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Germany opts to extend its nuclear future

FORATOM, the trade association representing the European nuclear industry, welcomes the announcement made by the German government today to extend the operational duration of its nuclear power plants.

FORATOM's Director General, Santiago San Antonio, applauded the historic decision taken by the German government and stressed: "It is a clear endorsement of the essential role that nuclear energy plays in ensuring security of supply, combating climate change and contributing to economic growth."

To extend the operational duration of Germany's nuclear plants by an average of 12 years is a highly significant development because it recognises the fundamental role that nuclear plays in Germany's energy future. The decision is also the latest in a series of similar ones made by a growing number of countries across Europe, including Italy, Sweden and Belgium.

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