



Cross Industry Agreement – 10th Technical Meeting

Video call

16th November 2020

Meeting Report

Opening, objectives & updates

EURATEX on behalf of the five CIA signatories welcomed the participants and highlighted the objectives of the meeting: i) updates from the participants and the signatories; ii) progress on the CIA communication brochure; iii) update Horizon 2020 project call, iv) aob and v) conclusions and next steps. The 9th CIA meeting report was approved and will be put up on the dedicated webpage.

i) Updates from the participants and signatories

EURATEX told the participants some information about the “Plastic Free Summit” where the CIA was mentioned. Niederrhein announced that the toxicity studies were interrupted because of the current situation and The Microfiber Consortium informed that the British MEP have started to discuss toxicity of microplastics and mentioned an event that they will be doing in March 2021 ([link](#)).

ii) CIA communication Brochure

EURATEX introduced the progress that were made on the communication by the signatories and presented the design made by FESI. Overall, the communication is well endorsed by the participants and signatories, however, some details has to be revised: the issue of synthetic fibres has to be reformulated, some data could be revised and some precision should be made on waste water treatment and the release of microplastics into the environment. EURATEX also raised the point of the acknowledgements, interested participants should be sending their companies names and logo to EURATEX. To have more impact globally, it was suggested by JTF that the brochure shall be translated in Chinese and Japanese.

iii) Updates on Horizon 2020 project calls for proposals

EURATEX updated the participants on the Horizon 2020 projects calls which will not come before the end of the year due to the current context. EOG informed the audience about the work they have been doing trying to prepare an answer for the calls. Following the questionnaire filled by the participants, 3 organisations would be interested to be principle investigators, 10 to become work package lead and 6 to contribute. EOG also noticed that the display for testing capabilities and topics were also quite balanced and were covering a good basis. Therefore, there is some potential to do a good project. Following the news on Horizon 2020, EURATEX proposed to the participants to look for other projects calls and funding.

AOB

Two points were raised:

- An upcoming meeting for CEN on testing method
- The upcoming commission study on microplastics that is currently being delayed.



Conclusions and next steps

Participants agreed on the following:

- To keep an eye on the Commission’s study on s and ensure a liaison between the Commission and the CIA
- To double check the funding opportunities concerning project calls
- To exchange by emails to finalise the details on the communication and make it public in the next 10 days.
- To provide an email update on the upcoming CEN meeting.

Organisation

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 CNR, Italy
 Henkel – on behalf of AISE
 JTF, Japan
 LEITAT, Spain
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 Centexbel, Belgium
 RISE, Sweden
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