



EUROMETAUX CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT NEWS



Please join us in June:

- 16: Industrial Emissions Taskforce
- 17: Risk Management Taskforce
- 17-18: ECHA-IND hybrid meeting (in Helsinki)
- 30: Li CLH Taskforce

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Dear All,

It is obvious that in these times of consultation and myriads of position papers, the tone and format of the argumentation play a crucial role to reach the (most probably) overwhelmed target. The challenge is to chisel words by chipping away at surplus material, cutting things down to their core to allow the strong text to surface and to identify an engaging lay-out that will appropriately balance breathing space and seriousness of content. Concretely, these require iterations (i.e., time), and help from first readers who will not hesitate to discard several layers that might obstruct clear understanding. Please find herewith an expression of my profound gratitude to the members who engage in the indispensable shaping work, usually under acute time constraints. A word also for the writers, who naturally hope to have sounded a brilliant first draft and must realise along the consultation rounds that writing is a craft that leaves more gravel than sculpture. But this downsizing of one's ego is largely compensated by the moment of agreement on a final version. Then remains -primarily- the hope that this group effort will be noticed.

A special mention here for footnotes, which are often only allowed to cite sources and provide clarifications. However, they can be much more: an access to a parallel storytelling, a glimpse into the author(s) feelings, providing insights in some of the ornamentations that had been polished away in the main text. Footnotes may start living their own life, become a story in the story and on top it is a free privilege, as their reading is purely dependent on the reader's willingness to abandon the flow of the text to pick up information elsewhere and then return to their initial reading.

For example:

- *In the 'Sleeping Beauty' tale by Charles Perrault, the story does not end with the prince kissing the sleeping princess and marrying her. It is followed by a gruesome part in which the mother of the prince, an ogress, decides to eat her grandchildren and the princess, served with Sauce Robert. Before you wonder, the footnote stipulates that Robert was a famous cook of Louis XIV, contemporary of the author*
- *In Susanna Clarke's 'Jonathan Strange and Mr Norrell' footnotes give additional information on characters but also on the secrets and magic universe of the book: 'Whether Mr Norrell was right to say that fairy roads can do no harm is debatable. They are eerie places and there are dozens of tales of the strange adventures which befell people who attempted to travel along them. The following is one of the better known. It is hard to say what precisely was the fate suffered by the people in the road- certainly it is not a fate you or I would wish to share [...]'*

Let's now take an extract of a recent position paper and do the exercise: "New tasks¹, the introduction of new hazard classes² but also the increasing links between the CLP and other pieces of EU legislation³ continuously increase the workload⁴ on authorities, ECHA's Committees and industry, from the intention to classify to the implementation of the resulting risk management measures. Investing in mechanisms to deliver the resources- and expertise needs for a well-functioning and integer classification system remains crucial for all actors⁵. Not addressing these needs early on during the CLH process often results in questioning the CLH process outcomes, which can lead to time-consuming, conflicting and costly processes (up to court cases) and/or not the optimal use of CARACAL discussions⁶"

1. *Whether Commission was right to say that additional tasks for RAC can do no harm is debatable. The Committee meetings can be eerie places and there are dozens of tales of the strange adventures which befell people who attempted to defend their substances during the meetings*
2. *Does EU want to eat its own industry, Sauce ED (famous endpoint in 2025)*
3. *In the Cooking Regulations field, reference to the spaghetti slide*
4. *At the time of this story, some believe in deregulation and try to reduce priority of chemicals management actions, others fear it and add more requirements. Netto balance: more work to get to a constructive discussion*
5. *There must be a magic formula somewhere- if the Omnibus Chemicals does not come with a solution on 2 July, I will have to watch all the seasons of Bewitched again over summer*
6. *'Strengthened, I should have thought spoiled, by Commission coffee adapted from Roy Jenkins, in Gladstone, on Queen Victoria's preference for claret*

Does it work?

