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| Board meeting 03/22 | |
| Minutes | Webconference Tuesday 14 June 2022 8:30 – 10:30 CEST |

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1. Welcome and Reminder on competition policy

The President, N. Viva opened the meeting by welcoming the participants. She also welcomed Yvonne Iwaniuk, the Board candidate nominated by SC Johnson for the next period, i.e., 15 June 2022 till June 2024.

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the following additions:

6.2 Finances and A.I.S.E. budget

6.3. Russian Association’s (APCOHM) relation with A.I.S.E.

6.4. Unfair Trading Practices

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES & REVIEW OF ACTIONS OF LAST MEETING ([28/04/22](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/16256))

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved, and all actions were undertaken and/ or will be covered by the agenda.

1. Governance
   1. **Points related to the General Assembly** *(S.Zänker)*
      1. Approval of the Board member candidate for the BeNeLux Cluster representative

The Board approved the nomination of Hans Razenberg (NVZ – Netherlands) as Board Member for the BeNeLux Cluster representative for the mandate 2022 – 2024.

* + 1. Approval of the Board member candidate for the NAC Chair

The Board approved the nomination of Sari Karjomaa (KH – Finland) as Board Member for the NAC Chair for the mandate 2022 – 2024.

* + 1. Approval of the candidate proposed by the NAC for the NAC Vice-President position

The Board approved the nomination of Hans Razenberg (NVZ – Netherlands) as NAC Vice-President for the mandate 2022 – 2024.

* + 1. Remaining questions to the GA agenda

No additional or remaining questions were raised.

1. Key topics
   1. **Green Deal** 
      1. CSS and Zero Pollution *(J.Robinson/D.Hemingway)*

The Board was informed that publication of the Ricardo economic analysis report is anticipated in w/c 21 June after supporting materials have been finalised. The membership will be notified ahead of its release.

The Board was briefly updated on the status of the revisions of CLP and REACH ([see slides](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/18807)). The case study on enzymes developed jointly with AMFEP is being used as a key example to try to influence the policy direction. At least one Member State (DK) is supportive of avoiding generic restrictions for enzymes; it was noted that an overview/schedule of national outreach and positions would be useful. Potential advocacy options are being discussed in an ad hoc strategic group and can be presented later in the year (see item 6.1).

* + 1. Update on A.I.S.E. activities linked to the CEAP *(S. Nissen)*
       1. Governance structure for technical assessment and outreach
* Regulation on Ecodesign requirements for sustainable products (ESPR)

S Nissen provided an overview of the technical progress on the ESPR assessment and shared the proposed action steps, which will include a gap analysis of the Charter vs the ESPR proposal. It was clarified that the ESPR proposal provides a horizontal framework, to which specific rules for product categories will be added via delegated acts; a 1st work programme is expected for 2023. Expressing support on the legislative proposal, the Board confirmed that the Charter needs to stay at front, making also sure that the Charter is dynamically evolving.

* Directive on empowering consumers for the green transition

An update was provided on the proposed Directive on Empowering Consumers for the Green Transition and a meeting with DG JUST on 2 June, where DG JUST gave a positive opinion on the Charter: the Charter is considered as a sustainability label fulfilling the requirements: an open, fair, and transparent scheme, third party verified and based on international and European standards. Based on the positive feedback from DG JUST, the Board was informed on A.I.S.E.’s advocacy strategy to support the proposal’s wording on sustainability labels and to potentially co-sign AIM amendments on other aspects.

* + - 1. Next Charter revision:
* Technical project management

In April, the Board had agreed to involve an experienced sustainability consultancy for technical and LCA project management to run successfully and on time the activities as identified in the Charter revision workplan. A pre-selection of consultancies had been carried out by the SSG, based on a technical assessment. A request for proposals was prepared by the SSG and has now been sent to shortlisted consultancies, including a clear briefing and definition on expectations.

* 2nd product category for product standard system

The Board agreed to the SSG and MC proposal on consumer/end-user faced product comparison, to use trigger spray cleaners as a 2nd pilot product category (in addition to laundry) for the development of a product standard system ([see slides](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/16582) for details). According to the LCA on 2 trigger spray categories (carried out for the Charter product standard development and published in 2013), packaging has to be in the scope. In addition, it was strongly suggested to also consider refills.

