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| national associations commitee meeting 01/2021 | |
| Minutes | Conf call Wednesday 24 March 2021 09:30-15:45 (Break 12:15 -13:00) CET |

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1. Reminder on competition policy

The rules of the Competition law were reminded, and all agreed to adhere.

1. Welcome and approval of agenda

The Chair, Sari Karjomaa opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees to the web-conference and the agenda was approved as sent out.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES & REVIEW OF ACTIONS OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of last meeting held on 3 December 2020 were approved as sent out. As to the actions, they were carried out or will be covered through the agenda.

1. GOVERNANCE
   1. **Short debrief of last Board meeting** (11 Feb 2021) (S.Zänker)

With reference to the Minutes of the last Board meeting in February, a short update on the following points was given:

1. Membership

* Lonza to become a new associate member; until the endorsement by the GA, they can attend as observer in the relevant working groups.
* Lactips: the withdrawal of membership was acknowledged to become effective from 1.1.2022.
* DuPont Bioscience: due to their recent merge with IFF, the GA will be informed about the name change of DuPont to IFF.
* UKCPI: The NAC was informed that due to the needs of members on both sides, i.e. A.I.S.E. and UKCPI, the proposal to the GA will be to accommodate the A.I.S.E. Statutes to keep UKCPI as an ordinary member. However due to the reduced relevance of the EU regulatory framework, the interaction between both associations will decrease therefore a reduction of the membership by 50% will be asked for. This situation should remain in place until 31.12.2023, when more experience with Brexit is gained to assess how the membership situation should be defined long-term.

1. A.I.S.E. General Assembly: to be held virtually due to COVID.
2. Green Deal: a key topic of the Board, leading consequently to the decision of the Board to have extra-ordinary calls to be organised to keep pace of the rapidly moving topic.
   1. **General Assembly** (S.Zänker)
      1. Membership fees 2022

The proposal concerning the A.I.S.E. National Associations’ membership fees for 2022 is to maintain the same level as in 2021 was approved. At the last Board the NAC representatives suggested to prepare also an overview of the financial developments mid-term taking the decrease in the contributions from the NAC into account which is due to the UKCPI situation (see 4.1.a)).

***ACTION:***

***- Review at the next NAC of the financial developments of the A.I.S.E. in 2022 and beyond, including the impact of the UKCPI situation (SZ/ NAC).***

* + 1. Confirmation for Board Vice-Chairperson

Françoise Van Tiggelen is confirmed in her second year of her 2 years mandate as Vice-president of A.I.S.E. representing the NAs.

* + 1. Confirmation of Clusters

All Cluster as currently composed, and consequently the nominated cluster representative at the Board, are confirmed. With UKCPI being agreed to remain on ordinary member, no changes will occur for that cluster or Board representative.

1. Key topics for discussion
   1. **Microplastics advocacy with the network** (follow up on webinar 17 March) (M.Temsamani)

The final combined opinion of RAC and SEAC has been published on the [ECHA website](https://echa.europa.eu/registry-of-restriction-intentions/-/dislist/details/0b0236e18244cd73) and been transmitted to the Commission on 23 February. The final Opinion contains no surprises and reflects what was discussed in the December meeting of SEAC.  A.I.S.E. has therefore finalised its [technical advocacy position](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/Post/Preview?ID=11463) as shown attached.

As things move on from the technical phase and contributions to ECHA, the European Commission now has 3 months to draft its amendment to Annex XVII (draft restriction). A strategy confcall with the membership took place on 17 March to discuss the necessary action to be undertaken by the secretariat and the Network of National Associations. The meeting clarified the following:  
***ACTIONS:  
- Update Q&A document (reactive position), develop stakeholders mapping, reach out to appropriate Commission policy contacts, and review the socio-economic input (A.I.S.E.);***

***- Prepare a NAC Webinar and submit comments to the Portuguese TRIS notification (A.I.S.E.).***

* 1. **DetNet call for data** *(D.Byrne)*

The Secretariat requested National Association support to disseminate a call for data to their members. The Secretariat is seeking to establish availability of and agree access to eye and/or skin hazard data owned by National Association members for inclusion in DetNet. The National Associations were asked to:

* communicate this request to their members.
* provide them with the information delivered at this NAC today.
* encourage their members to engage with this call for data.

