

## AUTHORITIES AND INDUSTRY SEE BENEFITS OF DISINFECTANTS FIRST HAND IN UNIQUE LOCATION

A.I.S.E. hosted a one-day event focusing on the professional use of disinfectants on 15 March with an afternoon visit in a Belgian brewery. The event was a great success with attendance beyond expectations of about 90 participants, amongst which were some 50 representatives from biocides authorities from EU Member States, the Commission and ECHA.

The main objective of the event was to provide practical insight to authorities on the use of disinfectants in the professional setting, in view of the forthcoming product authorisation process, as well as to promote the benefits to society of disinfectants.

The morning session saw presentations from industry and academia around two key sectors, namely health care and food & beverage. Professor Martin Exner (Director of the Institute for Hygiene and Public Health, University of Bonn) talked about the importance of disinfection in the health care sector, stressing that "without disinfectants we have no chance to win the war against pathogens". Dr. Bernhard Meyer (Ecolab) discussed microbial resistance and concluded that microbes have a very low risk of resistance to disinfectants, if are used under appropriate conditions. Then Beate Kettlitz from FoodDrinkEurope and Dario Dainelli from Sealed Air discussed the importance and challenges of cleaning and disinfection in the food & beverage sector.

Participants also had the opportunity to get more practical insight by visiting a number of booths with videos and product displays. The afternoon session was dedicated to the visit of the Duvel Brewery in Puurs, including detailed explanation about the production, cleaning and disinfection process, followed by a guided tour of the factory. The event was concluded by Jörg Pfundt (Dr. Becher GmbH) who warned authorities about the drastic way BPR impacts biocidal product manufacturers, due to the heavy financial burden that is imposed on companies, especially SME's.

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## PC&H

The Steering Group had its first meeting of 2016 in January. The group exchanged views on the changes that have been implemented in A.I.S.E. since November 2014 to increase the emphasis on the professional sector. In general the group sees the developments as very positive, thinks that it has been a smooth and constructive process, but also thinks that the process is not finalised. The fact that the PC&H has now an Advisory Seat in the Board in addition to the 2 PC&H Board members was welcomed.

The group updated the status of some priority projects and has initiated discussions on proposals for new projects, as preparation for the input to the A.I.S.E. Work Programme. The meeting also had the participation of a representative of MedTech Europe/Eucomed who provided an update on the legislative process on Medical Devices and exchanged views with the group on several aspects, including the concerns of our sector. The group agreed on a statement concerning sustainability in the PCH sector which will be published on the A.I.S.E. website.

The new Terms of Reference have been finalised and are available on request from [laura.portugal@aise.eu](mailto:laura.portugal@aise.eu).

## REACH

### ◆ 2018 REACH Registration Deadline

The REACH Implementation Working Group has launched an activity to raise awareness on the forthcoming REACH 2018 registration deadline and also to anticipate the substances that are possibly not going to be registered. In February a request for information was sent out to members to find out if substances of critical importance to their portfolio may already be registered. Companies are asked to reply by the end of May and, if areas of concern are identified as a result of this request, specific follow-up

actions to address them will be discussed to make sure that 2018 deadline will not impact formulations under A.I.S.E. members' portfolios.

In parallel, the RIWG is discussing how to prepare our sector tools to communicate with registrants for the 2018 deadline now that the templates under the CSR/ES Roadmap have been published in the last months (see related news under 'DUCC' Section).



The Commission is expected to launch a questionnaire during the first half of this year, as part of the initial steps for the ex-post assessment of the Detergents Regulation. This work will be handled within A.I.S.E. by the Better Regulation SG in coordination with the Detergents WG.

The Detergents WG of A.I.S.E. will re-discuss the approach defended in the A.I.S.E. guidelines for the labelling of preservatives – this is pending a discussion with the National Associations in order to have an overview of the current situation in the different countries.

## DUCC



### ◆ CSR/ES Roadmap

After the discussions in the breakout groups at ENES 9 and the final verification rounds in the past months, many products of the CSR/ES Roadmap have now been published as the result from the different Roadmap actions.

The purpose is that all the templates and tools should be used by registrants for the next (and last) REACH registration deadline in 2018 for new registration as well as for future dossier updates, if needed. In particular,

the Use Maps template and the related guidance to describe uses of products by Downstream Users are now available. This tool should help DUs communicate in a harmonised way to registrants whose uses have to be covered in their registrations. To support the risk assessment for such uses, the SWED (Sector-Specific Workers Exposure Determinants) template is now available. This can be used by DUs to communicate to their registrant the typical conditions that are in place when a certain use takes place and can be used as input for the risk assessment.