1. Topics for information/ question only
   1. **Topic for October meeting: A.I.S.E. and its priorities to be organised for the future**

The Board was briefly updated about the process since the last Board meeting to assess the advocacy priorities for the coming months, at this stage extensively discussed at the Advocacy SG, NAC and shortly at the MC. It was proposed to have an extra-ordinary call with the Board in September to discuss the outcome of the key priorities identified. It should help to remain focussed on the areas in which we our sector can have the highest impact to advocate. ***ACTION:  
- Organise an extra-ordinary Board meeting call in September to assess the proposal of the 5 key advocacy priorities. (post-meeting note: confirmed on 19 September from 14:00 to 15:30)***

* 1. **Finances and A.I.S.E. Budget**

In view of the further increasing inflation in Europe (8.1% in the Eurozone) and in Belgium (8.9%), and the legal obligation in Belgium to increase the salaries, the 2% of membership increase for 2023, will lead to high impact on the A.I.S.E. budget and its reserves. It was therefore suggested to the Board to reconvene in autumn again the Financial TF to elaborate a proposal for the budget 2024, including membership fees for 2024 to be adopted at the GA June 2023. The objective is to ensure that the budget of A.I.S.E. remains balanced. A. Scheidgen, I. Djelassi, H. Fabiansen and H. Razenberg volunteered to be members to that TF.  
***ACTION:  
-*** ***Reconvene the Financial TF in autumn to work on the A.I.S.E. budget to remain healthy. (A.I.S.E. secretariat).***

* 1. **Participation of APCOHM representative at G.A.**

The Board was asked its opinion on participation of APCOHM representative at the A.I.S.E. General Assembly. Currently, A.I.S.E. and APCOHM voluntarily mutually agreed that, for the time being and considered the circumstances, APCOHM will not actively participate to A.I.S.E. activities and consequently not participate to meetings and write emails to other members. Board decided that APCOHM should not attend the General Assembly and agreed to discuss APCOHM membership within A.I.S.E. in the next Board meeting in October.  
***ACTION:  
- Put the situation with the Russian association on the agenda of the next Board meeting (A.I.S.E. secretariat).***

* 1. **Unfair Trading Practices Directive**

Ch-Fr. Gaudefroy mentioned the revision of the Unfair Trading Practices Directive (UTPD) – legislation addressing business-to-business relationships deviate from good commercial conduct and are contrary to good faith and fair dealing. AIM is planning to work on the revision of UTP and to advocate for the inclusion of detergents and cosmetics in the scope, as until now the Directive covers solely food products. It was therefore raised the possibility for A.I.S.E. to become involved by working together with AIM which will be leading on this file. The Board agreed to have further discussion on the topic during the next Board meeting in October.  
***ACTION:  
- Put the UTPD on the agenda of the next Board meeting (A.I.S.E. secretariat).***

1. Next Meeting Date(s) and closure of the meeting

It was suggested to set a date for an extra-ordinary Board meeting call towards the end of September focusing on setting the advocacy priorities.

Ordinary meetings:

Tuesday 11 October 2022, 10:30-15:30 (webconference)

Wednesday 7 December 2022, 09:00-13:00, Brussels (TBC)

The meeting ended at 10h30

**ACTIONs RECAP**

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| ***What*** | ***who*** | ***when*** |
| ***6.1.Organise an extra-ordinary Board meeting call to assess the proposal of the 5 key advocacy priorities*** | A.I.S.E. | Confirmed on 19 September (14:00-15:30) |
| ***6.2. Reconvene the Financial TF to work on the A.I.S.E. budget to remain healthy*** | A.I.S.E. | Autumn |
| ***6.3. Put the situation with the Russian association on the agenda of the next Board meeting*** | A.I.S.E. | 11 October 2022 |
| ***6.4. Put the Unfair Trading Practices Directive on the agenda of the next Board meeting*** | A.I.S.E. | 11 October 2022 |

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