The call will run until 14 May 2021. Feedback should be provided via [detnet@aise.eu](mailto:detnet@aise.eu).

One participant expressed queried:

* the type of products that are being sought.
* if potential synergies with existing product categories could be identified if a new product(s) does not fit into one of the nine existing categories.
* if there was any incentive to new data owners.

On these points:

* any product type would be considered.
* potential synergies would be formulation specific. They would be dependent on the composition of a given product compared to products already in the DetNet database. A case-by-case assessment would be required should such a scenario arise.
* Supporting DetNet will require generosity and a willingness from participants to support the wider sector. DetNet can provide some minor compensation for data use as a token.

A second participant queried the desire to “*Demonstrate to authorities that DetNet is a robust and reliable platform.*”. The Secretariat reported that:

* ECHA’s enforcement forum will be conducting [pilot project on the classification of mixtures](https://echa.europa.eu/-/eu-inspectors-to-check-consumer-products-for-hazardous-substances?utm_source=echa-weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly&utm_content=20200701). This project will focus on classification of detergents and cleaning products using bridging principles.
* Commission services will clarify the application of bridging principles for classification as part of CSS related changes to CLP. The Commission is not expected to clarify favourably.

***ACTION :  
- Engage membership and provide feedback to the secretariat on or before 21 May 2021 (NAs).***

* 1. **Dissemination of Hygiene Report with NAC** *(V.Séjourné)*

V.Séjourné provided an overview of the launch plan related to the hygiene report planned on 7 April via a one-hour webinar to mark our contribution to WHO’s World Health Day. She also reminded the NAC with the main elements/recommendations of the joint A.I.S.E./IFH report which was sent to the network mid-march, and explained that a preparatory session had been also organised with COMSNET to help organise a pan-European launch of that report across the network. She indicated that those countries still needing local translations of some key assets was possible, provided she would be informed that very week.

Many National Associations (BE, FI, FR, DK, POR, IT, POL) thanked Valérie and the Task Force for having delivered this report in this timely moment (cf one year after start of Covid, development of the CSS and controversial discussion on chemicals, value and importance of hygiene etc). It was confirmed that the local media would be reached by the NAs. Some expressed that they may launch this also with their cosmetic branch to highlight importance of hygiene (cf soap). As regards stakeholder reach out, it was felt that the biocides authorities should not necessarily be the main target group but instead, preference should be given to health agencies of organisations enabling the dissemination of the report to consumers. Various NAs also mentioned that the topic was sensitive due the wording (and the associated claims/biocides CA interpretations), but that overall, this report was valuable to bring up the role of our industry to help deliver hygiene.

V.Séjourné thanked the team for the exchange. She highlighted that it was left to each NAs to assess of how best and when to launch/share this report locally, but that feedback would be very much welcome.

* 1. **Taxation of industry across EU Member States** (M.Temsamani)

Following up on the NAC webinar on taxation of industry, it was decided that the issue should be further discussed within A.I.S.E. membership. Taxation is a complex issue with many different factors at play – increasing and soon to be eco-modulated EPR fees, different national taxes or other charges, and implementation of the EU plastics levy. The tax and EPR discussions are inter-related but possibly need different responses. Taxation is something that generally does not benefit industry whereas EPR is often seen as a necessary enabler of a circular economy. Fiscal measures are not a preferred tool to boost circularity and chosen revenues should always be earmarked to support innovation, infrastructure and technological developments. In addition, some EPR systems are run by brands, meaning it is important to involve corporate members in the development of a future position.

A.I.S.E. has reached out to PlasticsEurope and EUROPEN to assess how to align the value chain– particularly for in-country lobbying efforts, including sharing intelligence etc. National Associations will be further consulted in due time to work out appropriate solutions.

1. EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL (11:05-12:15) (S.Nissen, M.Temsamani, J.Robinson, L.Conti)
   1. **Overview of the topics and timings** – covered under following points below.
   2. **Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability and Zero-pollution action plan for water, air and soil**
      1. CSS horizontal activities (impact assessment; high-level round table)

The impact assessment project was presented and discussed in the joint MC/NAC meeting on 23 March; see slides and minutes from that meeting. No further questions were raised about the project.

J. Robinson informed that A.I.S.E. had submitted an application to participate in the Commission expert group ‘high-level round table on the implementation of the CSS’. The Commission is expected to announce the selected participants within the next couple of weeks, and a first meeting is planned for the first week of May.

