

## Environmental Social Governance Meeting Minutes

22.01.2026, 13:30-14:30 (CEST) – Online Meeting

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### 1. Participants

Chris Marfell – James Walker  
Ralf Vogel - ESA  
Per Gjesdal - Densiq  
Rich Chrisantos – Eagle Burgmann  
Thomas Böhm – Eagle Burgmann  
Phil Mahoney – FSA - Chesterton  
Rafael Hideki - Teadit  
Yusuf Avci - Klinger  
Christian Geubert – Angst & Pfister  
Sandy Van den Broeck - ESA

### 2. Apologies for absence

Thomas Heitz – Burgmann Packings  
Dave Edwin Scott - ESA

### 3. Approval minutes from the online meeting – 27 November 2025

### 4. Update on ESG Working Group Activities – WG

- SVdB gave a short update on the ESG WG activities

### 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.
- Guidelines on how to prepare the public consultation, received mid- December 2025.
- SEAC is expected to finalize its opinion by the end of 2026.
- **EU Survey** is used as the submission portal
- Q&A document from the webinar available  
[https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/142574544/2025\\_10\\_30\\_seac\\_pfas\\_consultation\\_webinar\\_qa\\_en.pdf/c687b22d-17f2-e754-68a8-e2e321bae4d9?t=1765966325258](https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/142574544/2025_10_30_seac_pfas_consultation_webinar_qa_en.pdf/c687b22d-17f2-e754-68a8-e2e321bae4d9?t=1765966325258)

- Guidance document link: [https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/17091/upfas-seac-do\\_consultation\\_guidance-for-respondents\\_en.pdf/68d5b13b-d7d6-f14b-2c3e-9b3c07c98113?t=1765956675386](https://echa.europa.eu/documents/10162/17091/upfas-seac-do_consultation_guidance-for-respondents_en.pdf/68d5b13b-d7d6-f14b-2c3e-9b3c07c98113?t=1765956675386)

#### **Actions:**

Thomas Bôhm at Eagle Burgmann – Freudenberg will share a consultation data entry template excel sheet on how to prepare for and anticipate to the questions released by SEAC.

Julia Köder at Teadit is also working together with others on a similar PFAS corporate header.

SVdB will go through the SEAC general questions using the SEAC draft opinion as officially final opinion will only be released end of March.

After the template has been completed and approved, questions will be evaluated and checked to the Q&A survey submitted via Ricardo Questions in 2023.

Members will then have the possibility to share their input.

Additionally SVdB gave brief summary, as per attached PPT presentation on the ITRE report **PFAS and their role as enablers in the competitiveness of European industry** released by the EU Parliament. Full report available on our website.

#### **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 and has written an article based on the ongoing Drinking Water Directive (EU) 2020/2184.

**Actions: SVdB has written article for the 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**

##### **7.2 Sustainable alternative for LDPE stretch foil**

Both projects has been finalized.

### **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: Thomas Heitz will provide specification sheet.**

### **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.

Ralf Kulesa at Teadit approached Infracore and the person to be contacted on recycling is Mr Tröster.

**Action: SVdB will approach Mr.Tröster at Infracore. KW05.**

### **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.

Francesca Torriani approached the University of Milan and will make an appointment with a professor to look into possibilities.

Julia Köder has approached University of Rosenheim for potential student candidates.

Bachelor or Masters could work on a project (free of charge) however

**→ ESA has to come up with potential projects for a thesis!**

**Any proposal more than welcome!**

**8. Any other business?**

**9. Date, time and venue of the next meeting - Thursday 5 March 2026 – 13:30 – 14:30 CET**

Sandy Van den Broeck 26.01.2026