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## Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster

### One month to go before the 20th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster

On **April 25th-26th, 1986 the World's worst nuclear power accident occurred at Chernobyl** (former USSR, now Ukraine). The Chernobyl nuclear power plant located 80 miles north of Kiev had 4 reactors and whilst testing reactor number 4 numerous safety procedures were disregarded. At 1:23am the chain reaction in the reactor got out of control creating explosions and a fireball which blew off the reactor's heavy steel and concrete lid.

The Chernobyl accident killed more than 30 people immediately and thousand others afterwards. As a result of the high radiation levels in the surrounding 20-mile radius, 135,000 people had to be evacuated! On the occasion of the **20th anniversary** of this nuclear disaster, **the Greens will organise various events. Some of the major events can already be announced:**

- The Greens in the EP have posted several **questions to the Commission** about the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster
- The **release of a new study on the consequences of the Chernobyl** accident on 6th April in Berlin and on 7th April in Brussels
- The **exhibition "The human cost of nuclear catastrophe"** showing photos of the people still living in the worst contaminated areas by Robert Knoth in The European Parliament opening at Tuesday 18 April at 1pm.
- The **"Chernobyl +20 - Remembrance for the future" international conference** which will take place on 23-25 April in Kiev, Ukraine

**More information and documents will be made available in the coming weeks** on your [stopclimatechange.net](http://stopclimatechange.net) website.

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