A brief summary of the current priority actions was shared (with further information available in the slides). These tasks are delegated to the CLP and REACH Implementation Working Groups; a number of National Associations already participate in these groups, but the invitation was reiterated for additional NAs to join if they wish to be more closely involved in these activities.

Included in the slides is an overview of the cross-industry groups on priority CSS topics, led/coordinated by Cefic (which is active in all current groups). This information may be helpful to National Associations, particularly those that are part of the national chemical industry federation.

A position paper of the Dutch formulating industries (now collectively branded as Mengend Nederland) on the CSS had been shared for information as a pre-reading. National Associations were invited to share any other similar positions tailored towards local priorities and circumstances.

* 1. **Circular Economy Action Plan (CEAP)** 
     1. Green claims (incl. also Environmental Footprint method (PEF))

S. Nissen presented an update of the status on workflows, addressing main priorities as identified by the SSG to get ready for success, meeting the main objectives for the upcoming COM legislative proposals on the substantiation of green claims and consumer empowerment (both expected in Q2). Progress has already been made (during SSG meetings, organised on a weekly basis) on two of the three top priorities, i.e. trying to *defend a risk-based approach in the Charter (which means no adoption of Usetox) and the integration of PEF elements in the Charter; work on the 3rd priority, i.e. a method for companies to convey quantitative product information for specific Charter product criteria, which can help consumers with their sustainable purchase decision (and enable comparison)* will be initiated soon (see presentation for further details).

In this context the question was raised, whether Cefic’s ‘Responsible Care’ programme may be an opportunity with regard to value chain cooperation. Indeed, this is an inetersting scheme and may be of value, also when it comes to our activities concerning climate change mitigation (see below).

* + 1. Consumer empowerment (and PEF)

Covered by agenda item 6.3.1.

* + 1. A.I.S.E. CEAP Horizontal Position Paper

An update on the [A.I.S.E. horizontal Position Paper](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/Post/Preview?ID=11453) on CEAP was made. The paper was finalised and published at beginning of March. The paper lays down the key policy and advocacy messages of A.I.S.E. ahead of the legislative initiatives of relevance for our sector: substantiation of green claims / PEF, empowering of consumers, sustainable product policy, and packaging and plastics related issues. The paper was shared with relevant EU policy-makers (EP, COMM and Council Presidency) also with the objective of creating contacts ahead of the legislative procedures.

In order to extend the outreach towards Member States, national associations have been invited to share the paper at national level, and get and share information with the Secretariat on Member States’ positions on the issues of relevance for A.I.S.E. No further questions were raised during the meeting.  
***ACTION*:**   
- ***Share paper with national authorities and Permanent Representations to the EU in charge of the CEAP files, with the support of A.I.S.E. Secretariat when necessary (NAs)  
- Gather information on Member States’ positions on these topics and share the information with the Secretariat accordingly (NAs).***

* 1. **Climate Action:** **Time plan & Confirmation of main work areas for A.I.S.E.**

Mandated by the Board, the A.I.S.E. Climate TF has started to prepare activities to concretely contribute to the EU’s ambition to become climate neutral in 2050. Those industry actions will help to profile A.I.S.E. vis-à-vis external policy makers/influencers as “doing our share”. All life cycle stages might be considered, and the approach shall be science-based, taking also into account the sphere of influence:

* Quantification of the climate footprint of A.I.S.E. product portfolio
* Initiatives covering the production phase
* Activities on raw material sourcing phase
* Exploration of activities towards consumers to lower the use phase footprint.

See also presentation for details.

**LUNCH 12:15 – 13:00**

1. DiGITALISATION (13:00-13:45)
   1. **Consumer information / ingredients’ transparency** *(V.Séjourné)*

See 7.4. below.

* 1. **Update on Commission study/A.I.S.E. input** *(V.Séjourné)*

NAC members were informed that there had been delay apparently from the consultant (Conpolicy/VVA) to start approaching stakeholders on our perspective to the study on hazard information simplification and potential use of e-labelling. She mentioned that if any of the NA (or their members) be approached, that it would be helpful for A.I.S.E. to be informed. The work done under the BRES project will be very helpful to feed this work. If NAs have any questions if they are approached, they can contact A.I.S.E. (V.Séjourné, J.Robinson or G. Sebastio).

