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| national associations COMMITTEE meeting 06/2022 | |
| Minutes | **Webex teleconference**  Thursday 8 December 2022  10:00-13:00 |

**Participants**

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| Mr Giuseppe ABELLO, Assocasa  Mr Bernard CLOETTA, SKW  Ms Virginie d’ENFERT, FHER  Ms Pilar ESPINA, Adelma  Ms Helle FABIANSEN, KoHB  Mr Christian GRÜNDLING, FCIO  Mr Olof HOLMER, KOHF  Mr Lukas HORAK, CSZV  Ms Inara JONISKIENE, Likochema  Ms Zanda JURJANE, Lakifa  Ms Sari KARJOMAA, KH *(Chair)*  Mr Philip MALPASS, U.K.C.P.I.  Ms Anna MELVAS, KTF  Ms Anna OBORSKA, P.A.C.D.I.  Ms Tulin OZKOCA, KTSD  Ms Jelena PEJCINOVIC, Kozmodet  Ms Mihaela RABU, Rucodem *(from 11:00 onwards)*  Mr Finn RASMUSSEN, V.L.F.  Mr Roman STERBAK, S.Z.Z.V.  Ms Françoise VAN TIGGELEN, Detic | From A.I.S.E. (for their respective topics):  Ms Elodie CAZELLE  Ms Cindy CHHUON  Mr Luca CONTI  Mr Dave HEMINGWAY  Ms Bahar Koyuncu  Mr Sascha NISSEN  Ms Amelie WEBER  Ms Susanne ZÄNKER  Apologies  Ms Ana-Maria COURAS, A.I.S.D.P.L.  Mr Thomas KEISER, I.K.W.  Mr Istvan MURANYI, KOZMOS  Mr Hans RAZENBERG, N.V.Z*.(Vice-Chair)*  Ms Marijana Sabljić, Saponia |

1. WELCOME AND Reminder on competition policy

The meeting was opened by the Chair, S. Karjomaa, who welcomed the participants to the Webex.   
The rules of the Competition rules were reminded, and all agreed to adhere.

1. approval of agenda

The agenda was approved with 2 additions as following:

6.7. Overview of the political dossiers

6.8. Rinse aid publication in Switzerland

1. APPROVAL OF [MINUTES](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/19307) & REVIEW OF ACTIONS OF LAST MEETING (15/16 September 22)

The meeting minutes were approved, and all actions were covered, or will be covered through the agenda.

1. GOVERNANCE
   1. **Short debrief on last Board meeting (7 December 22)**  *(S.Zänker)*

**See** [**minutes**](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/19774) **of the Board meeting**

* + 1. IFRA’s request to join forces with CE & A.I.S.E. *(S.Zänker)*

An update on the discussion within IFRA - involving also A.I.S.E. and Cosmetics Europe - assessing the consequences for the fragrances of the grouping action by ECHA on substances of concern was provided. IFRA is asking for joint actions, and had prepared for that purpose a one pager to frame the scope of that joint collaboration (see Board meeting guide).  While the Board expressed its support for coordinated outreach with IFRA and CosmeticEurope, the following principles should be kept in mind:

* Positive advocacy approach proposing collaboration with ECHA on scientific aspects, but no joint legal action with IFRA on any aspect;
* Focus on areas of relevance to our sector;
* A.I.S.E. should develop its own advocacy, looking at the issue also from a broader perspective than fragrances, as this is impacting other substances also, and therefore continue collaboration with CEFIC.
  + 1. Governance

New Associate Member: Electrolux for their detergent products

Russian Association APCOHM: Based on the recent published sanctions from the Council with regard to work or exchanges with Russia, that A.I.S.E. should propose to APCOHM a temporary suspension of its membership with A.I.S.E.. A mail will be prepared in this regard, and if by the next Board meeting, APCOHM can’t agree with this, the Board will proceed with a suspension of the membership, to be endorsed by the GA in June 2023.

* + 1. Finance

A short update of the first meeting of the Financial TF was provided to the Board. The TF is composed by H. Fabiansen, H. Razenberg, A. Scheidgen, I. Djelassi, C. Baïer and S. Zänker. The aim is to work on a proposal that ensures for a sustainable budget of A.I.S.E., in particular with the only 2% membership increase in 2023 when compared to a current 10% inflation rate in Belgium impacting significantly the A.I.S.E. budget due to legally required indexation of the salaries. Once the 2022 budget is closed, the reserves assessed, the TF will reconvene in January to start to prepare a draft for the Board in February. An update for the NAC will be provided at its January conference call.