Version 2.1 of the ESCom Catalogue of standard phrases has also been published in January and it includes a revised set of phrases that can be used in Exposure Scenarios.

### ◆ ENES

The usual May workshop of the Exchange Network on Exposure Scenarios will be replaced by working sessions on the templates and tools that are most needed by registrants and downstream users for their 2018 registration and dossier updates. This covers for example the 'users maps package' which includes the Specific Environmental Release Categories (SpERCS), Specific Consumer Exposure Determinants (SCEDs) and SWEDs (Sector-specific Workers Exposure Description).

These working sessions will take place in Brussels on the 12–13 May and the participation is limited to the industry experts involved in the projects and competent authorities.

### ◆ Substance evaluation

DUCC is working on a paper on this topic, to demonstrate the need to have a process in place which allows downstream users to provide information on use and exposure, when a critical substance is under evaluation.

Currently there is no such mechanism and it is only the registrants who provide information, whenever a substance is included in the Community Rolling Action Plan (Corap). This paper will be sent to the Commission and to ECHA and a meeting will be requested.

### ◆ *Substances of very High Concern (SVHC) and skin sensitisers*

In the last months, DUCG has seen increasing regulatory pressure proposing the inclusion of substances with dermal sensitising potential in the list of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC). For that reason, DUCG has published in September 2015 a position paper on 'Skin sensitisers and their potential identification as SVHC due to equivalent level of concern to CMRs'. A meeting took place with the Commission and it has been decided to prepare a second document, focusing more on the scientific aspects that may justify the DUCG views, including e.g. that the severity of the pathology is not comparable to CMRs (because it is reversible) and that a threshold generally can be set for these substances, allowing an adequate reaction.

### Ecolabel

At the last EUEB meeting, on 21 January, the Joint Research Centre has provided a short overview on the ongoing work for detergents. Six technical topics that are still under discussion have been tabled: exclusion of ready-to-use products; inclusion of microorganisms in hard surface cleaners; biodegradability; inclusion of phosphates in professional dishwasher detergents; possibility for final product to be classified as H412; and, derogation for fragrances. Some Member States, A.I.S.E., Cefic and NGOs have presented their views on these points. There is also a proposal to have a transition period so that the new criteria will be implemented gradually for all the six product groups.

A third technical report will be published in May, as input for the EUEB meeting in June, where the final criteria will be proposed. The voting is expected to take place in November 2016.

The report of the above-mentioned EUEB meeting and comments submitted by A.I.S.E. are available to members – please contact [laura.portugal@aise.eu](mailto:laura.portugal@aise.eu)

### CLP Regulation

#### ◆ *CARACAL (Competent Authorities for REACH and CLP)*

The CARACAL meeting was held on 8 and 9 March 2016. The following CLP topics, of interest for A.I.S.E., were discussed during that meeting:

#### Multilingual fold-out labels:

The Commission proposed to amend the wording of the CLP regulation in order to allow for a broader scope for the use of multilingual fold-out multipage labels. However, they also proposed to include as a counterpart new certain quality requirements or restrictions either in the CLP regulation or in ECHA Guidance. Possible restrictions that are considered at this stage are i) the maximum number of languages, ii) the maximum number of pages, iii) readability requirements on top of those already outlined in the draft update of the ECHA Guidance on Labelling and Packaging and/or iv) limitations in the format. If such restrictions should be included in the CLP Regulation, policy discussions will probably continue in 2016.

#### Harmonised reporting to Poison Control Centres (PCC):

The draft Regulation from the European Commission on this topic (introducing a new CLP Annex VIII) was notified to the World Trade Organization and should be discussed at the REACH Committee on 16–17 March 2016, for a possible adoption by this Committee in April

2016.

The IT application for the harmonized data submission is currently under development and industry should be invited to test the revised version of it in the course of 2016. Furthermore, the Commission recently launched 2 new studies of interest for A.I.S.E., namely the development of a European Product Categorization System for the submission to PCC and the generation of the Unique Formula Identifier (UFI). The final results of these studies should be available by end 2016. A workshop open to stakeholders will be organized on 13 April 2016.