*Post-meeting note: in the meantime, A.I.S.E. has been approached and will be interviewed on 16 April.*

* 1. **Update on IT study commissioned by A.I.S.E.** *(V.Séjourné)*

A.I.S.E. has contracted Atrify end 2020, an IT consultant in order to assess the various IT solutions to potentially move information online. The draft report is now being finalised and enriched with A.I.S.E’s comments and will be discussed at the next meeting of the Digitalisation WG planned on 22 April (chaired by V. d’Enfert).

* 1. **Ingredient messaging** *(G.Sebastio)*

A.I.S.E. has been progressing on the work on ingredient messaging. The basic structure of the database was shared with the NAC along with three examples of the level of detail that A.I.S.E. could go to for the first set of 100 ingredients identified by A.I.S.E.

A.I.S.E. now needs to understand how this work should be progressed to be of use. The following question was raised to the NAC: *Is the level of detail being proposed enough to target the questions the NAC receives on ingredients?*

NL – in the Netherlands there is the RIVM database which has a lot of details. The details presented were considered adequate for a first level of details. A second level could then be proposed with more detail.   
BE – Agreed for a first level this would be fine, a deeper level could be discussed over the course of time.  
NL – if a report/link to regulatory data cannot be found, then the information may be doubted.  
FR – The key issue in France are NGOs or consumer associations saying an ingredient is “toxic” or bad for a consumer. It was considered positive to explain why an ingredient is being added and the regulatory assessment done by industry.  
FIN – Agreed on the important to stress the strong regulatory framework. The situation in Finland is also related to consumer NGOs/associations targeting specific ingredients. In Finland there are questions raised more on ingredient classes, like phosphates, zeolites, also fragrances.

A question posed was how this data would be made accessible. It was explained that once the content was available, A.I.S.E. would discuss how to promote this/ in which format to external stakeholders.

The level of detail being proposed was considered suitable for a first level at the moment. Another point raised that increasing the detail would increase complexity with updates. It is important to start somewhere, even is the approach is stepwise.

A second question was asked to the NAC: *If there are any national level stakeholders that could be contacted to inform on the database and maybe add value to the messaging being done.*

The NAC agreed to reflect on this. One proposal were the REACH helpdesks, since A.I.S.E. is writing an infographic of REACH and thus explaining the REACH process to consumers. The NAC agreed that the authorities might be interested in such a simplified explanation of REACH; but would likely be less supportive of messaging on individual chemicals.

1. REGULATORY ISSUES (13:45-14:45)
   1. **Detergent Regulation** *(G.Sebastio)*
      1. Roadmap on Fragrance Allergens
      2. Impact Assessment to the Detergent Regulation

*Meeting with the Commission services on 15 March*

* A.I.S.E. was able to meet with DG GROW following the publishing of their new organigramme where a new unit has been formed on bioeconomy, chemicals, cosmetics”.
* The first point discussed was the roadmap on fragrance allergies. This is the proposal to increase the number of fragrance ingredients to be listed under the Detergent Regulation from 26 to 87. Due to the direct relationship between the Cosmetics Regulation and Detergent Regulation, this is a point of key impact for our sector.
  + Currently the Cosmetics timelines are: 3 years for placing on the market 5 years for withdrawal. The Commission proposed to align the timelines of Detergents to Cosmetics via an FAQ. The Commission did not accept any alternative timelines for Detergents to account for their study of digitalization and e-labelling. A.I.S.E. is collaborating with IFRA to comments from a technical POV on the Cosmetics Regulation Annex III.
* Additionally, A.I.S.E. raised the Delegated act on preservative labelling. This is the proposal to align labelling of preservatives under the Detergent Regulation to BPR/CLP (including carry over preservatives). A.I.S.E. had proposed text to the Commission in June 2020. Commission informed last week that one amendment made following interservice consultation with Member States: if the constituent is also a treated article, then the preservative must be labelled. Considers carry over preservatives even present at lower limits. However, excludes any situations when the detergent manufacturer is not aware of the presence of a preservative. **It was clarified that the proposed amendment was likely to make preservative labelling under the Detergent Regulation more restrictive than the BPR.** As next step, a Public consultant is planned (4 weeks), to be approved by member states – COM Detergent WG Oct 2021.
* Finally, A.I.S.E. shared the latest estimation of timings that are expected for the study of the Detergent Regulation. A public consultation is expected in Spring and a targeted consultation in the Summer.