Violaine Verougstraete

COMMISSION

Stakeholder Workshop on the simplification of chemicals legislation: CLP

On 16 May Eurometaux attended the “Reality Check” organised by the European Commission to gather input on the potential simplification of the CLP regulation. This input will be part of an info package (analysis and key materials) that DG GROW will send by June to Commissioners Séjourné and Roswall, who in close cooperation with President von der Leyen, will make the final political decision of what will be included – or not - in the Omnibus Simplification on Chemicals (expected beginning of July). Once the proposal is out it will also have to be agreed on by the EP and Council. The workshop was chaired by DG GROW (Head of Unit Hans Ingels) and is a new way for Commission to get technical input on where things could be simplified in different sectors through “reality checks”.

More than 400 participants attended the workshop, including an impressive number of companies endorsing industry statements and providing good examples. There is broad industry consensus over the need to simplify font sizes and other labelling requirements, harmonise timelines and to “stop the clock” and postpone the transitional arrangements until a proper solution is found. The comments and examples made by our members were presented by Eurometaux and were supported by numerous industry stakeholders. Further written comments will be shared by Eurometaux with DG GROW before the 31st of May (deadline).

A report will be prepared by the Commission and will include the comments submitted by 31 May, but the timeline for this report is unclear. CARACAL will not be consulted (in principle) (more information: Violaine Verougstraete and Ainhoa González Pérez).

CARACAL

The next CARACAL will take place on 3-4 July 2025 and is expected to focus, among other issues, on the progress made by the Commission on the different parts of the upcoming REACH Revision (Q4 2025). The Commission confirmed that the April CARACAL was the last chance to provide feedback, making the July CARACAL in principle a platform for them to inform Competent Authorities and Stakeholders of the agreed REACH solutions (more information: Violaine Verougstraete and Ainhoa González Pérez).

EU AGENCIES

EUROPEAN CHEMICALS AGENCY (ECHA)

ECHA OTHERS

ECHA- Industry call: 23.05.2025

The last ECHA-industry call proved to be very productive to prepare for the upcoming meetings of 17-18 June at ECHA premises. ECHA opened the call providing a general overview on the submission trends from April 2025: overall REACH registration submissions are 9% below the annual forecast for initial and updated submissions, PPORD (Product and Process Oriented Research and Development) submissions decreased by 20% and CLP notifications continue to count for about 90% of the REACH-IT notifications.

Eurometaux, Cefic and Concawe are working on a 2-pager factsheet to offer practical tips for dossier quality improvements, including tips on dossier update categories and clarifications on Russian sanctions and related dossiers update restrictions. Furthermore, industry is cooperating on the update of the Article 22 practical guidance to reflect the new decisions from the Board of Appeal (BoA) and feedback from companies.

On 20 May, ECHA released the re-designed C&L inventory as part of the ECHA CHEM platform, setting up a new design to solve system instability and improve usability, transparency and alignment visibility: harmonised and self-classifications are reported, with last update dates, data sources and percentage of notifiers using each classification. A webinar was held on 27 May to explain the [C&L dissemination](#). Further

improvements in the ECHA CHEM have been foreseen, but in the meantime if you identify issues in the dissemination, please report it to Eurometaux and we will report it to ECHA.

Last but not least, on 27 May ECHA released the updated IUCLID 6.9 version with updates on regulatory specific changes (as CLP, PCN, microplastics) and format changes that will overall work with Chesar 3.9: a [webinar](#) to introduce IUCLID updates was held on 28 May and is available on the ECHA website (more information: Federica Iaccino and Lorenzo Zullo).