#### Re-fill sales of detergents:

According to Commission's last proposal, CLP requires that the consumer leave the point of purchase with a package that is labelled and packaged in full accordance with CLP (regardless of the method used); Member States are encouraged to enforce this strictly to avoid any poisoning incidents due to the absence of correct labelling and packaging. Competent authorities from Member States are now invited to provide comments on this proposal.

#### Quality requirements for physical hazards testing:

The question was whether ISO standard 9001 is sufficient for conducting physical hazard tests for the CLP classification of substances and mixtures, or whether GLP ('Good Laboratory Practice') shall be required for all physical hazard tests carried out for this purpose. This question comes from an ambiguity in the CLP regulation. In the absence of compromise on this topic, the Commission proposed to leave the legal text and guidance unchanged for the time being.



### ◆ ECHA guidance updates on CLP

At the end of 2015, A.I.S.E. provided comments to the draft update of ECHA guidance on Labelling and Packaging. The target date for the publication of this updated guidance is May/June 2016.

Furthermore, new updates of ECHA guidance are foreseen to be initiated in 2016: both guidance on the application of CLP criteria and on Labelling and Packaging issues should be updated to take into account the 8th ATP to CLP (which should be published in 2016).

### Better Regulation

Better Regulation is a key priority for A.I.S.E. Earlier this year, A.I.S.E. liaised on a regular basis with RPA, the consultants coordinating various research on behalf of the Commission. A specific questionnaire targeting our industry (including one version for companies and for National Associations) was drafted and sent to the membership for feedback.

A.I.S.E. is also actively contributing to 5 relevant case studies, with for example targeted interviews with specific experts of our sector. The topics include:

- Coherence of classification, definitions and labelling requirements for detergents.
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- Risk management procedures triggered by classifications as CMR under the CLP.
- Obligations triggered by CLP under Seveso, approach to risk management and potential for derogations
- CLP linkage in national waste requirements.

In February 2016, the Board also endorsed a new Strategic Initiative for the household sector; The “Better Regulation & Safe Use project” (BRE&S) aims to:

- improve the effectiveness of safe use communication to consumers via labels and other possible means (e.g. digital),
- do the above in a resource/cost efficient way for industry
- ensure that the information is proportionate to the product’s actual risks.

Aiming at ultimately leading to a change in the legislation, the project includes different key components such as advocacy, definition of the issue, identification of possible alternative labelling options and adequate market research with consumers.

Close coordination also with RPA, notably due to the close links with Case 2, are also being sought and a joint workshop with different stakeholders may be organised in spring 2016.



### Enzymes

#### ◆ Enzymes and webinars

The Enzymes Safety Task Force (TF) is running a series of webinars covering the fundamentals of enzyme safety and the risk management measures required for the safe manufacturing of enzymes containing detergent products. The first webinar took place in October 2015 and the last one will take place in May 2016. The series continues to be very successful: a high number of attendees at each live session and many questions are received through the new functional mailbox [webinar@aise.eu](mailto:webinar@aise.eu). The recordings of these webinars are available online and the list of contacts collected so far is approximately 200.

Beyond the webinars, the TF is working on another initiative to train workers. To this end, the TF is preparing a poster to make the instructions included in the safety guideline accessible to a wider audience. The poster summarises good working practices through a short written explanation supported by visuals. The poster will be made available online and be translated in approximately 10 languages.

### Air Fresheners—New PSP

A new PSP for Air Fresheners is under preparation and will be opened for signatures on 1st April 2016. This PSP (2016) builds on the previous PSP implemented since November 2007 (PSP 2007) and aims at promoting best practices throughout industry across Europe, concerning responsible manufacturing, communication and use of Air Fresheners. Beyond fulfilling the mandatory requirements prescribed by the applicable pieces of legislation, companies participating in the A.I.S.E. PSP (2016) commit to apply a specifically developed set of voluntary rules and CEN standards to their products concerning both safety and consumer information. These include a new set of CEN standards published at the end of November 2015 to measure the emissions of certain substances from combustible air fresheners. In particular, standards EN 16738:2015, EN 16739:2015 and EN 16740:2015 are now available and they are being translated in some of the most widely used EU languages.

After a first approval in October by A.I.S.E. Board, a three-month consultation on the project was launched and the review of the comments received as well as

the finalisation of the PSP text in light of such comments are now on-going.

A communication plan and toolkit (ready-to-use material) will be available in the first half of 2016 alongside with the official PSP launch for companies. All the information available so far and future updates can be found [here](#).



