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Overview of Site Preparation

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The preparation of Cadarache as the host of ITER is organised at a double level:

Europe, since the beginning of the candidature in 2001, is coordinating the so-called European ITER Site Studies;

France, as the host country, has put in place a dedicated structure at a decisional level (close to the government), and operational level in the PACA region with two entities:

The Agency Iter France (AIF), inside the CEA, interlocutor of international and European entities, in charge of site preparation and fund recollection;

An accompanying prefectural mission, in charge mainly of road adaptation and the international school.

The paper will cover all the aspects related to the preparation of the implementation of ITER:

Technical aspects: the progress of site preparation itself, its servicing (water supply, electrical supply, Internet...), the road adaptation between the large harbour of Fos-sur-mer and Cadarache, etc. will be detailed.

Regulatory procedures: in the framework of the delegation that the ITER partners gave to the CEA/AIF on 14th September 2005, two main large files are in progress:

The public debate, organised by an independent authority, informs the population of the challenges and impacts of ITER in Provence;

The safety documents: the writing of the preliminary safety report, which will be submitted to the Nuclear Safety Authority and the files submitted to the public during the public enquiries are ongoing.

Socioeconomic aspects: the welcome of ITER staff and their families is operational, via a dedicated Welcome Office; the location of an international school in Manosque leads now to its prefiguration.

The overall organisation will be described, as well as all planning forecast for the coming years, leading to the start of construction.