* 1. **Revised A.I.S.E. workplan 2022-2023 & structure: update** *(S.Zänker)*

An update was provided on the revision of the workplan 2022-2023 undertaken by the MC at its meeting in October. And, more importantly the status of the implementation of the structural changes throughout the different working groups were reported. The aim is to be “fit for the future” as an association, i.e., agile and focussed vis-à-vis the political agenda, streamlined in the A.I.S.E. working processes and to meet the members’ expectations. (see slides).

For the preparation of the A.I.S.E. strategic work plan 2023 – 2024, the NAC endorsed the idea of a delegation from the NAC to participate in the preparation and the discussion in March with the MC. As the MC will meet physically, the proposal was to appoint joint members, i.e., H. Razenberg, F. Van Tiggelen and in the name of IKW (T. Keiser), B. Glassl to represent the NAC.   
***ACTION:  
- Check with T. Keiser, whether he is fine to mandate B. Glassl to take part in the work plan discussion.*** (Post-meeting note: agreed)

1. Key topics for discussion
   1. **Restriction on intentionally-added microplastics** (J.Robinson)

NAC members were invited to share the views of their Competent Authorities ahead of the REACH Committee held on 13 and 14 December; 4 National Associations (DK, FIN, BE and LT) reported but no additional content was brought to current global status. Voting of the Commission’s legislative proposal will now come in 2023.

1. EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL
   1. **Detergent Regulation: Update** (C.Chhuon/D.Hemingway)

The Commission Detergents Working Group met on 2 December and an update was provided by CC on 5 December.

A.I.S.E. is keeping the dialogue with DG GROW in order to reiterate our positions. The topic of CE marking and fragrance allergens were singled out as deserving attentive follow-up with the Commission.”

* 1. **ESPR: Update and NAC engagement** *(B.Koyuncu/L.Conti)*

The A.I.S.E. team provided an update regarding the proposed amendments to the ESPR COM proposal and its outreach activities towards the European Parliament. It was shared on a positive note that the amendments related to supplier information requirements and PEF are tabled in the draft Committee reports.   
NAC members were also asked to provide a better understanding of the MS approaches related to destruction of unsold consumer goods to be able to support more strongly the A.I.S.E. position on this topic. It was shared that currently there are no issues with implementing stricter measures for a ban on destruction of unsold consumer goods. During the meeting, NAC members mentioned that it was still early stages for engagement at Member States level and that the more detailed engagement will pick up in 2023.   
*ACTION:  
- NAC members to proactively inform A.I.S.E. team regarding MS developments and A.I.S.E. team to keep NAC members updated regarding evolutions of the industry position and OLP.*

* 1. **UCPD: Update and NAC engagement** *(A.Weber/L.Conti)*

The A.I.S.E. team provided an update on recent developments on UCPD. A.I.S.E. is continuing to follow the revision of the UCPD, with a particular focus on sustainability labels. In this regard, A.I.S.E. is engaging with the European Parliament to advocate for third-party verification for sustainability labels (as proposed by the Commission), rather than for a pre-approval system run by public authorities at national level.   
In this context, A.I.S.E. has finalised a position paper on sustainability labels, laying down a preferred option for third-party certification schemes rather than for pre-approval system and providing information on the A.I.S.E. Charter for Sustainable Cleaning as an example of a robust third-party verified certification scheme. To this purpose, the NACwas invited to share the position paper and engage with national authorities and to gather intelligence of the preferred option of the respective Member State.  
***ACTION:  
- NAC members to reach out to national authorities on the topic of third-party verification vs. preapproval of sustainability labels and to pro-actively inform the A.I.S.E. team on the preferred option of the Member State.***

* 1. **Packaging: Update on PPWD(R) (legislative proposal)** *(A.Weber/M.Cobaj)*

The A.I.S.E. team provided an update on the Commission proposal for a Regulation of Packaging and Packaging Waste, published on 30 November 2022. After a first assessment, the most important elements of the proposal seem to be linked to recycled content targets for the plastic part in packaging, packaging minimisation, reuse targets for transport and grouped packaging as well as Green Public Procurement requirements for packaging. A detailed assessment of the impacts of the proposal will be carried out during the Packaging WG meeting on 14 December. An update was provided on the expected ordinary legislative process, involving the European Parliament and the Council.

* 1. **Green claims substantiation (legislative proposal)** *(S.Nissen/L.*
  2. *Conti)*

The NAC was informed that this legislative proposal has been postponed to 2023.

