

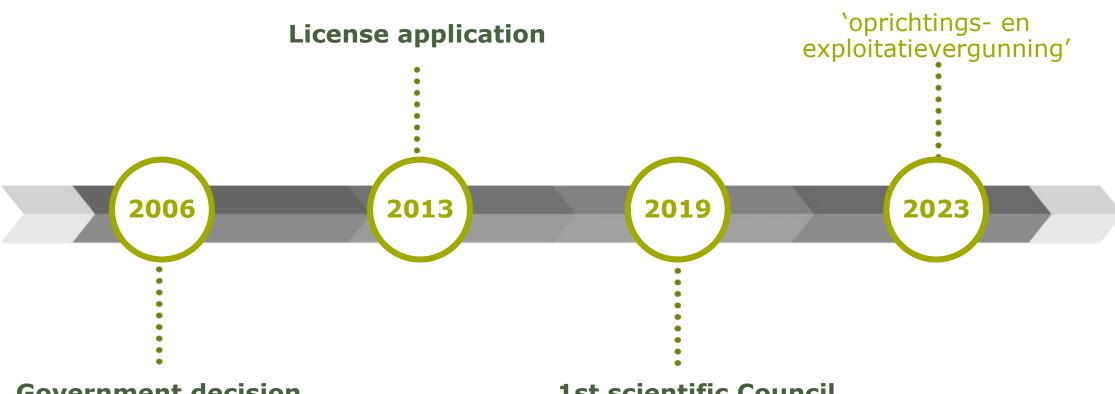
Conclusions & Outlook



## Major milestone reached

**Journey of >15 years** 

**Nuclear License** granted



**Government decision** 

Surface repository in Dessel

**1st scientific Council** 

'Gunstig voorlopig voorafgaand advies'

### New challenges ahead



#### **Construction**

- First nuclear disposal facility in Belgium
- Strict building requirements to ensure long-term safety

#### **Preparing for waste disposal**

- Establishment of NIRAS Site Dessel (NISD)
  - → NIRAS as a class I nuclear operator
- Start-up production of monoliths (caisson factory, IPM)
- Develop filling plan for the modules
- Continue & increase monitoring activities

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### New challenges ahead

### Collaboration NIRAS/ONDRAF - SCK CEN

#### **Safety case**

- Regular updates to ensure a conform & up to date safety case.
  - Continuous R&D needed
- Update(s) near-field models
- Hydrogeological measurements to confirm radiological capacity 2<sup>nd</sup> (Western) tumulus

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### **Disposability**

- Extend & adapt waste acceptation system for surface disposal
- Destructive and non-destructive tests on waste
- RD&D increasing fraction disposable waste
  - Sorption tests
  - Development of compressible material
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# Coming soon...

