



EPR Club 2015

Working plan

On 17 December 2015, the planning meeting of EPR Club for the year 2015 took place in ACR+ offices.

At this meeting EPR Club members discussed the general strategy and main focus for the year 2015, as well as the financial situation of the EPR Club.

Furthermore, concrete ideas for events to be held in 2015 were developed.

This document contains the main conclusions and decisions that have been taken during the EPR Club meeting and the working plan that has been established.

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Summary of discussion and conclusion

1) General strategy and orientation of the EPR Club

All participants of the EPR Club planning meeting for 2015 agree on the idea that EPR schemes are a key instrument to go from waste to resources. This fact should be explained and advocated for more against representatives from the key DGs of the European Commission, particularly DG Growth.

Governance of EPR Club

- A basic document with governance rules and activities will be drafted, including the explanation of the EPR-C Commitment and its activities and governance

Stronger communication to European Commission:

- Invite representatives from DG Growth, particularly the Raw Materials Unit to events
- When relevant, write proceedings of EPR Club events and circulate outputs amongst EC contacts

2) Raw Materials Commitment by EPR Club members: “EPR-C Commitment”

In the scope of the European Innovation Partnership ([EIP](#)) on Raw Materials, some EPR Club members have signed a Raw Materials Commitment, the EPR-C Commitment. The proposal has been officially recognized as a Raw Materials Commitment (RMC) by the High Level Steering Group of the EIP.

The two main objectives of the EPR-C Commitment are the promotion of new business models for resource efficiency and the development of the circular economy as well as the improvement of selective waste collection and of eco-efficiency of EPR schemes.

For 2015 the main objectives regarding the RMC will be to involve more EPR Club members in the RMC. To this end the basic document containing governance rules is considered to be very helpful.

Working groups & observatory

In the EPR-C Commitment two additional working areas have been defined: working groups on material recovery from separate or co-mingled collection and an observatory of the evolution of EPR schemes.

For both working areas no working plan will be set up for 2015, as these activities are only possible with additional input of HR or budget from signatories or EPR Club members and/or an elaboration of governance rules that encourages stronger input from all EPR Club members – none of which has been signalled so far by RMC signatories or EPR Club members.

3) EPR Club events

In 2014, several lunch debates have been held. This format proved to be very popular with EPR Club members and participants of the planning meeting for 2015 agreed on keeping this format. It was widely acknowledged that aiming for monthly events had been too ambitious and was thus not feasible. For 2015, the format of lunch debates will therefore be kept.

All participants agree that the programme of the lunch debates in 2015 should be shaped around the “hot topic” currently discussed on a European level, mainly the minimum legal requirements for EPR defined in the Annex to the (withdrawn) Proposal COM(2014) 397 final¹.

Concrete proposals for EPR Club events in 2015:

Month	Format	Topic	Organiser	Contact
03.03.2015 (tbc)	Half-day conference	Preparation for a reuse target for electrical goods: Why they matter and how to make them work	RREUSE	Michal Len
March (Week 13)	Lunch debate	Transparency	EXPRA & ACR+	Joachim Quoden/ Françoise Bonnet
April	Lunch debate	Eco-design and EPR	DSD & ACR+	Helmut Schmitz/ Françoise Bonnet
May/June	Lunch debate	Authorization of PROs	EXPRA	Joachim Quoden
Autumn	One-day conference	“Post-consumer plastics and EPR: Turning waste into a valuable resource - What do we need to close the loop” (working title)	DSD	Helmut Schmitz
Autumn	Lunch debate	Bioplastics	DSD	Helmut Schmitz

With regard to the final conference participants ask for a stronger involvement of all EPR Club members in shaping the programme of the conference.

Potential other topics for lunch debates:

- Roles and responsibilities of actors
- Measurable targets on prevention, preparing for reuse, reuse, recycling/recovery
- Cost-coverage (including true costs discussion)
- Clearing house*
- Equal treatment, geographical coverage of schemes and third party audits
- Reporting & monitoring
- Enforcement & sanctions

* The topic of a clearing house will already be discussed at the ISWA World Congress 2015, taking place from 7-9 September 2015 in Antwerp.

4) Website

The EPR Club website will continue as platform for exchange and sharing, an increase of the number of publications in the Virtual Library is planned. Input from EPR Club members to the Virtual Library would be highly appreciated.

¹ COM(2014) 397 final: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives 2008/98/EC on waste, 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste, 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste, 2000/53/EC on end-of-life vehicles, 2006/66/EC on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators, and 2012/19/EU on waste electrical and electronic equipment.



5) Publications

ACR+ and Ecofolio will team up for a publication on the paper waste stream: benchmark on sorting and selective collection. Input and feedback from other EPR Club members is warmly welcome.

An international conference presenting the result of the benchmarking will be held in Brussels by the end of 2015 (most probably end November or beginning of December).

6) Miscellaneous

ISWA World Congress 2015

ACR+ as the EPR Club Secretariat will prepare a paper/an abstract to be sent to the scientific committee for the selection of papers for the ISWA World Congress in Antwerp in September, in order to present the EPR Club at this high level conference. The proposition will focus on the importance of stakeholder cooperation for an efficient implementation of EPR schemes.

EPR Club Logo

“ACR+” is removed from the EPR Club logo (see the new logo in the header of this document).