### ◆ Meeting with ECHA

A.I.S.E. Director General met in February with the Head of Unit of ECHA Executive Office and ECHA Executive Director to discuss on the benefits and challenges of REACH as seen by our sector. This request was addressed to A.I.S.E. as one of ECHA's accredited stakeholder organisations and it was linked to the report which ECHA needs to draft every 5 years on the operation of the regulation. Receiving this request confirmed A.I.S.E reputation as a collaborative, respectable and reliable stakeholder and this meeting was a very good chance to point out concerns/difficulties faced by formulators in the REACH framework and to share suggestions for future work.

### ◆ ECHA releases Work Programme 2016

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) released its Work Programme (WP) 2016 which is based on ECHA's Multi-Annual Work Programme 2014–2018. It fulfils ECHA's commitments in line with the Common Approach on EU decentralised agencies on international activities. Five highlights in 2016:

1. Maximise the availability of high-quality information to enable the safe manufacture and use of chemicals
2. Mobilise authorities to use information intelligently to identify and address chemicals of concern
3. Address the scientific challenges by serving as a hub for building scientific and regulatory capacity of Member States, European institutions and other actors
4. Embrace current and new legislative tasks efficiently and effectively, while adapting to upcoming resource constraints
5. Provide specific support to SMEs

The full work programme is available [here](#).



## The Charter for Sustainable Cleaning

### ◆ Status Overview and Charter ASP Criteria

In March 2016, we had 230 members of the Charter for Sustainable Cleaning, including 185 companies committed to the Charter update 2010. In addition, there are more than 100 companies which are preparing their Charter entrance check via the training tool, available on the website. Following consultation with the industry, revised Advanced Sustainability Profiles (ASPs) for household liquid laundry detergents will be published on 1 April. This will include a reduction of the product dosage from 75 ml to 55 ml, and in parallel a decrease of the packaging threshold per wash from 7.0g to 6.5g. ASP criteria for eight further product categories are available, covering household powder laundry detergents, fabric conditioners, automatic

and manual dishwashing detergents, all purpose/floor cleaners, trigger spray cleaners, toilet cleaners and professional building care products.



### ◆ Planned Charter Update in progress

During a two-day meeting on A.I.S.E.'s sustainability strategy (29 Feb-1 Mar), the A.I.S.E. Sustainability Steering Group (SSG) reconfirmed the Charter as A.I.S.E.'s sustainability flagship initiative. Furthermore, the participants analysed ideas concerning an optimisation of the Charter, and proposals on Corporate Social Responsibility guidelines as well as guidance on the use of bio-based renewable materials in product formulation/packaging were confirmed to be included in the Charter. In addition, the KPI reporting for member companies will be simplified. It was also agreed to improve the internal commu-

nication on the Charter in order to further progress, e.g. in view of Charter ASP logo penetration. In addition, measures are being proposed to improve the engagement of retailers in the Charter

### ◆ A.I.S.E.'s Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) pilot on household liquid laundry detergents

The aim of the European Commission's Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) initiative is to develop a consistent and transparent method to reduce the environmental footprint of products. Together with partners from the industry, A.I.S.E. is officially contributing to the European Commission's project via a pilot on household liquid laundry detergents. So far, the following milestones have been reached during the 3 year pilot project, which started in 2013:

Autumn 2013 till autumn 2014: the so called 'PEF Screening' on a representative project of the European market was prepared and carried out, i.e. an assessment of the impact according to 15 different environmental impact categories; key findings of this assessment are in line with results coming from life-cycle assessment (LCA) that were used when Charter ASPs for laundry detergents were drafted. The most relevant life-cycle phase is the use phase (due to the energy needed to heat the water); eco-toxicity and water depletion have been identified as environmental hot spots.

Autumn 2014 till summer 2015: 1st draft of the PEF category rules (PEFCR), which were approved by the project steering committee in July 2015

Autumn 2015 till spring 2016: Test and use of draft PEFCR as guidance for the so called 'PEF Supporting Studies', carried out by 6 companies on real products that are sold in Europe. The outcome of these supporting studies will then be relevant for the communications test phase programme. This programme is under development.

The following tasks will have to be fulfilled by end 2016:

- Verification of PEF supporting studies
- Finalisation of PEFCR, incl. stakeholder verification, review and approval by the central project steering committee
- Communications test phase on instruments to convey relevant information to the consumer, aiming to reduce the products' environmental footprint

In addition, it is planned to define a work plan on the extension of the PEFCR across other laundry forms (e.g. powders)

Find out more on our website at [www.aise.eu/pef](http://www.aise.eu/pef) as well as the European Commission [PEF web portal](#).



