

**DRAFT Notes from
EDW Industry Task Group Meeting
at Blue Point, Brussels on 22nd February 2017**

Agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
 2. Antitrust statement
 3. Minutes from meeting on 4th of November 2016 – acceptance, actions.
 4. EDW- Working Plan – Proposal and Discussions
 5. EDW- Letter of Intent – State of Play
 6. EDW membership update
 7. Fee adaption
 8. Advocacy Group
 - Public Relation/Lobbying activities and Communication Plan
 - Website
 9. Cost Impact Analyses – Possible Actions
 10. European Roundtable – 19th January 2017 – Information
 11. DG Environment - review of DWD and Article 10 – Next Steps
 12. DG Growth - CPR and Mandate revision
 - TC 164 Ad Hoc Group - Model scheme – Next Steps
 13. 4MS progress – Cooperation Minor and Assembled Products
 14. Mutual Recognition DG Growth consultation – State of Play
 15. Meetings with national regulators – State of Play
 16. Publicity – ISH Exhibition 14th till 18th March 2017 in Frankfurt
 17. Plastics Task Group – State of Play
 18. Elastomer Group – State of Play
 19. Metal Group – State of Play
 20. Product Group – State of Play
 21. Advocacy and regulatory working group – State of Play
 22. MaiD Project – Update
 23. Next Brussels Conference - 18th May 2017 – State of Play
 24. AOB
 25. Next meeting
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1. **VM** welcomed everyone and thanked them for their presence (*attendance list see document 001-2017-0015*). Introductions were made – a list of attendees is circulated with these notes. VM introduced **Christoph Bennerscheidt from EADIPS** (European Association for Ductile Iron Pipe Systems) as new member. Pascal Vinzio requested to put a new item to the agenda: Adaption of the fees for each member due to increased costs for external meeting rooms. This was agreed.
 2. **VM** asked everyone to comply with the **antitrust statement**, which is attached to this notes (see *document 001-2017-0001*).
 3. **Minutes** from the last meeting (4th November) were agreed (see document 001-2017-0002).
 - Email-Adress info@europeandrinkingwater.eu was set up

- TEPPFA holds Copyright of the EDW Logo
- The status of WLN and ANIMA still has to be checked

4. **VM** stated, that for an effective problem solving on the one hand and an efficient working group management on the other hand an adaption of the current working structure was necessary. In this regard, he presented a proposal for a new **working structure**, which stipulated the establishment of an executive board (steering committee) and new working groups (see *document 001-2017-0003*). Hereupon Tony Frost suggested creating a regulatory working group to elaborate the further process and procedure regarding the Drinking Water Directive, the Construction Product Regulation, the Mutual Recognition Regulation and the Food Contact Regulation. After a short discussion, it was agreed to extend the scope of the advocacy working group in this regard and rename it to **Advocacy and Regulatory working group**. Szilvia Eosoly suggested creating a working group for assembled Products. This was also agreed and named **products working group**. The executive board has yet to be provided with a mandate from the plenary group to approve the working outcomes from the individual working groups.

Action: Plenary group

5. Six letter of intent are still missing. It was agreed, that all members have to sign the LOI by the end of March. Associations without signed LOI are forced to leave the initiative.

Action: Members w/o signed LOIs

6. There are currently 28 associations in the consortium – **EADIPS** has joined in since the last meeting in November.

7. TEPPFA is able to host meetings with a maximum of 23 participants in its office rooms due to safety regulations. Because of the high attendance for this meeting, it was necessary to change venue to Blue Point, which resulted in extra costs. Because these extra costs are not covered by the current budget and to enable further meetings in this extent in the future, Pascal Vinzio proposed to raise the annual membership fees to **500 EUR** per member. This was agreed.

8. Luca Ibelli presented a proposal for the future working plan which is based on the the time schedule of the EU Commission regarding the review of the DWD, the involved stakeholders, the goals which are planned to be achieved. He also presented a proposal for an advocacy and communication plan (see *document 001-2017-0004*). Lars Neveling presented a working release of the EDW website. The website can be retrieved under <http://edw.dev.afm-koeln.de/>. However, LN asked not to circulate the link outside of EDW, due to missing copyright clearance. Although the website is mostly finalised regarding technical issues, there is still much work to do regarding the content. Especially the news and event section has to be filled with content. Therefore, LN asked the members to support figawa, which is in charge of the website, with the provision of content and assistance. Content, feedback and advice can be sent to: Hanna Seeck (seeck@figawa.de) and Lars Neveling (neveling@figawa.de).