* 1. **REACH revision: GRA/Essential Use** (J.Robinson/D.Hemingway)

The legislative proposal for revision of REACH is now anticipated in Q4 2023, but the Commission has confirmed that it will continue work in the meantime on its implementation plan for GRA. A first discussion document may be presented in the next CARACAL meeting in early 2023. The results of the supporting study on essential use were presented at CARACAL on 18 November and the final report is due to be published soon.   
The Terms of Reference for the A.I.S.E. Priority Steering Group on GRA/EUC were approved by the MC on 22 November and a call for (additional) participants will be launched. The PSG will continue developing the A.I.S.E. advocacy strategy and also feed into the outreach by DUCC, which held a meeting with the Commission on Assessment of Alternatives on 22 Nov. and is preparing for a workshop with Member States in early 2023.   
**ACTION:   
- NAC members are invited to promote this event to their competent authorities, if not already done (see invitation).**

* 1. **CLP revision (+ UN GHS)** (C.Chhuon/J.Robinson)

An update on the revision of CLP was provided as per the Annotated Agenda.   
The next step in the revision of CLP is the planned adoption by the Commission on 19 December of both the delegated act and the ordinary legislative proposal.   
On 8 December, the European Commission submitted a proposal to include the new hazard classes on the work programme of UN GHS for the next biennium 2023-24. The proposal was included in the workprogramme and will be addressed in the newly created informal correspondence group on ‘Potential hazard issues and presentation in GHS’, which terms of reference were discussed during the meeting.”

* 1. **Overview of the political dossiers** (D.Hemingway)

The NAC received an update on the current political dynamics and the impact that they will have on the numerous legislative proposals ahead of A.I.S.E. The slides presented in the meeting provide a state of play on the key dossiers and A.I.S.E. outreach.

* 1. **Rinse aid publication in Switzerland**

The NAC received a short update on this emerging issue following a recent study by the University of Zurich. After an initial spike in media interest, the coverage seems to be dying down and A.I.S.E. is in close contact with the German-speaking associations to coordinate activity e.g., reactive statement, which was circulated to the network on 8 December.

1. Public Affairs & Communication
   1. **Cleaning & Hygiene Forum – Lessons Learned** (D.Hemingway/ALL)

NAC provided feedback on the A.I.S.E. Forum which was held online the day before the meeting, as following: Overall feedback was very positive, most notably regarding the moderator, speakers, and format.

1. ToUR DE TABLE AND EMERGING ISSUES AT NATIONAL LEVELS

Except for the International Newsletter from NVZ, which was shared by H. Razenberg earlier this month, no further topic was sent by the NAC members in advance for further discussion.

1. WRITTEN INFORMATION IN THE annotated agenda

See [pre-reads.](https://aise.wall.idloom.com/#/filelastversion/19651)

* 1. **70th Anniversary**

Preparations for the 70th Anniversary continue with A. O’Kane project managing the anniversary celebrations and significant progress has been made in terms of event (and anniversary) branding, venue, etc. The 70th celebrations will form a key part of the General Assembly next year.

* 1. **Biocides**

It was mentioned that the Biocides Family webinar that was cancelled in November due to strike was rescheduled for 8-9 Feb 2023. More information will be shared by E. Cazelle.

* 1. **Next Charter revision - Kick-off with PRé (consultancy)**

In addition to the information provided via the annotated agenda, S Nissen informed the NAC that the organisation of a dedicated Charter workshop will be discussed by the SSG during its next meeting on 15 December. Purpose of this workshop will be to inform the industry network on activities linked to the Charter revision and to gain input and engage the national associations. Those have an active role to promote the Charter and make the future plans known at local level within the industry network and towards relevant stakeholders.

* 1. **EU Ecolabel – revision of criteria for detergents**
  2. **List of visits from A.I.S.E. team members to NA**

1. Next Meeting DateS and closure of the meeting

Next dates are as follow:

**Tuesday 26 January 2023, 10:00-13:00, webconference**

Tuesday 21 March 2023 (joint with MC), 13:30 -16:30, webconference to discuss the 2023 -2024 work plan (NAC being represented by F.Van Tiggelen, B.Glassl and H.Razenberg)

Wednesday 22 March 2023, 09:30-15:00, webconference

Monday 12 June 2023, 10:30-16:00, Brussels (GA AISE on Tuesday 13 June)

Tuesday 12 September 2023 starting with lunch, 14:30 – 17:30, Denmark

Wednesday 13 September 2023 ending with joint lunch, 09:30-12:30, Denmark

Thursday 7 December 2023, 09:00-13:00, Brussels (A.I.S.E)

The meeting was closed at 13:00

**ACTIONs RECAP**

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| ***What*** | ***who*** | ***when*** |
| *6.2. ESPR:*  *- proactively inform A.I.S.E. team regarding MS developments - keep NAC members updated regarding evolutions of the industry position and OLP* | *- NAC members*  ***- A.I.S.E.*** | ***- asap*** |
| *6.3. UCPD: reach out to national authorities on the topic of third-party verification vs. preapproval of sustainability labels and pro-actively inform the A.I.S.E. team on the preferred option of the Member State.* | *- NAC members* | *- asap* |
| *6.6: GRA/Essential Use: promote workshop (early 2023) to competent authorities, if not already done* | *- NAC members* | *- asap* |

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