



Document: Draft minutes EERA General Assembly 2017

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Welcome : Jan Visser welcomes all for the 3th General Assembly and announces that in the afternoon the 75th EERA meeting is a fact.

Approval of the minutes of the last General Assembly

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Review of 2016

NZ gives a review of the activities in 2016.

Plant visit and EERA meetings

There was one plant visit at KMK Tullamore, Ireland and there were 5 EERA meetings on several locations.

Speakers at EERA meetings in 2016 were:

- Dr. Jaco Huisman, UNU/STEP, Results CWIT in relation to EERA strategy 2016
- Mrs. Tess Pozzi, Federec, experiences on the plastics index
- Dr. Jaco Huisman, United Nations University, First proposal for content and completion of the UNU study, economics of WEEE
- The Recyclers Information Center, guest speakers Mr. Thomas Opsomer, Ifixit and Mr. Markus Spitzbart, DRZ, Dismantling- and Recycling-Centre, with respect to art 15 WEEE Directive

EERA strategy for 2016

For 2016 the following strategies were identified.

- Approach of EP and EC
- Getting closer to producers

The approach to EP and EC for creating a level playing field and equal conditions for recycling of WEEE in EU was one of the identified goals in 2016. Most Member States were probably not on track to achieve the increased collection rates applicable in 2016. Will the Commission propose individual collection rates for certain WEEE categories, and what is the latest situation with regard to the development of minimum quality standards for WEEE treatment? Support from politicians for the poor execution of the WEEE Directive is not expected. The MS had to report the 45% POM collection



rates in 2016. EERA needs to follow this and seek publicity, when needed. The results will not be published before 2018 , because Eurostat is slow in reporting.

EERA produced several (joint) position papers to call attention for the tasks stated in the WEEE Directive: petition call on making treatment standards (EN50625 series) mandatory, joint position paper to EC: Compliance to EN 50625 series, position paper on art 15 WEEE Directive, position paper DecaBde statement, draft position paper eco-design, European EEE industries, compliance schemes and recyclers call for consistency in the calculation of recycling rates. (see also Position papers & statement letters 2016)

Getting closer to producers: The EERA strategy 2016 included the topic to get closer to producers. The idea of organizing an invited conference for producers was replaced by the workshop with producers on recycled plastics and the EERA session, with producers, during IERC Salzburg 2016.

EERA strategy 2016-2018 is based on the presentation of Rasmus Bergström, the sustainability of the business (2016) This was the start for a broad discussion. NZ gave a presentation on strategy at the 73th EERA meeting in Düsseldorf (23-11-2017). A short summary.

The main goals for 2016-2018 are:

1. Higher volumes, because at present only 35% of POM is collected and treated in compliance to the regulation
2. Quality is compliant treatment
3. Fair competition: standards shall be commanded and that is done by the EC. Fair competition is treatment in compliance to a European standards
4. Reasonable margins for treatment. In art 12.1 WEEE Directive is stated that producers should provide sufficient money to finance the compliant treatment. That is why it is so important to know what are the costs of compliant treatment. In future recyclers have to be paid for innovations and to the compliant treatment.

The proposal is based on a three stage rocket plan:

1. Awareness
2. Plan actions
3. Advocate this.

It is very important for our future that all EERA members are aligned with the goals in the EERA strategy and that we will have one same voice on internal and external level.

For further details on the strategic plan please go to:

Link: [link to EERA members'site- previous meetings](#)

Promotion & presentations.

EERA held the following presentations in 2016:

- Cenelec standards- N. Zonneveld, IERC Salzburg, January 2016
- EERA session- what nowadays products mean for future recycling IERC Salzburg, January 2016
- “Industrial Ecology: The Science of the Circular Economy”, organised by the International Society for Industrial Ecology
- What are the results after 13 years of WEEE regulation in Europe, ALV Mid waste, The Netherlands (May 2016)



- Circular materials conference, Gothenburg (May 2016) “A quantum leap in the circular economy starts with enforcing existing legislation.”
- ICBR congress Antwerp, Batteries: they do not make life easier for WEEE recyclers (September 2016)
- Electronics Goes Green, (September 2016)
 - Key note speech: Circular Economy pushing innovative WEEE recycling and business models. Norbert Zonneveld
 - Is the Present Business Model for WEEE Recycling Working in the Circular Economy? Rasmus Bergström
 - WEEE Plastics Going Circular.... Chris Slijkhuis Müller-Guttenbrunn GmbH, Amstetten, Austria
 - Information from Producers to Recyclers and Vice Versa: a Missing Link in the Circular Economy, Arjen Wittekoek
 - What hampers WEEE from becoming circular? Norbert Zonneveld
 - Provoquium, Norbert Zonneveld, (personal title) The WEEE Directive – a case for the European Court of Justice ?!
 - Li-ion batteries a nuisance of blessing in disguise, Dan Cronin, Pooling partners

