

Environmental Social Governance Meeting Minutes

27.11.2025, 13:30-14:30 (CEST) – Online Meeting

1. Participants

Stéphane Guignard - Technetics
Chris Marfell – James Walker
Ralf Vogel - ESA
Peter Bowden - ESA
Rich Chrisantos – Eagle Burgmann
Thomas Böhm – Eagle Burgmann
Philip Charlton – Morgan Plc
Russ Pimblett – DLR
John Morton – John Crane
Stephan Brändle - Trelleborg
Sandy Van den Broeck - ESA

2. Apologies for absence

Francesca Torriani – General Packing
Graham Fowler – Clifford Springs
Erik Uiterwijk - Eriks
Hans Dekker - Chesterton

3. Approval minutes from the online meeting – 23 October 2025

4. Update on ESG Working Group Activities – WG

- PFAS continuous monitoring
- Peroxides in Elastomers for Food consumption – Task force
- Plastic reduction
- Recycling Initiatives
- DPP
- Standards & Regulations – update on EDW & DWD
- Young Engineers – update

5. Update on PFAS – Sandy V.d. Broeck

- 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 between 500 and 5000 characters depending on the type of questions.

- Stakeholders will receive guidelines on how to prepare the public consultation, **mid-December**.
- SEAC is expected to finalize its opinion by the end of 2026.

Due to identical concerns raised after the FPP4EU meeting where the chair of SEAC and the Dossier Submitters informed the audience on the upcoming public consultation process, other associations approached SVdB to join forces and to see on how to anticipate on the PFAS restriction process;

- ACEA - the European Automobile Manufacturers Association – 19/12/2025
- Aegir Marine - 19/12/2025
- Fuels Europe and Conowa 08/12/2025
- TEPPFA -09/12/2025
- Georg Fischer – 10/12/2025
- Ricardo and Conowa – 10/12/2025
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We all agreed to have a common meeting to evaluate and take further steps on how to anticipate with the current state of play.

Actions: 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.

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

6.1 Digital Product Passport (DPP):

Rich Chrisantos has joined the VDMA working group together with 20 other companies to establish guidelines for stakeholders in order for them to prepare for the upcoming 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

SVdB participated in the EDW plenary meeting in Brussels on 20 November

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 write a summary on the EDW plenary meeting for the next ESA Newsletter.

6.3 Peroxides in Elastomers in contact with food

No further information currently available.

To be continued.

7. Update Reducing Carbon footprints – ESG Working Group

7.1 Sustainable SWG spacers

Action: To finalize this project SVdB will write an article based on the information received from BIOPLASMAR in Germany and VED in Italy for the upcoming ESA Newsletter.

7.2 Sustainable alternative for LDPE stretch foil

Action: To finalize this project SVdB will write an article based on the information received from BIOWRAP in France for the upcoming ESA Newsletter.

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.

The idea is to prepare a specification sheet on this product developed by Burgmann Packings.

Action: SVdB will approach Thomas Heitz for additional information.

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.

FPG has initiated a new study to build a comprehensive understanding of what happens in this phase at EoL. Focus is incineration and recyclability of fluoropolymers.

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

8.0 Young Engineer Projects

The idea was raised to search for a student who could start a project focussed on the recycling of FP's. Francesca Torriani and Julia Köder will check their contacts at the Polytechnical Highschool & Material Science University for potential student candidates.

Any proposal more than welcome.

8. Any other business?

Thomas Böhm mentioned that USP Class VI testing is being phased out, moving from traditional *in vivo* (animal) methods to more modern, risk-based *in vitro* (non-animal) testing and chemical characterization, driven by updates to USP <88> (effective Dec 1, 2026) and the introduction of USP <665> (effective May 1, 2026) for plastics in biopharma, aligning with ISO standards and focusing on safety through better science and reduced animal use.

Action: Update for next ESG Meeting.

9. Date, time and venue of the next meeting - Thursday 22 January 2026 – 13:30 – 14:30 CET

Sandy Van den Broeck 08.12.2025