

Environmental Social Governance Meeting Minutes

23.10.2025, 14:00-15:00 (CEST) – Online Meeting

1. Participants

Stéphane Guignard - Technetics
Francesca Torriani – General Packing
Ralf Vogel - ESA
Maja Rotar – Donit
Rich Chrisantos – Eagle Burgmann
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Rich Chrisantos – Eagle Burgmann
Sandy Van den Broeck - ESA
Andy Longdon - Ceetak
Bettina Kremer – Plasmatec
Graham Fowler – Clifford Springs
Thomas Böhm – Eagle Burgmann
Andy Longdon - Ceetak
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2. Apologies for absence

Phil Mahoney – FSA
Vinay Tripurana - Flexitallic
Thomas Heitz – Burgmann Packings
Julia Koeder – Teadit

3. Approval minutes from the online meeting – 18th September 2025

4. SVdB presented an update on the ESG Working Group Activities

5. Update on PFAS – Sandy V.d. Broeck

SVdB has attended the FPP4EU meeting in Brussels on 15th October where Maria Ottati the chair at ECHA together with Dossier Submitters Frauke Aeverbeck – BauA and Thijs De Kort – RIVM, explained some more details on the upcoming SEAC consultation process.

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**.
- The survey will be different for the 14 specific sectors compared to the 8 additional sectors and limited in text characters.
- SEAC is expected to finalize its opinion by the end of 2026.

SVdB was approached by Cindy Vandecasteele - Sr Environmental Policy Manager at ACEA which is the European Automobile Manufacturers Association after the FPP4EU meeting where the chair of SEAC and the Dossier Submitters informed the audience on the upcoming public consultation process which didn't seem very clear or encouraging for sealing applications where she shared the same concerns.

The same day I had an online meeting with Bert Maat and Marije Osse at AEGIR Marine sharing the update on PFAS with the same concerns regarding sealing application in transport sector and more specific in the Marine Industry.

We all agreed to have a common meeting on 31/10 after the ECHA webinar meeting on 30/10 to evaluate and take further steps on how to anticipate with the current state of play.

Actions:

- **SVdB will attend the ECHA webinar on 30th October where guidelines will be to assist with answering the consultation survey questions.**
- **SVdB will prepare a Position Statement Paper based on the survey which will be conducted by SEAC and will be shared with ESA members for their input to prepare for the consultation.**

Thomas Böhm recommended asking ECHA whether fluoropolymers could be excluded from the restriction process, as is the case in the UK and Canada. - **SVdB will raise this question ahead of the ECHA webinar**

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

6.1 Digital Product Passport (DPP):

Action: Rich Chrisantos from Eagle Burgmann will perform a presentation on DPP with an example on Pumps during the AGM meeting in April 2026.

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 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.

Actions:

SVdB will participate to the DWD Stakeholders Workshop on 27-28 October 2025.

SVdB will participate to the EDW meeting in Brussels 20th November 2025.

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.

No further information, to be continued.

7. Update Reducing Carbon footprints – ESG Working Group

7.1 Sustainable SWG spacers

Specification sheets based on the data provided by the manufacturer and contact details are now available on our webpage for individual approach when desired. Topic closed.

7.2 Sustainable alternative for LDPE stretch foil

Specification sheet based on the data provided by Biowrap and contact details is now available on our webpage for individual approach when desired. Topic closed.

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

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. Young Engineers Update

Martin Wand has started the project defined for Packings Division at the University of Mannheim. He will be Testing graphite based packings with H₂ to be compared with He. Also installation procedure has been fine-tuned in order to be repeatable for other tests. To be continued.

9. Any other business?

10. Date, time and venue of the next meeting - Thursday 27th November 2025 – 13:30 – 14:30 CET

Sandy Van den Broeck 23.10.2025