

Minutes ERFMI Technical Committee Meeting**11th September 2019 13:00– 18:00****ERFMI Office, Rue Montoyer 24**

Company		Represented by	
Altro		David	Cockhead
Amtico International		John	Baggalay
Beauflor		Thomas	Portl
Classen		Sebastian	Wendel
CPE		Oscar	Nieto
Designflooring		Adrian	Shortland
Endesign		Nick	Atkins
ERFMI		Jane	Gardner
ERFMI		Jochen	Zimmermann
Forbo Flooring Systems		Fred	Seifert
Gerflor		Olivier	Ceysson
IVC		Joost	Demuynck
Polyflor Limited		Mike	Minett
Tarkett		Alain	Casoli
Tarkett		Demosthene	Sakkas
Windmöller		Thomas	Hohberg

Excused

Altro		Tracy	Perry
Amorim		Graça	Rocha
Amtico International		Gary	Wilson
Artigo		Jegadeesh	Chethira Balagan
Aspecta		Monique	Vergouwen
Dickson-Constant		Maria	Henry
Nora Systems GmbH		Mario	Kröger
Upofloor		Samuli	Löytönen

1. Welcome and Opening

The Chairman of the TC Mr Sakkas welcomes the participants, especially Mr Thomas Hohberg, the new representative of Windmöller, the special guest Mr Sebastian Wendel of Classen (chairman of the TC of MMFA) and the external speaker Mr Oscar Nieto of Construction Products Europe, who will give a presentation under point 5.

2. Competition Law

The document "Do's and don'ts for a Competition Safe Environment" is distributed amongst the participants of the meeting. The members of the meeting are invited to examine the distributed document. All parties present are aware of the EU competition rules. No present participant had any further questions with regard to EU competition law.

Enclosure 1: signature's list + "Do's and don'ts for a Competition Safe Environment"

3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 4th April 2019

The TC approves the minutes as a true record of the ERFMI TC meeting held on the 4th April 2019 in Brussels.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

5. Construction Products Europe – External Speaker

- CEN TC350 Sustainable Construction Works
- The Future of EPD and the Potential Impact of PEF

Oscar Nieto of CPE gives a presentation. Main topics are:

- Building assessment schemes including LEVEL(S)
- PEF vs. EPD
- Mandate M/350
- Amended EN 15804
- EPD in building assessment tools
- CPR and digitalization

A copy of the presentation has been distributed to participants

Enclosure 2: Oscar Nieto CPE Sustainability

6. Green Public Procurement -Italy

Green Public Procurement legislation in Italy stipulates that the content of recycled or recovered material in plastics construction products used in a building must be at least 30% of the calculated weight of the total of all the plastic components used. In order to be classified as recycled content the material has to be handled as waste under waste legislation. This excludes internal factory recycling. The definition of recycled content was discussed generally as the definition varies and makes an increase of recycled content in products very difficult. The definition of waste under MORE, the tool developed by PCE and being put forward as the tool for registering recycled content as part of the Circular Plastics Alliance, excludes internally recycled factory waste as well. Jane Gardner will speak to PCE regarding this issue. She will discuss the need to change the definition of post-consumer/post-industrial waste within PCE's MORE tool.

Enclosure 3: GPP Italy

7. Standardisation

- Update TC 134 Meeting June Brussels

Jane Gardner reports from the last TC 134 meeting with a presentation. TC 134 decides to wait for the outcome of the initiative of WG8 on new work items on recycled content (priority) and design for recycling. The question is discussed if recycled content could become part of the Harmonised Standard

Jane Gardner will participate in a meeting of EuPC on a CEN Standard on Sustainable Chemicals on the 13th September.

- Slip Resistance CEN TC339- PREn16165

Draft Standard has been circulated for comments. Round robin tests to be implemented on ramp, pendulum and tribometer planned in October. Results will be reviewed by TC339 Plenary in November.

- EN 1081:2018 EN 1081 Resilient, laminate and modular multilayer floor coverings - Determination of the electrical resistance

Mike Minett gives a presentation. The draft standard has moved to the enquiry stage.

- TC59 WG6 Vacuum Cleaner Common Meeting in September

The TC decides to send only Jochen Zimmermann as representative to the meeting in Gent on the 25th September.

- CEN TC 4621 Regulated Chemicals in Products – Liaison

Jane Gardner gives a presentation. Fred Seifert stated that TC 134 will follow the development. Mike Minett has contact to a laboratory in the UK, which could give comments.

- prEN 17396 Resilient floor coverings - Quartz vinyl tiles – Specification

Jane Gardner gives a presentation. . The CEN enquiry on the draft standard was unanimously approved .

- EN 14041 Update

EN 14041:2018 was sent by CEN to the commission services for citation in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU). Official feedback was received beginning of April, 2019 on why EN14041:2018 was not accepted for citation in the OJEU and discussed with the Commission shortly after.