Position papers & statement letters 2016:

EERA launched or contributed to the following position papers:

- Joint position paper, Compliance with EN 50625 , CECED, DIGITALEUROPE, EERA and the WEEE Forum call on the European Commission to take appropriate measures to make compliance with the EN 50625 Series mandatory.
- Position paper on Article 15 of WEEE Directive 2012/19/EU on, Information for Treatment facilities (August 2016).
- Call for concrete actions to implement article 15 of the WEEE Directive on Information for Treatment facilities (September 2016).
- Joint position paper Waste Package, European EEE industries, compliance schemes and recyclers call for consistency in the calculation of recycling rates (June 2016).
- EERA Deca BDE statement, August 2016.
- EERA call on Commission Regulation amending Annex III to Directive 2008/98/EC as regards the hazardous property HP 14 (‘Ecotoxic’). Please find the document in the attachment.
- Joint statement Recycling Industry ‘Wish List’ for a rapid transition to a Circular Economy October 2016.
- EERA position paper related to questions EC eco-design of displays.
- Results EERA survey into the issue of pre-consented treatment facilities amongst the competent authorities and position paper Fast Track Notification (July 2016).
- Draft position paper eco-design.
- European EEE industries, compliance schemes and recyclers call for consistency in the calculation of recycling rates.

Topics of special interest in 2016:

WT BREF review team: The first Draft WT BREF review is published in December 2015 and the deadline to comment was closed on March 18, 2016. EERA uploaded comments in BATIS. The Final meeting for the review of the Waste Treatment BREF was held in Seville from 19-23/3/2017.



Fast Track Notifications: Results of the questionnaire for competent authorities, pre-consented facilities, June /July 2016, were shared by a presentation of Chris Slijkhuis, Müller- Guttenbrunn. EERA published a position paper “call for Fast track Notification”(October 2016).

[click here for presentation results of summary fasttrack notification survey](#)

[click here for result of survey pre consented facilities Summer 2016 and position paper](#)

Plastics: There was a lot of involvement in the issue of the recycling of WEEE plastics and EERA was often represented by Chris Slijkhuis in several meetings. (Plastics conference in Rotterdam, Participation Basel SIWG, REACH Committee). There were published several position papers on this topic see: position papers.

Reporting by MS- collection targets: The MS will have to report how much is collected in 2016. All the tricks are used to make good reports. UK Governments (DEFRA) already stated that what is going into the car shredders must be included in the collection rates. It is extremely important that EERA will focus on these results and the way MS are reporting their collection rates, so inform EERA secretariat in case there is a feeling that the MS are jeopardizing the reporting.

Representation:EERA is represented in the following committees and working groups:

- International Electronics Recycling Conference – Steering Committee & Lecture Group committee
- "Going Green – Care innovation “ – Steering Group
- Chairman of the advisory board of the WEEELABEX Organisation
- Partner of Cenelec TC 111X_WG 4 and WG 6 and WG 10
- Member of NEN – Dutch National Standardization Organisation.
- Working group I&M – Cooperation NVMP, Wecycle, Dutch Ministry, MRF and EERA on national register.
- Monitoring Council – An advisory group established by the Dutch Minister of Environmental Affairs for the implementation of WEEE
- Participation by German EERA members in the Arbeitsgruppen in Germany.

The efforts in the Cenelec working groups are almost finished. Cenelec wg 10, Ecodesign has just started and it is important to participate and to defend the position of recyclers, with respect to the calculation methodologies for new products - what is recyclability in a recyclers view etc.

Initiation: In 2016 a study on WEEE Business models was proposed and accepted by EERA members. This study will start in February 2017 and the execution by UNU, Jaco Huisman project coordinator for this project (JH), Federico Magalini, UNU (FM). The objective of the study is to analyse the cost factors related to:

- Compliant treatment quality, frequently evaded by non-reported and scavenging practices,
- Non-quality related competition distorting elements, and provide best and worst practices.

The analysis will focus on 3 European Member States i.e. Sweden, Germany and Spain and will cover where possible the period 2005–2020. The time line for this study is February -November 2017.