Action: all Members

9. Referring to the great outcome of the released cost impact analyses, which supported the revision of the drinking water directive, VM suggested to execute a second study concerning the impact of costs for multiple tests and certifications in the different member states. It is not necessary to provide exact figures for costs and relevance. Estimates are sufficient to overview the relevance and cost impact for the drinking water industry. A study, which involves a relevant part of the drinking water industry, would

be a powerful instrument for the political discussion and every single piece data that can be provided is helpful. An approach will be sent together with the minutes.

10. VM informed of the European roundtable, which took place on 19th January (see document 001-2017-0005). On this meeting, European regulators, industry associations, representatives from MaiD, 4MS and the EU-Commission attended (see attached list). Sauerbier reported, that a lawyer from the EU-Commission hold a lecture about the rules of mutual recognition. The responsible department of the EU-Commission is planning to implement the mutual recognition directive with more effort within this year.
11. VM presented the insight-plan of DG Environment (see document 001-2017-0006).
12. Manfred Fuchs from DG Grow asked CEN for a proposal for a model standard (see document 001-2017-0007) to execute the Mandate 136 rev3. Two meetings from the TC 164/WG2 took place in 2016, already. A telephone conference will take place at the end of March.
13. VM showed a presentation from UBA (Federal environment agency in Germany) regarding the progress made within the 4MS (see document 001-2017-0008) as well as a proposal for a Common Approach for "Minor and Assembled Product Testing" (see document 001-2017-0011).
14. VM showed a presentation from DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs regarding the Involvement of key stakeholders in the study on the cost and benefits of the revision of the Mutual Recognition Regulation (see document 001-2017-0009). The DG has awarded a study in order to estimate the magnitude of the problem triggered by a suboptimal functioning of mutual recognition and to analyse the impacts of the different options envisaged for addressing this problem. VM encourages the attendees to participate on this study.
15. Knut Sauerbier describes the German approach of the conformity recognition, which is based on the 1+ regulation from the CPR (see document 001-2017-0010 ~ in German language). France is currently trying to implement the 4MS list for Metals. Italy is currently amending the decree regarding materials in contact with drinking water.
16. VM informs about the attendance of figawa on the ISH (14th March until 18th March), the international trade fair for the sanitary and heating industry. figawa is hosting stand No. C78 in hall 5.1. On 14th, 15th and 17th March each at 10:00 A.M. (german) and 1:30 P.M. (english) VM is holding a presentation about EDW (see document 001-2017-0012).
17. Knut Sauerbier is presenting the current results from the plastic task group (see document 001-2017-0013). The only open issue is the positive list and he asked for more information from the plastic industry reagrding this issue. An internal meeting between Knut Sauerbier and Rüdiger Liske to ammend or extend the Scheme for Assessment of Plastic is determined. Further Participants are: Pietro Mariotti, Sabine Lindner, Marcus Bohl, Pascal Vinzio, Christian Ragoss, (+ additional attendees from elastomer group)
18. Pascal Vinzio presented the status of the elastomer paper (see document 001-2017-0014). He is expecting a first draft by beginning of April. For the methods, this first draft is expected to be also the final version. The positive list however is still an issue. A final release date can't be defined.

19. The transfer of the existing 4MS positive list into the EDW paper is not assumed to be a major issue. Klaus Ockenfeld will be in charge of the Metal working group. A doodle poll will be organized to fix a meeting.
20. Szilvia Eosoly will be in charge of the new established products working group. Attendees are: Fanny Rateau, Markus Gessler, Pascal Vinzio, Knut Sauerbier, Tony Frost, Marcus Bohl, Christian Ragoss and Serge Frank.
21. Due to the extension of the former advocacy working group to the newly established advocacy and regulatory working group new members from the following associations will be added: TEPPFA, VRH and Europump.
22. An update on the results of the MaiD Project is presented. The Industry groups within the MaiD Project are in full alignment with the EDW scope. The project is ending and will be finalised shortly. The final workshop will take place on 23th March in Oslo. A representative of the Project was invited to the symposium in May (See below).
23. VM presented the program of the 3rd Symposium for Products in Contact with drinking water on 18th May 2017 (see document). Tony Frost will moderate the symposium (see *document 001-2017-0015*).
24. Andrea will circulate a list with the members of the working groups. An EDW logo will be circulated as well.
25. Next meeting on 17th may 2017, the day before the symposium in Brussels starting 10:00 A.M.