



Labelling and Eco-design Working Group EnR Evaluation – 2022

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Introduction:

This Working Group was last evaluated in 2017. With a number of areas of importance in eco-design and labelling ongoing, the Working Group remains highly relevant. Participation remains voluntary and organisations do not always have funds to enable travel to meetings or divert time away from funded work.

The Covid pandemic, whilst preventing members from meeting face to face has led to members to embrace virtual meetings allowing these to become more frequent. Meetings are now held bi-monthly allowing members to stay in closer contact with each other and receive more regular updates on activities and projects taking place.

Working group remit and operations

The most recent terms of reference for the Working Group (dated 2021) of the group are attached (Annex 1).

Objectives:

- To closely follow developments regarding the energy label, eco-design, and other labels and minimum efficiency standards
- To stimulate development and implementation of labelling systems and efficiency standards.

Working Group members proposed a new objective be added related to circular economy and related topics:

- To follow and stimulate developments regarding circular economy, reparability and durability standards for relevant product groups.

Key activities:

- Sharing knowledge, intelligence, research, opinions and national positions on the latest developments on a variety of European Commission regulations falling out of the Framework Directives for both Energy Labelling and Eco-design.
- Contributing opinions to relevant consultations

- Developing and exchanging ideas to contribute to the review of funding calls.
- Disseminating information from the various collaborative funded projects operating within the scope of Energy Related Products.
- Sharing examples of national involvement within Energy Related Products policy and any market surveillance activities on products

Participating Organisations:

The full group of participating members (12 energy agencies) and observers (nine organisations) can be seen in the Terms of Reference in Annex I. It should be noted that the working group benefits greatly from attendance and participation of observing organisation who, whilst are not full members, do actively engage in meetings and provide valuable insights and updates to the group. The tables below summarises attendance from the last series of meetings:

Venue/Date	Organisations	Attendees
Online - January 2022	10	14
Online - November 2021	6	8
Online - September 2021	7	10
Online - June 2021	7	10

Joint Projects

Members of the Working Group are involved in a number of active projects related to eco-design and labelling. The majority of these are funded by Horizon 2020, active projects include:

- Label2020
- BELT
- HACKS
HARP
- ANTICCS

Going forward members will now consider whether funding under the LIFE programme will be able to support projects related to eco-design and labelling.

Assessment of Working Group Activities

The main objectives of the group continue to be intelligence and best practice sharing and relationship and partnership building. Alongside now regular virtual meetings the group has implemented an 'update email' collated and circulated by EST in the months between meetings, allowing members to stay in more regular contact regarding ongoing projects.

Members have found projects updates, as well as general updates from other members very useful as well as the specific topics of the France Repairability Index and discussions exploring alternative sources of funding for future projects.

Plans for the future

Since the last evaluation the intranet has been neglected and many new members are unaware of it. EST will look to make improvements to the Working Group pages alongside the wider Presidency improvements.

Members are keen to stay close to the ongoing developments within labelling and eco design

regulation in particular timescales for rescaling energy labels and the delays to the publication of the current commission workplan. EST will seek to facilitate regular updates within meetings. EST will look to further enhance the performance of the working group by including more external speakers at meetings and looking to increase membership with additional member states

Conclusion

It is recommended that this group continues its operations for another 3 years. EST remains committed to chairing the group.

ANNEX I: TERMS OF REFERENCE (*May 2021*)

Background Information

At the EnR Full Meeting in Cologne on 7 February 2003, it was agreed that a new EnR Working Group on Labelling was to be initiated and this Working Group was established at the EnR Full Meeting on 7 February 2004.

In 2005 the Working Group reflected on its scope and asked the Full Meeting to add Eco-design (which amongst other items deals with minimum efficiency standards) to the scope of the Working Group, which was positively answered.

At M38 in Dublin the members decided to extend the EnR's scope and goal to include climate change abatement policies. As a follow up of the agreement made at M38, that WG's Terms of Reference should be coherent with revised goal and scope, the WG updated and revised the WG's Terms of Reference. At M48 in Rome the terms of reference was revised.

At M60 in Zurich (February 2017) the WG is due for evaluation. Terms of reference have again been updated.

In 2020/2021 the WG is due for evaluation therefore Terms of reference have been reviewed and revised.

Existing Committees and Groups Discussing Labelling and Minimum Efficiency Standards

EnR
Buildings WG
Transport WG
Energy Efficiency WG
Behaviour Change WG
International Energy Agency
Efficient Electrical End-Use Equipment (4E)

European commission
AdCo – Administrative Cooperation on Market Surveillance for the Ecodesign Directive
Consultation Forum of the directives on the Ecodesign and Energy Labelling
Committee on the Ecodesign of Energy-related Products directive
EU Energy Star Board and Technical Working Group
European Union Ecolabelling Board (EU EB)
GPP- Green Public Procurement Advisory Group
Working Group of the Committee on Ecodesign directive (<i>Ecodesign Working Group</i>)

European projects and initiatives
HACKS
HARP
Label2020
BELT
ANTICCS

International initiatives
CLASP – Collaborative Labelling and Standards Programme
eceee – European Council for an Energy Efficient Economy
SEAD – Super Efficient Appliance Deployment, under CEM – Clean Energy Ministerial

Aims, objectives and activities

Aims

- To enhance the role of its members through communication, co-ordination and collaboration and by acting as a bridge between national activities and those of the European Union and other relevant international bodies.
- To provide a channel for pan-European technical support to European organisations, e.g. the Commission, on matters of policy, strategy and programmes regarding labelling and minimum efficiency standards.

Objectives

- To closely follow (new) developments of the European Commission and Parliament regarding the Energy Label, Ecodesign, the Energy Star and other labels and minimum efficiency standards in Europe.
- To stimulate development and implementation of labelling systems and minimum efficiency standards in order to contribute to resource savings, security of supply and greenhouse gas mitigation.

Activities

Due to developments in the products regulated under the Ecodesign and Energy Labelling Directives the group's remit has expanded somewhat. Whereas previously the group had a strong focus on appliances, this has expanded to other areas such as boilers, professional refrigeration, networked products and industrial machinery. The work in the group will concentrate on:

- Typical EnR WG tasks:
 - Informal information exchange on experiences with labelling schemes and minimum efficiency standards in the different sectors, targets, regions, countries.
 - Collaboration with other networks on labels and minimum efficiency standards.
- More specific topics for discussions:
 - Framework Directives (Energy Labelling and Ecodesign¹)
 - Labelling and other voluntary initiatives from industry
 - Labelling strategies
 - Compliance of products
 - Communication strategies
 - Exchange of national information.

These discussions will help individual EnR member organisations to prepare national position papers, required by the Commission on specific topics. The exchange of information and consolidation of ideas will allow more constructive contributions to the decisions taken by the

¹ The scope and impact of Ecodesign is broader than energy consumption and minimum efficiency standards only. However, up to now the energy consumption in the use phase is the dominating environmental impact for all products under study.

Commission and the EU.

Participation of EnR members in the EnR WG on Labelling and Ecodesign

Members of the Working Group as of May 2021

A table with the individual contact details is updated regularly updated and available upon request.

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