*Webinar with the NAC on the Detergent Regulation*

On 8 March A.I.S.E. organised a webinar on the Detergent Regulation for the NAC. A.I.S.E. presented the regulatory arguments for amendments to the Detergent Regulation. The NAC agreed on the A.I.S.E. strategy to advocate externally for minor amendments while preparing “plan B” internally. The key feedback received was that i) there is a gap in the arguments we have regarding what is consumer relevant, ii) A.I.S.E. to define more clearly how digitalisation could be achieved in practice. This feedback will be discussed in the Digitalisation WG.

In addition, although the NAC agreed on the A.I.S.E. strategy to advocate externally for minor amendments while preparing “plan B” internally. However, it was emphasised that while the minor amendments position was fine for an external position; the reality of what would occur was likely to be a hybrid of the various scenarios.

A.I.S.E. would like to continue the discussion with the NAC. The NAC is asked to consider the following questions for discussion at the meeting.

* **Any information from the NAC on the position of MS for the future of the Detergent Regulation?** 
  + **Repeal of the Detergent Regulation: i.e., all chemical legislation under CLP/REACH/WFD)**
  + **Minor revision of the Detergent Regulation and use of Guidance**

FR – Unclear of what authorities want to push. Too early to influence authorities regarding one route or another. Consumer information is a key concern and will want more information on transparency.

BE – Had contacted the Competent authorities last year and had the impression the authorities would not want additional work. Acknowledged the Detergent Regulation brought less pollution and worked well. However, it will be key to see the political direction.

Portugal – too early, the authorities are not willing to think about it. They will keep the requirement of PCC notification for non-hazardous products. They will have concerns on water pollution. The Detergent Regulation is not a priority for authorities.

NL – not interested in the Detergent Regulation. Too early to say in which direction it is moving. The Dutch authorities will likely be interested in the new regulation form the CSS and how it fits in the Detergent regulation. Starting a discussion with authorities was not seen as a positive strategy at the moment.

Finland – Not discussed. However, imagined Finland would be aligned to the Swedish proposal for preservatives and the logic being applied in that case. As ECHA is present in Finland, then Finnish authorities may be more inclined to follow the options of the Detergent Regulation requirements being included in REACH.

An additional point made was that although the Detergent Regulation is not interesting to authorities; it is of interest to inspectors.

* **How can A.I.S.E. support the NAC?**
* **Does the NAC want to be involved in the consultations to the Detergent Regulation? How?**

The NAC explained that A.I.S.E. would have to be clear about what they needed from the NAC if they wanted the NAC’s support.

* 1. **Single-use plastics for wet wipes – guidelines and latest developments** *(M.Temsamani)*

The next TAC meeting on the SUP will take place on 26 March. In the agenda, the issue of the definition of “placing on the market” will be discussed.

Regarding the SUP Commission draft guidelines on scope/definition, those are also on the agenda of the TAC meeting, as the Commission is expected to give a presentation at the meeting. NAs were also again invited to share the cross-industry position paper on viscose.

The corrigendum regarding the symbols and the translation of the Implementing Act for marking requirements was adopted early March. As it is still not clear whether the Commission intends to respect the date of application of July 2021, which is 3 months away, the secretariat has drafted a final letter highlighting the time needed to adapt artwork. National Associations have also been asked to check the appropriateness of the language in the corrigendum in particular for Annex II for wet wipes, as some syntax or font issues may remain.   
***ACTION:  
- Finalize its joint position paper on appropriate transition timelines with Cosmetics Europe and EDANA and share it with the relevant Commission cabinets (A.I.S.E. advocacy and the secretariat)***

* 1. **Biocides** 
     1. Skin sensitising active substances *(M.Temsamani*)

National Associations were informed about the outcome of the Biocides CA meeting where the topic was discussed, and some EU MS recognised the importance to address the issue.