Another initiative in 2016 was the brochure European standards for WEEE, created to promote the European standards for WEEE. See further: Organisation (3)-> Cenelec. It gives objective information on what is covered in the standards.



Admittance and suspension

The amount of EERA Members December 2016: 31 members

Resignation of membership in 2016: Kuusakoski, Elemental Holding, TXO

Business plan 2016 vs results 2016

Business plan 2016	Results 2016
Continuation of participation in Cenelec WG 6 & 7. Both involvement of members and secretariat	The published Cenelec standards cover the scope of the WEEELABEX standard. Endprocessing standards is finalized, limited involvement in WG 7. Publication Brochure European standards for WEEE
Continuation of lobby on to promote compliant treatment implemented in national legislation or ordonnances.	By transposition of WEEE 2 certification for WEEE treatment is required in Ireland, Netherlands, Belgium, France, Slovenia and for contracts with take back schemes in Italy. In Germany involvement in Arbeitsgruppen, active approaches in Scandinavia for making standards mandatory
Getting closer to producers (invitational conference for producers)	IERC EERA session January 2016 & participation in plastics workgroup (see slide 7)
Image building of EERA as organization of (W)EEE recyclers. Main branding topics: reliable, quality & professional	Recognition through invitations to present and to participate in workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EC, JRC, Cenelec , BREF, plastics - Several quotes in magazines (Euwid, Recycling International) - Frequently based contact with EC
Active follow up of EERA positions by means of position papers and statement letters and news on the website	See overview on slides 11 &12
Improvement of communication to members by Secretariat v.v.. Share information.	Improvement EERA members' site Information/communication by e-mail & newsletter for members

Results for 2016: Budget vs. Real

		Income	Expenditures	Income	Expenditures
Income	Membershipfee	238.688		231.875	
	Interest				
Expenses	Secretariat costs		193.000		177.077
	Operating costs		34.750		36.471



Total		238.688	228.150	231.875	213.548
Surplus		*10.538		18.327	

*excluding plastics project.

The annual account: the result is € 18.164 euros. (€ 18.327/- € 163 total financial income & expenditures)= € 18.164.

The balance sheet for 2016 is €188.96 , so EERA will take a bite and spend the money on the members, in 2017. The UNU study will be paid from the saving accounts (€45.000 euros).

The GA approves the annual account over 2016 and the EERA board members are asked to sign the annual account. JV thanks NZ and LS for all the efforts and results.

Business plan 2017

The four important action points are:

- Higher volumes: - collection targets have to be met
- Good quality- compliant treatment = standards
- Fair competition- level playing field has to be created.
- Reasonable margins- step out of the race tot he bottom

AW is asking to add a budget in the business plan 2017 for communication. RB endorses the idea and adds that saving accounts should be used by/and for EERA members nowadays in the association. The board will have the task to develop EERA broader and communication should be part of the development.

EM: It is also desirable that EERA is more active in giving information to externals. Make our volumes visible and explain the world what compliant recycling should be. AR: In Salzburg was already common ground for this, so the use of social media is needed.

Action: Communication development is a task for the board.

Action: The business plan 2017 will be send to all EERA members.

Budget 2017

Income

It is assumed that there will be 31 EERA members, who will generate an income of € 221.250,-.

Expenditures

The projected expenditures for 2017 is € 265.446,-, which will result in a 'loss' of € 44.196,- . € 45.000,- will be spend on the UNU-VIE SCYCLE study. The projected result will be charged to the financial reserves.



	2017		2016	
	Secretariat	External	Secretariat	External
Organisation	65.748	22.000	71.960	22.000
Information	21.486	0	26.840	1.000
Promotion	42.838	3.500	43.360	3.500
Representation	32.991	8.250	36.160	8.250
Initiation	21.073	46.500	15.080	0
<i>Sub - total</i>	184.136	80.250	193.400	34.750
Total		264.386		228.150

Result 2017 vs 2016

	2017		2016	
	Income	Expenditures	Income	Expenditures
	221.250	265.446	238.688	228.150
Result		- 44.196	10.538	

The General Assembly approved the business plan 2017 and the budget for 2017.

Election of the board members

All full EERA members have voting rights (1 vote for each company). There are 6 positions vacant and the voting forms are distributed during the meeting. Voting by proxy was possible. Hanna Schweitz and Thierry van Kerckhoven were willing to collect and count all votes.

Closing