## PREP's

A.I.S.E. is launching a new compaction initiative for household liquid laundry detergents.

The new PREP-L2 will open on 1 April 2016. It recommends a maximum recommended dosage of 55 ml/wash. Designed for heavy-duty and light duty liquid laundry detergents, it will run for a two-year period in the EU and EFTA countries. Companies with an interest to participate in this voluntary sustainability initiative will find all the relevant information on the A.I.S.E. website ([ADD ADDRESS](#)). They can also contact Christine Boudet at [christine.boudet@aise.eu](mailto:christine.boudet@aise.eu)

## End-user engagement: IPrefer30°



Following a successful call in late 2015 to detergent companies, the A.I.S.E. Board confirmed in December 2015 the sequel of the "I prefer 30°" wave 2 campaign.

This will be due for B2C activation in Belgium, France, Denmark and the UK, with the first two countries benefitting also from a national PR budget. In all the territory, the same toolkit is being proposed for activation through the partners' communication channels, via amplification. The campaign was officially confirmed to stakeholders and other partners in December 2015. Since then many original partners renewed their participation. New partners such as BASF have also come on board. It is still possible for organisations such as detergent companies and institutions to support the campaign and join as official partners.

The A.I.S.E. low temperature washing campaign and consumer portal [www.iprefer30.eu](http://www.iprefer30.eu) has been promoted since 2013 in 5 European countries, supported by more than 30 partner organisations.

## Cleanright.eu

### ◆ Croatian page goes online

The industry consumer-facing portal [www.cleanright.eu](http://www.cleanright.eu) now features content in Croatian. In line with EU enlargement, a page in Croatian, offering consumers information on safe and best use of cleaning products, is now online.

The Cleanright page in Croatian language is available [by clicking here](#).



## A.I.S.E./CECED/GINETEX workshop

End February, a joint workshop was held between the detergent industry (A.I.S.E.), the appliances sector (CECED) and the textile care labelling organisation (GINETEX) to explore possible synergies between the different sectors notably in the domain of sustainability. Prompted by the upcoming revision of the eco-design and energy labelling criteria for washing machines and dishwashers, more than 30 industry stakeholders had a constructive exchange, such as hygiene, micro-plastics, standards, and joint education campaigns and consumer research. As one of the first immediate follow up actions, it was agreed that a joint group should be set up to explore the possibility to agree on common consumer tips for sustainable laundry and auto-dishwashing that should ultimately be promoted to consumers jointly and consistently.

## LLDC

Early 2016, as part of the need to continue stressing the importance of consumer education towards the safe use of capsules, marketing experts agreed to prolong the [www.keepcapsfromkids.eu](http://www.keepcapsfromkids.eu) portal till end 2017 and to also refer

clearly to it as part of the mandatory safety disclaimer that needs to be featured in all brands communication. See updated version of the PSP uploaded mid March 2016 on the [A.I.S.E. website](#) for all details.

### Huggard Study

A.I.S.E. is currently developing a strategy which aims to link the findings of the Socio-Economic Analysis (SEA) with a narrative on the benefits provided by the detergents and maintenance products industry to society. The strategy foresees actions at short-term, mid-term, and long-term level, and focuses—in the short-term—on the development of a ‘reader-friendly’ format of the SEA report, including key requests and recommendations to EU policy-makers. The document will be ready in time for the General Assembly 2016 and the key findings will also be highlighted in a special edition of the next A.I.S.E. activity and sustainability report. These conclusions will be communicated to Members of the European Parliament, and promoted along with the findings of the study, during an upcoming event in the European Parliament.

### EPAA

#### ◆10th anniversary conference: A decade of support to the 3Rs

Established in 2005, the European Partnership for Alternative Approaches to Animal Testing (EPAA) is a public-private initiative between services of the European Commission (EC) and European industry stakeholders from seven sectors. Tied by the 3Rs Declaration, all EPAA activities serve the 3Rs principle to replace, reduce and refine animal testing. In celebrating its 10th anniversary, the EPAA organised the conference ‘A decade of support to the 3Rs’ that took place on 1 December 2015 at the European Parliament (EP) in Brussels (Belgium). The event welcomed 75 participants from academia, civil society, industry, European

and international institutions and regulatory authorities. The full conference report is available [here](#).



