

SCK•CEN started six years ago the structured programme [PISA](#) with support of young researchers in social sciences from different disciplines and universities. They joined technical teams within SCK•CEN to increase our scientific insight and objectivity. PhD and post-doc projects were organised within the specific research tracks mentioned below. The concept of reflection groups became more organised and output-directed within universities. The reflection groups on Ethics and Expert Culture, extended to *Public Involvement*, operate with external experts (e.g. university professors and promoters) and interested SCK•CEN colleagues from different divisions. Two PhD's are being finalised in 2005. An evaluation of the PISA programme led to a more focussed project with the research more vertically integrated within the DSR department of the Radiation Protection Division.

The original objectives of the PISA programme as mentioned in earlier scientific reports were achieved. In order to tackle constraints such as the lack of transdisciplinary culture in universities and the historical problems of the nuclear sector, we strive to gain a better insight in the interaction between nuclear culture and society. It is the aim to apply transdisciplinary problem-oriented methods in PhD's work, in contract research, in international networking and to take challenging opportunities in conferences. PISA is reconsidering its integration within the SCK•CEN structure and its cooperation with universities. The social science research demand of departments is conditioning the project development towards a more clear focus on involvement and perception. It is the aim to improve risk management and to contribute to the development of governance at EU level, taking the precaution concept into account within the framework of sustainable development.

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