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**Construction of second EPR in France adds fresh impetus to nuclear new build in Europe.**

**FORATOM, the trade association representing the European nuclear industry, has welcomed the announcement made today by the French Presidency that the construction of a second European pressurised water reactor (EPR) will begin at Penly, France, in 2012 and will be connected to the grid in 2017.**

The new EPR, which will be built by EDF in partnership with GDF Suez, will be the second unit of its kind in France, after Flamanville, and the third in Europe after Olkiluoto, Finland. Reacting to the announcement, FORATOM's Director General, Santiago San Antonio placed the news within a broader European new build context: "There is now a total of nine new nuclear units being built across Europe. This emphasises that the nuclear revival is not only sustainable but also gathering momentum."

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