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## June Highlights

### European Sustainable Energy Week



This year, the EUSEW focused on consumers to drive discussions on how [to change the way energy is produced and used](#). This comes in the context of a scheduled harmonisation of markets and national regulatory frameworks. The objectives are: (i) to encourage consumption efficiency, (ii) innovation to transform Europe as a market leader and (iii) to ensure European energy security and sustainability of supply.

European policy-makers propose to address issues such as energy poverty or over-paying energy services. For the moment, the energy industry sector fails to address them due to a lack of knowledge and expertise.

By 2020, the EU should have reached a 20% reduction of GHG emissions, 20% of energy produced from renewable sources and increased by 20% energy efficiency. By 2030, these numbers should reach more or less, in the same order, 40%, 27%, and 27%. For the moment, indicators are encouraging: 30% of German electricity comes from renewable energy and in 5 years, Italy grew its solar capacity 5 times.

DG ENER and CLIMA are collaborating and should be able to publish proposals from Autumn to the end of 2016.

### Safety Alert Initiatives

As best practice sharing is an essential action in the EuSalt safety commitment, reporting in the case of accidents/incidents will be provided through a generic, one-page pro-forma safety alert document [one-page pro-forma safety](#)

[alert document](#) be send to the secretariat. The documents will be added to the Members 'only website, reported upon in the monthly newsletter and will allow anonymous reporting from companies and add to the sharing and



learning process with other companies.

### European Commission proposal on EU Mercury Regulation

Following the signature of the Minamata Convention, a new legislation on mercury storage applicable similarly in all 28 European Member States should be voted on at EU-level. The draft report from Rapporteur Stefan Eck from the Environmental (ENVI) Committee has been released and debates in the European Parliament are scheduled before the Parliament summer break. It is expected to be voted on during the ENVI meeting on 12 October 2016.

### European Commission workshop on future REFIT consultation on Nutrient profiles

On 21 June, the European Commission gathered all stakeholders from the food industry in the context of the independent study supporting the evaluation of Regulation on nutrition and health claims made on food with regard to nutrient profiles. The workshop was the opportunity to exchange before the consultations process starts. The purpose of the study is to provide an evidence base to

feed into the Commission's evaluation by assessing whether nutrient profiles are fit for purpose, and here in particular, whether not implementing this created a problem. Indeed, article 4 of the Regulation envisaged the adoption of nutrient profiles, by 19 January 2009, which has not been achieved. This is due to the complexity of discussions between all stakeholders.

The questionnaire will focus on the food sector and consumers' behaviours in Europe from 2005 to 2015. The objective is to assess whether nutrient profiles will bring an added-

value ensuring claims are supported by scientific evidence across the EU market and help European consumers make a healthy choice. The consultant will also look into costs involved, existing and potential future ones. Questions should also ask which product category might be affected by an EU nutrient profiles and which one may benefit from it?

The survey shall be put online in the Autumn 2016. In-depths interviews with key stakeholders will also take place at the same period.

## Climate & Environment

### EU ETS: draft report from the Parliament released

MEP Ian Duncan rapporteur on ETS published its draft report on ETS. The report amends the Commission proposal in many points. In particular regarding carbon leakage, he modifies the original text so that when the result of carbon leakage risk is equal to or exceeds 0,15, the percentage shall be 50% of free allowances; and for sectors and sub-sectors where the result is below 0,15, the percentage shall be 30% for the period up to 2030.

EuSalt position to support an assessment at technology level rather than sector level is also taken into account. Indeed, Duncan draft report explains that for some sectors, the NACE classification may not be appropriate: on the basis of evidence, it is more appropriate for activities to be assessed at a further aggregated or disaggregated level [than the NACE code] in which case that level of assessment shall be used.

The result of the British referendum affects inevitably political discussions, and in particular on the 'tiered-approach' put forward by the British and French governments. The European Parliament's ENVI Committee is expected to appoint a new lead Rapporteur on the file, following the resignation of MEP Ian Duncan. It is unclear if the new appointment would prompt the procedure for drafting a new ITRE Report on the proposal.

The adoption of a Report in Committee is expected on 8 December 2016. The Council Working Party on the Environment is expected to continue discussions on the proposal in the coming weeks.

### European Parliament and Council give opinion on Circular Economy Package

The European Parliament (EP) decided to request the European Commission (EC) to

draft an annual report on the implementation of the Action Plan included in the Commission's Communication on the Circular Economy.

Among the decisions taken, the EP decided to hold every 6 months an exchange of views with the EC on the implementation of the Action Plan and to organize three workshops in the coming months on: (a) Supporting the market for secondary raw materials, (b) EU action to combat marine litter, (c) Analysis on how to reduce chemicals of concerns in products for a non-toxic environment.