***ACTION:  
- Prepare appropriate arguments as to why the issue is also of high importance to the detergents industry, commit to contribute to DG SANTE consultation and participate as appropriate (A.I.S.E. Biocides WG) .***

* + 1. CASP 2020: EU MS inspections on disinfectants *(M.Temsamani)*

The Coordinated Activities on the Safety of Products are organised every year. National Associations reported about contacts with their authorities. Some NAs confirmed their support for such products checks as it helps remove free riders from the market, and ensure all remaining products are safe and compliant with legislation.

In relation to the discussion at the yesterday’s joint NAC/ MC meeting concerning the best use of the A.I.S.E. resources and the need of the members to get support on all kind of questions, the NAC was trying to understand the nature of questions that are occurring and the authors of the questions, i.e. members companies, companies not being members of a NA, or stemming from NAs. It seems that many questions are being linked to implementation and interpretation issues at local level. This is also being analysed through the BPR Assessment, allowing to better qualify and quantify the issue when potentially reaching out to the Commission.

* 1. **Harmonised Classification proposal for ethanol** (J.Robinson)

The NAC was reminded about the status of the Greek proposal and the appeal for intelligence on the positions of other Member State Competent Authorities (see pre-reading and slides).  
Some NAC members indicated that they were trying or beginning to reach out to their authorities, but the issue is quite sensitive in some Member States. In France, the Ministry of Labour has no interest in biocides so does not see an issue.  
***ACTIONS (reminder):  
- Investigate and influence the position of competent authorities on a potential CMR classification for ethanol (NAs)   
 - Use the A.I.S.E. discussion document if/as appropriate to support this outreach (NAs).***

1. COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (14:45-15:00)
   1. **Perforated sleeves icon** (V.Séjourné)

V. Séjourné informed the NAC that A.I.S.E. was close to finalise a common industry icon and sentence that should come on pack carrying a sleeve as soon as possible (see PPT). Our proposal is currently being shared with the plastic bottle recyclers (EPBP) for feedback. When final advice for them will be obtained, translations and subsequent distribution of the material to industry will need to be organised via the NAC. The icon will then be made available to all industry members for implementation; once it will be sufficiently visible on shelves, NA will be invited to organise local communication activities with the relevant partners (e.g., recycling bodies) to inform consumers; A.I.S.E. will also implement a specific chapter in the cleanright portal in due course.

* 1. **Sustainable Finance – Taxonomy Regulation** *(L.Conti)*

An overview on the potential relevance of the Taxonomy Regulation for the sector was made. The topic of Taxonomy Regulation was raised at the Advocacy SG since sustainable finance related issues are getting more political attention at European and National level. The Taxonomy Regulation is aimed at establishing a unified EU Green Classification System of sustainable economic activities, and several delegated acts concerning the environmental objectives are planned to be adopted in 2021. Production of cleaning products as well as of other consumers’ goods are not listed among the sectors included in the Taxonomy Regulation.

As there is no mandate for the Secretariat to take action on the topic, NAC members were invited to share their views on the topic. Some associations have been made aware of this topic through Chambers of Commerce or Umbrella Industrial Associations. The topic is quite horizontal and related to financing, with limited possibility and interest for A.I.S.E. in being actively involved. Therefore, NAC advised A.I.S.E. not to follow the topic. Advocacy SG meeting will be informed accordingly, and the topic phased out.

1. TOUR DE TABLE AND EMERGING ISSUES AT NATIONAL LEVELS (15:00-15:40

* **Belgium:**
* First [Congrès Détergence](http://www.congres-detergence.com/), result of the collaboration of Afise and DETIC
* Probiotic based detergents is a growing topic for the media.
* Even if it is not of direct interest to detergents, I am pleased to say that DETIC has now the full support of authorities (political and inspection) to question the role of those launching mobile app’s to influence consumer purchase choice.  DETIC started by filing a complaint against YUKA-cosmetics and we are now preparing information regarding other apps. We are also liaising with Cosmetics Europe, as there is a definite for EU support on how to tackle these “new players” on the market.
* **Romania:**

- Biocide: approvals issued in COVID-19 context by the military institute (under military ordinance) do not provide a certain deadline but "state of alert period + 90 days" which makes difficult for producers to organise their activities; the order banning export of biocides (that are not under a contract closed before pandemic) still in force;   
- Chemicals:

1. at national level regulations on harmonised notification to ECHA PCN still are not published (Romania presented as not ready to accept PCN notification);

2. Explosive Precursors: the national law for the application of the Regulation is not published yet; the authority wants to maintain registration system on paper till 2022 and afterwards electronic;   
- Environment: SUP deadlines in Romania expected not to extend; EU 0,80 Eur Tax announced, in various occasion, that will be paid by those who do not comply;

* **Netherlands:** Refer to the International Newsletter which was send prior to the meeting.

