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Spain extends Almaraz operation to June 2030

Brussels, 17 August 2026: nucleareurope welcomes the Spanish government's decision to extend the life of the Almaraz nuclear power plant (NPP) until 2030.

"This decision by the Spanish Government must be applauded given that Almaraz accounts for 7% of the electricity produced in Spain, thereby supporting security of supply both nationally and in the EU", highlights Emmanuel Brutin, nucleareurope Director General. "It is in line with the European Commission's recommendation to extend the life of all nuclear reactors for as long as possible in order to ensure security of supply and reduce dependence on fossil fuel imports. We hope this decision will pave the way for a broader reconsideration of the role of nuclear energy in Spain beyond 2035".

This decision (published on 14 August in Spain's Official Journal [BOE](#)) will enable Almaraz to continue providing Spain and Europe with reliable, clean electricity at a time when the EU is seeking to strengthen its energy security, reduce its exposure to volatile fossil fuel markets and significantly increase the electrification of its economy. It is in line with the Commission's Communication AccelerateEU which states that Member States should "avoid premature retirement of generation assets, such as existing nuclear facilities that can continue to deliver reliable, low-cost and low-emission electricity", as well as the recently published Electrification Action Plan.

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