The Action Plan lists key measures across the value chain addressing the designing and manufacture of products in such a way that they can be recycled or re-used. The strategy to implement the Plan would cover the full lifecycle of products, from production and consumption to waste management and the market for secondary raw materials. In particular, the Action Plan includes a list of initiatives to be adopted by the Commission in the coming years which focus among others on the following issues: Waste Management; Market for secondary raw material; Biomass and bio-based materials; Innovation and investments; Monitoring framework for the circular economy.

### EuSalt participates to the European Commission study on maritime economic data

The European Commission developed a political agenda to support Member States overcome the economic crisis and create jobs. It looks into all industrial sectors with a potential to help achieve this goal, among which the maritime industrial sector.

A [Marine and Maritime Agenda for Growth and Jobs](#) was adopted on 8 October 2012 by

In the Council, Member States adopted draft Conclusions on 20 June. They welcome the Commission proposal and call for swift implementation. In particular, they welcomed the attention provided in the Council Conclusions on the issue of water scarcity and the reuse of treated waste water as one of the possible solutions. They also called for measures in order to set up a functioning market for secondary raw materials including establishing quality standards at EU level. Smaller Member States also highlighted the need of supporting the role of businesses and especially SMEs in achieving the objectives of the circular economy.



European Ministers for maritime policy and the European Commission in Cyprus.

The implementation of this strategy requires a solid economic database to measure the importance of each industry operating by the sea. The database should assist, in the future, governments and businesses equally, to adopt strategic and operational decisions to boost

economic productivity of maritime activities in Europe. EuSalt was invited, among other sectors, to participate to a study on the establishment of a framework for processing and analysing maritime economic data in Europe.



## More news

### EU Policy News

#### Slovak Presidency from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016

From July to December 2016, [Slovakia](#) will hold the Presidency of the EU Council for the first time, following the Dutch and preceding the Maltese Presidency. Among other priorities, the Slovak Presidency should deliver on Energy Union measures (including the climate policies), and on

the circular economy package in particular on the waste parts of the European Commission proposal. It will also look at PRIMA – Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area to enable the EU to participate to this research programme.



#### World Iodine Association General Assembly 2017

WIA next General Assembly will be organised from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017 with the title 'Iodine in Food Systems and Health'. There will be one day devoted to high-profile key note speakers and another day with parallel sessions with speakers selected after a call for papers.

#### CEN TC167 WG9 - Call for experts on KCl

The CEN TC167/WG 9 wishes to develop a standard on potassium chloride on the same model as EN 938 "Chemicals used for treatment of water intended for human consumption - Sodium chlorite". No timeline is decided yet as the project is only beginning. They currently lack expertise on this issue and would welcome additional experts to join.

## Publications

- NaCl - L'essentiel de l'information scientifique sur le sel alimentaire – Bulletin n°10 - Juin 2016
- [Annual Report 5/2014-5/2015](#)– Finnish Network for Sustainable Mining

Events

**EuSalt General Assembly 2017 SAVE THE DATE**

We thank you very much for your participation to EuSalt General Assembly 2016. Presentations are now posted on the EuSalt "Members Only" website. Please fill in the [online evaluation](#) and help us improve our meetings in the future.

→ We are very happy to announce that the next General Assembly will take place in Brussels on 26 to 28 June 2017.



**SAVE THE DATE!** The next **World Salt Symposium** will take place on **19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> June 2018** in park City (U.S.A.). More information to come.

Upcoming Events	
<b>6 Jul.</b>	NEEIP Forum meeting
<b>13 Jul.</b>	Circular Economy EG conference call
<b>15 Jul.</b>	AECA lunch on Slovak presidency priorities with H.E. Peter Javorčík, Ambassador of the Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to the EU
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sep.</b>	ECHA Biocides Stakeholder Day
<b>14-16 Sep.</b>	EuroChlor General Assembly (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
<b>15-16 Sep.</b>	<a href="#">EFLA Congress</a> (Krakow, Poland)

<b>20-21 Sep.</b>	Slovak Presidency conference 'Prevention of chronic non-communicable diseases and healthy lifestyle' (Bratislava, Slovakia)
<b>17 Nov.</b>	The Concrete Dialogues 2016
<b>22-25 Nov.</b>	<a href="#">3<sup>rd</sup> International Biocides congress</a> (Antalya, Turkey)
<b>1-3 Mar. 2017</b>	Salt Institute General Assembly (Naples FL, USA)
<b>15-17 Nov. 2017</b>	World Iodine Association General Assembly (Pisa, Italy)
<b>19-21 Jun. 2018</b>	<a href="#">World Salt Symposium</a> (Park City, USA)

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