1. WRITTEN INFORMATION IN THE MEETING GUIDE
   1. **Sustainability Issues** 
      1. Charter 2020+: Membership & Update on recent activities (incl. 3rd party recognition)

2020 was the first year of a self-funded Charter, i.e., purely based on direct Charter membership fees. We have now 165 companies on board, incl. 112 (paying) ordinary members and 53 associate members retailers.

3rd party recognition

* **UN One Planet Global SCP Projects Database and Charter**  
  The Charter has been reported to the One Planet Network of the United Nations Environment Programme. A description of the Charter’s objectives, how it contributes to SDG12 of sustainable consumption and production, as well its impacts are documented on the site of the One Planet Network. The site can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.oneplanetnetwork.org/initiative/aise-charter-sustainable-cleaning>.
* **Siegelklarheit revision (Germany)**  
  The owners of the German platform ‘Siegelklarheit’, which is supported by the German government, are reviewing their criteria of how to evaluate existing environmental schemes. In cooperation with IKW, A.I.S.E. has provided input in order to ensure that the Charter will continue to be recognised. Siegelklarheit seems to be increasingly inspired by ISEAL requirements.
* **Ademe (France)**  
  Together with C. Henry from Afise, S. Nissen had a meeting with Ademe. The Charter will still be recognised, though for some categories at a lower level than before. Afise is working to find out more details on the reasons for the rating.

The SSG is suggesting to the local industry networks to promote the Charter at every opportunity, and NAC members are asked what kind of support they would need for this purpose (e.g. communication toolkit, etc.).

***ACTION (reminder):  
- National Associations are asked to promote the Charter with their local networks when opportune and feasible.***

* + 1. A.I.S.E. contribution to conferences and local workshops *(S.Nissen)*

Early February, S. Nissen presented the Charter and other A.I.S.E. sustainability activities during a technical workshop, organised by Detic. Later that month, L. Conti and S. Nissen provided an overview on the Green Deal Circular Economy Action Plan and A.I.S.E.’s activities to Assocasa members.

* + 1. Update of A.I.S.E. position on EU Ecolabel *(A.Weber)*Refer to annotated agenda..
    2. Packaging requirements on PET *(A.Weber)*Refer to annotated agenda.
       1. *Green Dot* *(M. Temsamani)*

Industry remains very concerned about the consequences of the TRIMAN logo and Green Dot measures on the internal market and the precedent that this initiative creates.

The Afise Board has supported a legal action with the Conseil d’Etat against the French government to request the cancellation of the decree on Green dot penalty (loi AGEC Economie circulaire). The legal action is conducted along with 4 other associations: ANIA (food), FEBEA (cosmetics), FCD (retail) and Group’hygiene (diapers and wipes).

A decision was taken by the French Conseil d’Etat suspending the measure regarding the Green Dot. This is an excellent news for industry, although another decision is still awaited to conclusively annul the Green dot measure.   
***ACTIONS:  
- Proceed with an official complaint to the European Commission demonstrating the negative estimated impacts of the proposed measure on industry and the free movement of goods (A.I.S.E.).***

* 1. **Other Topics**
     1. Corporate website update (A.O’Kane)

Refer to Annotated Agenda.

* + 1. DUCC 20th anniversary (V.Séjourné)

Refer to Annotated Agenda.

1. Next Meeting DateS

It was discussed whether an additional NAC Web call should be organised. As the replies and needs were quite heterogeneous, it was agreed to reflect on ways to make the NAC meeting more efficient and of value for the members. Based on the outcome, the chairs together with the A.I.S.E. secretariat will come back to the NAC.

***ACTIONS:***

***- send out a survey to the NAC members to enquire their views (S. Zänker)***

***- reply to the survey by 9 April (NAC)***

Monday 14 June 2021- 10:30 – 16:30 - Brussels (from A.I.S.E.) virtual

Thursday 16 and Friday 17 September 2021- Madrid (tbc)

Thursday 9 December 2021 - 09:00 – 16:00 - Brussels (A.I.S.E.)

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