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### ACI Convention

In January 2016, ACI organised its Annual convention in Orlando, in combination with its 90th Birthday. The event was attended by a large number of business people from different detergent manufacturers and suppliers. A global issue briefing was part of the programme, during which the different association executives presented the priorities of each region covering Australia, Brazil, Canada, China (for the first time), India, Japan, and, of course, Europe. Mexico could not attend. A common point raised by all regions was the need to support members to manage the changes in chemical management policies and regulatory and sustainability standards in and across different regions. Through the different presentations, progress in several regions could be seen around product labelling, GHS implementation and

education about safe use of cleaning products. For A.I.S.E., Susanne Zänker highlighted the efforts undertaken by the industry and the network of associations on implementation and compliance with REACH, CLP and the Biocidal Regulation. She hinted to the Regulatory Fitness Check and legislative review programme started by the European Commission, seeing it as an opportunity for better and more relevant legislation and information to the consumer. She also presented an update on the different initiatives by A.I.S.E. related to consumer engagement, sustainability and the EU PEF project.



### Cleaning Products Europe

On the occasion of the above conference held in Rome between 9-10 March, Valérie Séjourné presented the various activities undertaken by A.I.S.E in the domain of sustainability and circular economy. This annual event, attended by more than 120 persons, helped profile the value of A.I.S.E.’s works with value chain partners and stakeholders. For more info on the Conference, click [here](#).



**A.I.S.E. meetings**

Monday 11/04/2016  
**SPERC's meeting**

Thursday 21/04/2016  
**Board Meeting**

Wednesday 11/05/2016  
**PEF TS Coms Sub Group**

Thursday 12/05/2016  
**PEF TS meeting**

Friday 13/05/2016  
**SPERC's meeting**

Monday 23/05/2016  
**CLP TF meeting**

Tuesday 24/05/2016  
**Management Committee Meeting**

Tuesday 31/05/2016  
**Biocides WG meeting**

Thursday 2/06/2016  
**DUCC CG meeting**  
**C&L SG meeting**

Tuesday 7/06/2016  
**SSG meeting**

Thursday 9/06/2016  
**ESC TF**

Tuesday 14/06/2016  
**PEF TS Coms sub group**

Monday 20/06/2016  
**National Associations Committee**  
(A.I.S.E.)

**12th A.I.S.E. Statutory  
General Assembly  
on Tuesday 21 June 2016**  
(The Hotel—Brussels)

Tuesday 28/06/2016  
**Management Committee**

12–13/05/2016  
**ENES 10**

Tuesday 17/05/2016  
**SLIC Conference**

24–27/05/2016  
**EAPCCT Congress**

9/6/2016  
**FEA Board of Directors**

**External Stakeholders Events**

05 to 06/04/2016  
**HelpNet Workshop (BPR, REACH & CLP)**

Wednesday 06/04/2016  
**Polish association BPR workshop**

19–20/04/2016  
**9th International Fresenius Conference on Detergents and Cleaning Products**

Tuesday 19/04/2016 (still TBC)  
**Workshop on regulatory fitness of chemicals**

Wednesday 20/04/2016  
**ADELMA/CED BPR workshop**

10–11/05/2016  
**Inter Clean & Biocides symposium**

**In the European Institutions**

**EU Presidencies**  
Netherlands: January-June 2016  
Slovakia: July - December 2016

**EU Council**  
**Plenary sessions :**  
11-14 April 2016  
9 - 12 May 2016  
6-9 June 2016

**Coming soon!**  
**A.I.S.E. Activity and Sustainability Report**

A.I.S.E. welcomes **Gaëlle Verryck** who joined A.I.S.E in March on a part-time basis to assist Christèle Baier in administrative and office management tasks. Marie-Karen Gustave left the Association at the end of February. Gaëlle is quite experienced and has worked for more than 10 years in this field for various companies.



At the same time, Ellen Heinrich finished her assignment with A.I.S.E. and is replaced by **Aisling O'Kane** as Communications Manager. Aisling began on 14 March on a part-time basis and will be responsible for corporate and internal communication as well as consumer engagement. Aisling is a native English speaker (Irish nationality) and has lived and worked in Brussels since 1990 in various communications positions in both the association and corporate environments, notably for ExxonMobil, Levi Strauss and most recently, for ETSA, the European Textile Services Association. Her most recent experience will be extremely positive as she knows our sector well, in particular the professional cleaning domain.

We take the opportunity to wish them all a lot of success in their professional lives.



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