

Environmental Social Governance Meeting Minutes

18.09.2025, 14:00-15:00 (CEST) – Online Meeting

1. Participants

Julia Koeder – Teadit	Peter Bowden – ESA
Dave Edwin-Scott - ESA	Sinan Abuud – John Crane
Benoit Guillard – Eynard Robin	Thomas Böhm – Eagle Burgmann
Torsten Bernicke – ChestertoN	Arien Jager – Eriks NL
	Alberto Rocca – Klinger
Francesca Torriani – General Packing	Sandy Van den Broeck - ESA
Ralf Vogel - ESA	
Adam Hedges – Cross Manufacturing	
Rich Chrisantos – Eagle Burgmann	
Thomas Heitz – Burgmann Packings	
Mike Eason – John Crane	
Mariya Petrova - AVKO	

2. Apologies for absence

John Morton – John Crane
Vinay Tripurana - Flexitallic
Andy Longdon - Ceetak
Bettina Kremer – Plasmatec
Graham Fowler – Clifford Springs
Phillip Charlton – Morgan PLC
Ronald Noesel - Flowserve

3. Approval minutes from the online meeting – 26th June 2025

4. Update on ESG Working Group Activities – WG

- PFAS continuous monitoring
- Peroxides in Elastomers for Food consumption – Task force
- Plastic reduction
- Recycling Initiatives
- Survey on ESG policy – Questionnaire
- DPP
- Syandandars & Regulations – update on EDW & DWD
- Young Engineers – update
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5. Update on PFAS – Sandy V.d. Broeck

An announcement received from ECHA regarding the upcoming public consultation by SEAC and it seems more focussed on the impact of the restriction (socio-economic) and possible alternatives.

The key points include:

- SEAC will start its consultation in the spring, with the exact date to be disclosed in March 2026.
- This consultation will be conducted via a survey, **without the option for attachments**. The survey will request information on **the impact of the restriction and possible alternatives**.
- ECHA will host a webinar on 30 October and provide guidelines to assist with answering the consultation.
- SEAC is expected to finalize its opinion by the end of 2026.

Action: SVdB will prepare a Position Statement Paper based on the survey which will be conducted by SEAC mid-March 2026 and will be shared with ESA members for their input on the public consultation.

SVdB will attend the FPP4EU meeting in Brussels on 15th October where a member of SEAC will participate and hopefully share some more clarification on the upcoming consultation. SVdB will attend the ECHA webinar on 30th October dedicated to the above as well.

6. Update on Standards & Legislations - Sandy V.d. Broeck

6.1 Digital Product Passport (DPP):

Guest speaker Mathias Ekholm from Protokol, unfortunately didn't show up, without giving any notice.

Action: However as recommended by Ralf Vogel to invite Rich Chrisantos from Eagle Burgmann to give a short presentation on next ESG meeting or next years AGM meeting, as he is very much involved in the DPP subject.

6.2 Update from EDW

ECHA has published 4 guidance documents to facilitate the implementation of the European positive list under the drinking water directive.

EDW highlights the urgent and unresolved challenges related to the implementation of Article 11 of the Drinking Water Directive (EU) 2020/2184, and has planned a meeting on 22nd September 2025 with the Commissioner to discuss the matter in more detail. The initiative has been coordinated jointly by the EDW platform, supported by 35 associations including ESA and a large number of companies from across Europe.

EDW is preparing in parallel a short guidance document of 30 pages maximum for stakeholders to better understand what is required and how to handle the upcoming EU legislation.

Action: SVdB will attend EDW meeting in Brussels 20th November.

6.3 Peroxides in Elastomers in contact with food

Official Journal of the French Republic – August 7, 2025

Background

- Notice from the Ministry of Economy, Finance, and Industrial & Digital Sovereignty
- Concerns substances listed in Annex VIII of the Order of August 5, 2020
- Application dossiers submitted before July 1, 2025

- The listed constituents may be used in the manufacture of rubber materials and articles under the conditions defined in Annex VIII, until the evaluation process by the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES) is completed.
- The substances from Annex VIII of the Order of August 5, 2020 not included in this notice's annex may no longer be used unless the requirements of Article 10 of the aforementioned Order are met.

7. Update Reducing Carbon footprints – ESG Working Group

7.1 Sustainable SWG spacers

Approximately 500 samples of injection moulded samples were submitted during last AGM meeting, only a few feedback on evaluation received.

Action: As only a few responses received, SVdB will prepare specification sheets based on the data provided by the manufacturer and contact details will be provided on our webpage (before end of SEP2025) for individual approach when desired.

7.2 Sustainable alternative for LDPE stretch foil

Few responses received, focus will be on recycling options for Fluoropolymers.

A sample roll is still available and could be tested and evaluated by one of our members.

Action: As only a few responses received, SVdB will prepare specification sheets based on the data provided by the manufacturer and contact details will be provided on our webpage (before end of SEP2025) for individual approach when desired.

7.3 Sustainable wax coated boxes for braided packings.

Initial tests with the white stretchable tape to wrap around braided packings, to prevent migration of oil or grease where not that successful, therefore Burgmann Packings decided to return to their original concept by using a wax coated box to protect the braided packing place within the original outside box. A carbon creel is used to wind the packing around and wrapped by standard paper.

7.4 New initiative Focus on recycling of Fluoropolymers.

Several companies have been approached by Francesca (FT), Alberto (AR) and Sandy (SVdB), however still with limited feedback.

FT and AR will continue their approaches with 3M Dyneon and Fluormetal where the latter only recycles virgin PTFE.

SVdB will continue to focus on the activities performed by FPG.

8. Any other business?

9. Date, time and venue of the next meeting - Thursday 23rd October 2025 – 14:00 – 15:00 CEST

Sandy Van den Broeck 24.09.2025