EUROMETAUX CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT

Chemicals Management Steering Committee: *spring meeting*

The second meeting of the year started by discussing the different developments under the generic Zero Pollution Ambition agenda item. Commission's initiatives to "simplify and move to a faster and more competitive Europe" generate interesting dynamics but also polarisation between the different actors in chemicals management. The example of the CLP reality workshop held on 16 May (see above) was used as case example. The April CARACAL meeting was the last consultation step in Commission's drafting of REACH 2.0. After being presented the key outcomes of this meeting and the positions of the Member States and other industry sectors, the CMSC was asked to provide advice on the forthcoming advocacy (what, when, how to communicate our key priorities). The group then discussed how to best communicate on the results of the MEED project and the TNO Study, considering also the status of the Transition Pathway, which is now published but most probably insufficiently referred to and/or promoted.

Several staff-functioning aspects, including forthcoming CM staff changes in July were subsequently discussed as well as the status of 2025 projects. EM's visibility team provided an overview of the 25 June Eurometaux Annual Conference and how the panel related to chemicals management is set up.

Martin Wieske (WVM) gave a brief report on the simplification of the Occupational Exposure Limits Values (OELVs) procedure under the Carcinogens, Mutagens or Reprotoxic substances Directive (CMRD). Finally, the participants were updated on the Metals Academy (see also below) and on the update of the [Metals Toolbox](#). The draft minutes were circulated to the Steering Committee on the 28th of May (more information: Violaine Verougstraete and Ailsa Lee).

CLASSIFICATION

Lithium classification: *and more...*

ILiA, Eurometaux, SQM and Albemarle met with Hon. Minister Aurora Williams – the Minister of Mines from Chile and her delegation in Brussels in the context of the EIT Raw Materials. The meeting was centred around the proposed classification of Lithium compounds. The participants discussed potential implications of such an upcoming classification in the EU for the global lithium industry and how this would impact the lithium value chain. More details will be provided along the next call of the Li Taskforce, planned for 30 June 15:00 CEST with a status update on other Li related activities, i.e., the development of an EU OEL, the work on a possible EQS but also the recent developments on the Industry RMOa and the French RMOa (post consultation). The invitation for the call will be sent asap (more information: Roland Chavasse, Francesco Gattiglio and Violaine Verougstraete).

REACH REGISTRATIONS

Registration Compliance Taskforce: *anticipating the ECHA-Industry meeting (Helsinki, 17-18 June 2025)*

The Registration Compliance Taskforce is preparing for the ECHA industry meeting that will be held in June. The meeting will be split in two days. The first day will be devoted to discussing the IT tools, such as IUCLID, REACH IT, CHESAR and the ECHA CHEM, industry associations will report to ECHA experts on their IT issues and concerns they face, so as to identify the best way forward.

The second day will be set up to allow industry and ECHA to share on the dossiers updates learning, grouping development at OECD, REACH revision status, REACH compliance and further Assessment of Regulatory Needs work ECHA will run (more information: Federica Iaccino and Lorenzo Zullo).

Update of the REACH Article 22 Guidance: *to reflect clarifications on Russia Sanctions and recent BoA Decisions*

Eurometaux, in close collaboration with Cefic, is finalising the update of the industry guidance on Article 22 of REACH, which focuses on registration dossier updates.

The revised version introduces a new section on EU sanctions against Russia, aiming to provide registrants with clearer direction on how to meet their obligations when co-registrants may be impacted by sanctions—particularly in the context of dossier maintenance and updates.

Additionally, the guidance is being updated to reflect recent decisions by the ECHA Board of Appeal (BoA), notably BoA-001/2024 and BoA-001/2023. These decisions offer additional clarity on the conditions under which companies may downgrade tonnage bands after receiving a draft compliance decision.

The updated Article 22 guidance is expected to be presented at the upcoming ECHA–Industry meeting scheduled for 17–18 June 2025 (more information on the draft guidance or to provide input: Federica Iaccino and Lorenzo Zullo).