The issues are:

- Dating of normative references throughout the reference chain
- Dangerous substances
It is pointed out that the EGDS is looking into taking dangerous substances (content) out of all mandates as this is already covered under REACH. Since this will take some time, the quicker way to resolve this issue in EN 14041 would be to revise the answer to the mandate stating that the part on the content of dangerous substances in M/119rev is covered under REACH and therefore is not of relevance under the CPR.
- Delegated act AVCP systems
Currently valid decisions only cover reaction to fire. The revision will cover the other essential characteristics as well

The conclusion of WG10 was to not withdraw EN 14041:2018 and to decide on whether to amend or revise once all pending feedback has been received.

EN 14041:2018 cannot be used by manufacturers as it is not published. EUFCA has drafted a text to be sent to customers and test houses regarding this matter.

The TC advises not to use the new FCSS-symbols, which are related to the new Harmonised Standard.

- Proposal for Revision of Standards structure WG11

WG11 has set up a small working group to put forward a proposal to reduce the number of standards. Main task is to merge EN 16511 and EN ISO 20326.

- Standardisation initiatives from CEN regarding Sustainable Chemicals and the Circular Economy

Jane Gardner gives a presentation.

DG Grow commissioned report from CEN/CENELEC: “*Identification of Potential Needs of Standardisation for ‘Sustainable Chemicals’ from Primary and Secondary Raw Materials Related to the Circular Economy Action Plan*”. The plastics converters sectors were not consulted. EUPC has arranged a meeting with CEN to discuss the report in more detail. JG will be involved in the meeting.

Enclosure 4: Standardization

8. Update from other sectors and countries

- RFCI

Jane Gardner gives a presentation. Recent topics include the denial of the NFCl petition; the withdrawal of the SUD submission for styrene in rubber flooring; the DUKE university study; as well as the addressing of waterproof capabilities for rigid core products

- Kaléi

Jane Gardner gives a presentation. Recent topics are the French law on circular economy; the Kaléi pledges for recycling; an article on endocrine disruptors which was released by Santé Publique France.

The TC advised Jane Gardner to discuss the proposal to have mutual membership with Kaléi and RFCI.

- FEB

Mr Schilgen, the former MD of FEB, retired and Mr Volkmar Halbe was selected as successor. ERFMI has arranged a meeting with Mr Halbe in October at the K show.

Enclosure 5: Update from other sectors and countries

9. Update European Floor Covering Association

Jane Gardner gives a presentation. Recent topics are common statistics and the plan to put together a proposal for the Horizon2020 call CE-SC5-24-2020 entitled Improving the sorting, separation and recycling of composite and multi-layer materials.

Enclosure 6: Update EUFCA

10. Circular Plastics Alliance

Jane Gardner gives a presentation on the Circular Plastics Alliance, which was established by the Commission working with plastics converters to ensure that 10 million tonnes of recycled plastics are used to make new products in the EU in 2025. The TC will give recommendation to the ERFMI Plenary to sign, to make sure that ERFMI is involved.

- More Tool - EUPC

Jane Gardner gives a presentation on the MORE tool developed by EuPC. The Commission has set a target of 10 million tonnes recycle to be used in new products by 2025. MORE is a single, unified digital platform to monitor the uptake of recycled polymers into products.

Enclosure 7: Circular Plastics Alliance

11. REACH Update

- ADCA
- TiO₂

Jochen Zimmermann gives a presentation on ADCA and TiO₂. The Reach Committee decided not to include ADCA in Annex XIV, but it will remain on the Candidate List. The next step is to lobby for an Occupational Exposure Limit as an alternative measure to authorisation.

TiO₂: The draft implementing decision the EC shared with the Competent Authorities for REACH was sent to the TC on the 29th August. Some progress in this draft in line with the position of EuPC, would prevent the classification of most pellets, compounds and recycle through the derogation provided in note 10. (See meeting presentation – slide 37)

- Microplastics

Jane Gardner gives a presentation on the ECHA Definition of Microplastics and the EUPC/ Industry view.

- ECHA Database

Jane Gardner gives a presentation. ECHA has been tasked by the Commission under Article 9 of the revised Waste Framework Directive to produce a database in which manufacturers are obliged to declare Substances of Very High Concern above 0.1% present in products placed on the market.

The TC is of the opinion that ERFMI should not be involved but follow up the development.

Enclosure 8: REACH

12. Recycling projects

- PVC Separation Australia trial results (also works on other resilient flooring types)

Jane Gardner gives a presentation. The EuPolySep Project is a technology to delaminate multilayer products but is not able to remove legacy additives. Samples of our member's products were tested. It is only of interest for the industrial waste of a small segment of PVC floor coverings.

- Update Circular Flooring Project ERFMI – Fraunhofer

The Kick-off meeting was held in June 2019. The next event will be a workshop at the pilot plant of Vinnolit on the 2nd October.

- Commitment ERFMI Oréade

Jane Gardner gives a presentation. The activity should now start in autumn 2019. Further information in the coming weeks.

- ERFMI Recycling Figures

ERFMI is still waiting for figures from its members.

Enclosure 9: Recycling Projects

13. Any other business

No other matters were raised.

14. Date and place of next meeting, close of meeting

TC meeting, Brussels, **2nd April 2020**

Time to be confirmed, maybe combination with a Circular Economy Platform meeting.

The Chairman of the TC Mr Sakkas closes the TC meeting.

Enclosure 10: register of members 2019-10-01

2019-04-17

Dr. Jochen Zimmermann

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