

EBF Meeting Brussels - 22. Mai 2017 - Minutes

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Members were welcomed, round table presentation was made, members list with the engagement letter regarding competition law was distributed.

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Agenda was agreed

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Election of the chairman

The reason, system and result of the pre-election by writing was explained.

After asking around all members agreed with the result.

Pietro Mariotti and Carlos Velazquez were elected unanimous for the next 2 years.

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Pietro Mariotti resumed the present situation to update all Members where we are and how the work was done by the 3 working groups. He expressed that a good basis was reached but still a lot of work is to do and all members are required to assist actively the chairmen and the working groups to reach the final goal.

Top 5 Update

Yvonne Orgill reported about contacts with the DG Energy and DG Environment.

DG Energy was in principle happy with our work, but complained the proposed label.

They said with the letters A to E in the green to red arrows we are to near at the official Energy label. Additional a functional test should be integrated in the system.

DG Environment will see only the water saving aspect and not the energy.

Beside this she explained the concerns of the BMA.

BMA asks for a seat in the Board of EBF and asks for compensation of their input in the last years.

Annex 1 Power point BMA

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Identify key work Items

Technic

Jörg Rudolf explained the present situation of the requirements. Especially he explained that all energy calculation is based on the results of the data from JRC

See Annex 2 status report

To do's

The inclusion of an additional test as mentioned from DG E was discussed and accepted.

The proposal is to amend a test with a definition for spray form and water diversion.

Additional the water saving measurement is to discuss in some details (3 pressures)



Marketing

Carlos Velazquez also explained what was done and why.

He regrets the position of DG Energy which is against the letters in the diagram.

But immediately a plan B was developed, leaving out A-E and possibly introducing Liter values

To do's

Preparing two or three variations of the label as proposed and asking DG Energy for allowance or at least a statement which can help us for a decision.

Organisation

Pietro resumed the work of the organisation group and thanked all participants for their input especially the BMA members for their special input.

To do's

Pietro and Carlos

Handling the points raised from BMA. A meeting in London is planned

Drafting structure and organisation of EBF

All Members

Presenting ideas for communication inside and outside

Target: Marketing for EBF, acquiring new members.

May be founding a communication Group

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Discussion with DG Environment

Present was Paulo Da Silva Lemos.

Policy Officer Sustainable Production, Products and Consumption.

To our question about the intention of DG environment regarding a mandatory or voluntary label he said no decision is made up to now.

First the JRC report must be updated. It is in the moment not known if in the meantime anything was done.

He was told from several members of the group that a lot of data in the report was wrong and also a lot of data is too old and do not reflect the actual situation in the market.

Yvonne mentioned for example a Swindon Report.

Paulo Da Silva Lemos said a stakeholder meeting is foreseen in November with the possibility to amend new data to the JRC report. Then a decision by DG Environment can be made and after this in about 1.5 to 2 years from now a mandatory label could be in place. Only for taps and showers. Other products are not in consideration for the DG Environment.

Energy is not in consideration from this DG and will not be seen on the label.



It was explained to him that we are required from DG Energy to mention also the energy consumption and that both aspects are direct linked together via the physical laws and there is a direct and easy mathematical connection between sum of warm water use and energy consumption. Therefore we think it is reasonable to give the consumer both informations.

So he can compare products either by flowrate which is in connection with comfort, or by energy consumption which gives a direct link to his yearly energy bill.

We also offer to label more products such as bath tubs and WC`s so we can give even more consumer information as foreseen by the DG Environment.

Paulo Da Silva Lemos recommended that we should inform the General Directorate direct with a written complete proposal before any decision is made there. That means asap.

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Agree on Actions.

Product part

We have two lists of products

first	Taps and showers	(water supply products)
second	Bath (bowls) and WC`s	(water using products)

The first ones are already treated, the second ones must be handled now.

For these Yvonne will provide a list about the present status. Then it can be discussed for which products it makes sense to label and which technical features can be the basis for a ranking.

Marketing part

As described above Action Carlos

Organisation part

- Pietro and Carlos
- Treat questions with BMA
- Treat legal organisation problems like status and so on
- Treat personal and office questions

3 Meetings are foreseen for the group this year. The next will take place 11th July 2017.

Therefore the above actions at least the technical and label form should be finished the next 2 weeks.

On July 11th we need a document fit for the presentation to DG Environment.



Top 9 Objectives

It is agreed by the members, that all details for the final founding of the EBF cannot be cleared this year.
It is also agreed by the members, that we have to contact the EU before they can make decisions without having seen our proposals.

An intensive and detailed discussion led to the following decision:

EBF has done all technical preparation for reasonable requirements and procedure for running a label addressing Water and Energy saving.

EBF has well balanced proposals for the design of such a label

EBF must present it to the EU asap.

This can be done despite some lack in the detailed internal organisation.

EBF has to ask DG Energy and DG Environment for direct contact with the aim to again verbally explain our scheme and target, and if necessary, adapt details to the need of the commission. Important to reach a final conclusion.

Proposals from our side any dates after July 11th.

Top 10 Any other business

No questions.

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Thanks for participation and contributions. Next meeting will take place, 11th July 2017, place to be confirmed.

