Electricity Investment

renewal requests (taking units from 60 to 80 years

Tax Credit, available to both new and existing

Several plants initiated subsequent license

nuclear power plants projects

Aims to have 24 Gwe of nuclear generating capacity by 2050, representing -25% of projected electricity demand

#### **The Netherlands**

Approved construction of two large reactors, with plans for the units to begin producing electricity in 2035

#### Sweden

Pursuing equivalent of 10 new reactors (likely SMRs) by 2045

#### Europe

As part of the EU's Net-Zero Industry Act (NZIA) nuclear power will be labelled as a strategic technology for the EU's decarbonisation effort

#### Czech Republic

National climate and energy plan would see nuclear capacity increase from 4.3 to 5.9 Gwe by 2050

Draft of long-term energy policy includes additional nuclear power plant

#### **Japan**

**South Korea** 

Amended energy law to allow reactors to operate beyond the current 60-year limit

#### China

Approved the construction of 10 nuclear power units in 2023, following approval of 10 units in 2022

25 world leaders signed a declaration at COP28 to

#### United States

Canada

**United States** 

of operations)

Federal support for nuclear via the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Civil Nuclear Credit (CNC) programme

#### France

Will build six "next generation" EPRs with plans to break ground for the first unit by 2027

#### Ukraine

Plans to construct two AP1000 reactors at the Khmelnitsky nuclear power plant

triple nuclear energy by 2050

#### India

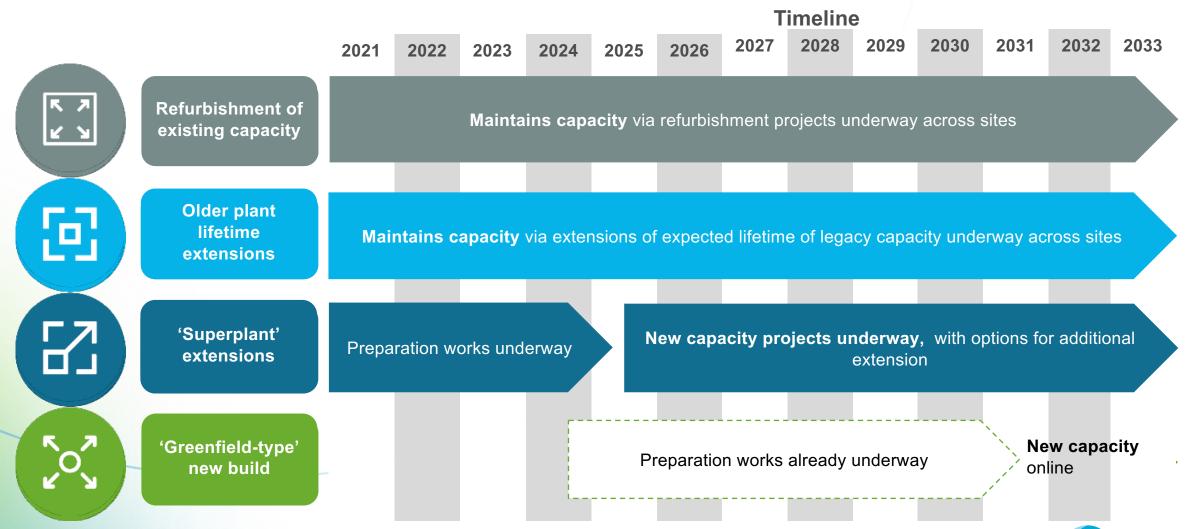
Plans to add 18 additional reactors with to increase nuclear capacity from 8.7 to 22.5 Gwe by 2032

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#### Italy

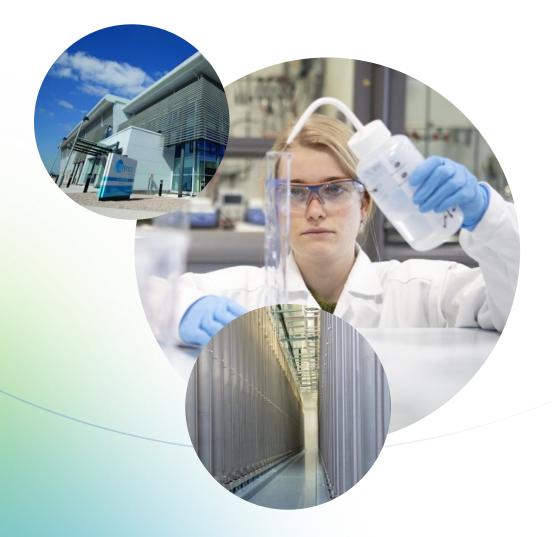
Restated ambition to revive its nuclear industry within next 10 years

## Capacity options near and long term





### Other business



### **Urenco Isotopes**

- Medical: isotopes for diagnostics, therapy and pain relief.
   Moving further into the nuclear medicine value chain
  - Equivalent of around two million patient treatments.
- Industry: stable isotopes for nuclear industry, non destructive testing, semiconductor industry
- Research: isotopes as first step in the value chain for Neutrino research and food uptake studies

### **Decommissioning and nuclear stewardship**

- Urenco Nuclear Stewardship delivered £200 million of decommissioning activities.
- Tails Management Facility ramp up continued with two kilns in operation.



## In conclusion

Global nuclear developments have a great impact on the fuel cycle resulting in

- **More** demand for enrichment products
- **Diversification** in demand for enrichment products
- Closing the loop with RepU

To succeed we need:

the nuclear fuel cycle to be adaptive and responsive to developments



## Thank you

Q&A

