



Dear reader,

The WELMEC Committee gathered for its 34th Meeting from the 25th to 27th April 2018 in Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina. During the meeting there were many lively discussions and many important decisions were taken. In this newsletter I would like to summarize the main results of this event.

Legal entity

One of the key issues on the agenda was certainly the question of the legal entity of WELMEC. Indeed, up to now, WELMEC does not have any legal status. This situation shows today its limits, namely when contracts need to be signed or bank accounts be opened.

The Committee decided to set up a project group whose task is to investigate the possibilities of WELMEC to become a legal entity.

The urgency of this issue requires to progress in this regard already in 2018.

Webpage

A second project group was set up to redesign completely the WELMEC webpages. The current WELMEC webportal/webpage has proven very useful over the last years to distribute all sort of WELMEC documents. However, the site is a bit outdated, both, on the technical and on the content side.

The project should enable WELMEC to migrate its webpages to an up-to-date version of the underlying Content Management System (Typo3) and redesign the presented content.

The project foresees that a new webpage should be available by the Committee Meeting 2019.

Joint task group WELMEC – EURAMET

The Committee instructed the Chair at its 2017-meeting to explore and investigate the possibilities of a closer collaboration with EURAMET. This task was pursued by a common task group WELMEC – EURAMET and intermediate results were presented at this year's meeting. With the input from the Committee the Joint task group will continue its work and make a proposal to the Committee Meeting in 2019.

Elections and Confirmations

The WELMEC Committee elected Ms Miroslava Benkova (CZ) as Convenor of WG 13 Water and Heat meters.

Mr Kurt Rasmussen was confirmed as Convenor of WG 11 Electricity and Gas meters.

Further, Ms Maria Loy was confirmed as Deputy Convenor of WG 6 Prepackages.

The WELMEC Committee agreed also on the principle that in the future the Chairperson's group will be elected while in the past this group was selected by the Chair alone. As a transitional provision the Committee has this year confirmed the group proposed by the Chair: Ulrike Fuchs (AT, Vice-Chair), Zijad Dzemic (BA), Corinne Lagauterie (FR), Pavel Klenovsky (CZ), Tuomo Valkeapää (FI), Marc Wouters (BE).

Guides

A whole series of revised guides were approved by the Committee. For the sake of simplicity, only the reference numbers of the guides are mentioned here. For the full details please refer to the Resolutions:

- Guide 7.2
- Guide 8.2
- Guide 8.5
- Guide 8.6
- Guide 8.7
- Guide 8.10
- Guide 11.6

In addition, two new guides were accepted:

- Guide 6.14: Information on units of weight or volume used on prepackages
- Guide 11.8: External auxiliary power supply of electrical energy meters

The revised and the new guides will be published on the WELMEC webpages shortly.

It was further decided to withdraw three guides, as their content is now covered by Guide 10.10:

- Guide 10.3
- Guide 10.7
- Guide 10.9

The withdrawn guides will be marked as such on the webpage but will remain there for reference purposes.

WELMEC Committee Meeting 2019

The Committee also decided on the place and date of its next ordinary meeting. In 2019 the Committee will meet from the 10th to 12th April in Brno, Czech Republic. Many thanks to our Czech colleagues for this kind invitation.

The place for the Committee Meeting 2020 has not yet been determined. Should your institute be willing to host the event, please contact me and I will happily provide all necessary information.

Resolutions from the Committee meeting

The resolutions related to the items presented in the newsletter together with all other resolutions of the Committee meeting 2018 in Sarajevo are available in full detail on the WELMEC website.

I would like to thank all participants for their contribution and efforts for making this a very productive meeting. A special thank goes to the local organising committee which made the whole event possible.

Best wishes,

Gregor Dudle

WELMEC Chairperson