INDUSTRIAL EMISSIONS

INCITE

From 13 to 15 May, INCITE held its first sectoral workshop focused on the Iron and Steel (IS) sector. Eurometaux followed the event with interest, as a similar workshop is planned for the NFM sector in early 2026. Over the course of the three-day event, Member States, Industry Associations, and companies took turns presenting cutting-edge technological advancements across the entire steel production and recycling cycle. A comprehensive report by INCITE, summarising the insights and data collected during the workshop, is expected by the end of 2025 (more information: Andrea Pellini).

IUVCB Publication

Progress has been made on drafting the article on how to assess inorganic UVCB under REACH in the non-ferrous metals industry. The article is the result of a collaborative effort between Eurometaux, ARCHE Consulting, and EBRC, bringing together regulatory, scientific, and industry expertise. This partnership ensures that the content reflects on both technical rigour and practical applicability. The paper is expected to be submitted for publication on "Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology" journal tentatively by autumn 2025 (more information: Andrea Pellini and Federica Iaccino).

Industrial Emissions Alliance: *online workshop & internal meeting*

On 8 May 2025, the Industrial Emissions Alliance hosted an online workshop with Commission Directorate-General for Environment (DG ENV) to seek clarification on several provisions of IED 2.0. Discussions focused on Articles 3, 6, 14a, 15, and 27. Participants raised concerns about the consistency and legal interpretation of definitions and operator obligations.

An internal meeting of the Industrial Emissions Alliance was held on 28 May 2025. The agenda points of the meeting were:

- Iron and Steel INCITE workshop discussion
- IED 2.0 discussion related to article 15a
- European Commission method to assess compliance with Emission Limit Values
- Transformation plans and Investments gaps
- Program for IED Article 13 Forum meeting on 10 June 2025
- BREF updates.

The next meeting of the IEA Plenary is ideally to be hosted by Eurometaux normally in September 2025. A doodle for finding the best date will be sent out by Eurometaux secretariat after the IED Art. 13 Forum meeting on 10 June 2025 (more information: Ginevra Calzolari).

Draft compliance assessment methodology report: *comments submitted*

In April, DG Environment circulated the draft methodology for verifying compliance with emission limit values (ELVs) set in permits for industrial installation, as prepared by the consultants.

The Eurometaux Secretariat submitted the comments to the methodology on 16 May 2025. The submission focused on current practices to address measurement uncertainty used by Eurometaux members for continuous and periodic emissions monitoring, highlighting concerns that applying the calculated rather than the maximum measurement uncertainty may lead to increased effort and inconsistencies between laboratories, and proposing instead the use of the maximum uncertainty to ensure a standardised compliance assessment.

Next step: The project team will use the feedback of all the stakeholders to update their proposal that will be presented during the dedicated online workshop scheduled for the 12 June 2025 (more information: Sebastiano Fornasari).

Revision of the BREF Guidance: *comments as well...*

In January, DG Environment circulated the draft revised BREF guidance and solicited feedback from members of the IED Article 13 Forum by 2 May 2025.

Eurometaux Secretariat sent its comments to DG Environment. Among the most relevant points raised: Regarding the proposal to introduce partial BREF reviews, Eurometaux warned that this approach could create legal uncertainty and additional burdens for both authorities and operators, raising questions about its legal basis, the possible triggering of permit review timelines, and its impact on the full BREF review.

Regarding the circumstances linked to the potential achievement of the lower end of Best Available Techniques-Associated Emission Level (BAT-AEL) ranges, the secretariat raised concern on the proposed example that suggest that one technique alone may be sufficient to define such circumstances. Eurometaux argued that to provide real added value in BAT conclusions, circumstances should encompass not just the technique itself but also operational conditions, process parameters, environmental factors, and feedstock characteristics (more information: Sebastiano Fornasari and Andrea Pellini).

Mining BREF: *clarification on leaching*

The Eurometaux Secretariat has analysed the first draft questionnaire prepared by the EU-BRITE for the data collection of the Mining BREF, circulated in April 2025, and sent a comment to EU BRITE to better define the leaching processes to be included in its scope to avoid overlaps with NFM BREF.

