



## CECIP Newsletter December 2019

Dear CECIP members,

We're almost reaching the end of the year and which also means the end of a decade. The end of a decade is the moment to look back, but more importantly to look ahead. When looking ahead we can think of the countless new challenges and opportunities in the next 10 years that require a constant effort to ensure the competitiveness of the European industry. To be proactive on these CECIP developed its Vision 2030 that describes what needs to be done to tackle the challenges and make use of the opportunities. We presented this Vision 2030 at our CECIP dinner debate in Brussels with a high number of key stakeholders and will continue the work on the different aspects in the next years. It provides a clear direction in the way we want to go and basis for our future actions.

We can also look back to the decade and see the positive changes within CECIP. Probably everybody agrees that CECIP grew in the last 10 years and I believe CECIP makes an impact in the metrology world now. The relevant organisations such as the European Commission, OIML and WELMEC are listening to us. Our input on numerous initiatives and participation in meetings all over the world is appreciated and our opinions taken into account. This positive impact is only possible due to the work of all experts in the working groups. An association such as CECIP cannot function without the support from its members. Therefore, I would like to thank everybody who contributed in any way to the work of CECIP. In particular, I would like to thank Roland Nater who will leave CECIP at the end of the year. Roland was a valuable Board member and LMG member for over 10 years. Moreover, he is the founding father of the International Cooperation Group. The cooperation with the associations from US, Japan and China wouldn't be possible without his commitment and efforts to make this group a success. Fortunately, we'll have the chance to thank him in person at the next CECIP GA in London.

That leaves me with looking forward a bit more in the short term. The Christmas holidays are approaching and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards,

Urs Widmer

CECIP President



## **CECIP Vision 2030: What needs to be done in the next 10 years**

The European weighing industry is constantly changing and it is important that despite, or due to, these changes the industry remains competitive, consumers are protected and innovations are introduced. Therefore, the right decisions need to be made to ensure all this in the next decade. In the new CECIP Vision 2030, CECIP presents its vision for the future of the European weighing industry and describes what should change, established and implemented in order to reach the industry's full potential. Improvements are possible on aspects that will benefit users, society and the weighing industry. In five chapters the main elements are presented by CECIP, these are:

- Harmonisation
- Consumer protection
- Digitalisation
- Industrial strategy
- Globalisation

In the coming months CECIP will use the document to present its vision to the different decision makers. Furthermore, it serves as internal guidelines on the main priorities for the coming years. The full CECIP Vision 2030 can be found [here](#).



## **CECIP presents Vision 2030 during dinner debate**

On Thursday evening 21 November CECIP organised a dinner debate in Brussels to present its Vision 2030. The 65 participants included around 35 key decision makers from Member States authorities, European Commission and the European Parliament, making it the right opportunity to present CECIP's wishes for the next 10 years.

During the dinner several stakeholders gave presentations related to the CECIP Vision 2030. On behalf of the European Commission, DG GROW director Carlo Pettinelli elaborated on the activities of the European Commission related to the different points raised by CECIP. Moreover, Marc Wouters from the Belgian Ministry of Economy and Pia Larsen from the Danish Safety Technology Authority gave their opinion as well. CECIP President Urs Widmer and CECIP Board member Marcus Korthäuer presented the main points from a CECIP side. Overall, it was a successful evening to bring CECIP's position under the attention of the right persons and for the participants to expand their network.

You can find the full press release on the dinner [here](#).



*CECIP President Urs Widmer and European Commission Director Carlo Pettinelli*

### **Industry4Europe coalition emphasizes need for industrial strategy**

The Industry4Europe coalition consisting of around 140 European industry associations, including CECIP, published its latest position called: '[A long-term strategy for Europe's industrial future: from words to action](#)'. The Joint Paper presents concrete industrial policy proposals in seven priority fields; business-friendly policy environment, sustainability at business core, upgraded skills and training, enhanced research and innovation, investment and improved access to finance, reinforcement of the European Single Market and strengthened trade and international market access.

The document aims at contributing to the future EU industrial strategy that was announced by new European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen. CECIP believes this EU industrial strategy is key to ensure the competitiveness of the European weighing industry and included it as one priority in its Vision 2030.



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