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1957 (March)

Signature of the Treaty of Rome that led to the creation of the European Economic Community (EEC) – now European Union – and the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom).

The Euratom treaty foresaw the establishment of a Joint Nuclear Research Centre (JNRC), which later became the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC).



1960

The Euratom treaty explicitly referred to the creation of a Central Bureau for Nuclear Measurements (CBNM) in Geel.

1993

Central Bureau for Nuclear
Measurements (CBNM) became the
JRC Institute for Reference Materials
and Measurements (IRMM).

2016

IRMM is renamed, JRC-Geel (Joint Research Centre).





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