A meeting of the Technical Working Group (TWG) sub-group on post-mining steps, attended by Eurometaux, was held on 28 May 2025. The discussion concerned potential modifications to the definitions of the site closure and remediation activities and other proposals concerning the mine's lifecycle diagram. The next key milestone is the Mining BREF questionnaire workshop, scheduled for 17 June 2025, which will help shape data collection and input from stakeholders (more information: Ginevra Calzolari).

Landfill BREF: *making progress with a frontloading survey*

After reviewing the documents submitted by the TWG in the frontloading survey, EU-BRITE has launched a dedicated frontloading phase, led by ECHA, to prepare for discussions on chemicals used in landfill operations. The purpose is to streamline or to complete the lists of chemicals provided by ECHA (that can be found on BATIS) with the chemicals used in landfilling operations, such as leachate and wastewater treatment, gas treatment, odour control, and stabilisation. The deadline to provide comments on the frontloading survey is 27 June 2025.

Next tentative steps are the following:

- Issue of Background Paper: July - September 2025
- Kick-off Meeting (KoM): second week of October 2025
- KoM report: December 2025.

(more information: Ginevra Calzolari).

LVIC BREF: *feedback to EU-BRITE*

On Friday, 9 May 2025, the Eurometaux Large Volume Inorganic Chemicals (LVIC) BREF Working Group held a dedicated meeting to discuss the following points:

- A summary of the Data Assessment Workshop held in April;

- A preliminary analysis of the data available through the LVIC Dashboard, with a specific focus on sulphuric acid (H₂SO₄) production;
- The preparation of comments to be submitted via BATIS on the current LVIC dataset.

Following the meeting, the Secretariat drafted and submitted a consolidated feedback document to EU-BRITE, highlighting key issues identified in the LVIC BREF review process and the data assessment exercise. In particular, the feedback focused on:

- Differentiation of NFM plants based on the sulphur source used;
- The candidate Key Environmental Issues (KEIs);
- How to address the consumption / recovery of water and energy across different processes.

Next Steps: EU-BRITE will consider the feedback in the next phase of drafting. A first version of the Draft 1 of the LVIC BREF is tentatively expected by end of the year 2025.

Next events

IED Article 13 Forum

The next meeting of the IED Article 13 Forum will take place on 10 June 2025. The main objective of the meeting will be to obtain the Forum's opinion on the proposed BREF work programme and strategy to review the Chemicals BREFs.

IE Taskforce

IE Taskforce meeting will be organised (online only) by the Eurometaux Secretariat on the 16th of June 2025. The following topics will be discussed:

- Review of the BREF Guidance
- BREF Updates
- Report of IED Article 13 Forum Meeting
- Report of the workshop on IED Article 15a
- Developments of OECD BAT project
- Internal NFM Survey update.

WATER

Prepare yourself of the upcoming EU Water resilience initiative.

On 4 June, during the 2025 edition of EU Green Week, the EU Commission will publish its EU Water Resilience Initiative. Based on several leaks, it is said to be very 'light' with a lot of 'fluffy discourse', with no actual legislative consequences or binding targets. Some emphasis is placed on the Polluter Pays Principle (PPP), controlling pollution at source, and setting non-binding water withdrawal targets, but it remains to be seen what will happen. To be continued in the next edition! (more information: Lara Van de Merckt).

SOIL

Updates: *SML final agreement*

The final agreement on the Soil Monitoring Law (SML) has been made [available](#). The European Parliament's Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) is scheduled to vote on the agreement on 4 June, with a plenary vote probably set for 6 October.

Overall, it seems that most of the Council of the EU's general approach was kept in the final agreed text, with a few tweaks, mainly with regard to references to agriculture, either directly or indirectly.

The law aims for healthy soils by 2050, defining "soil health" by its physical, chemical, and biological condition and its ability to provide ecosystem services. Member States (MSs) will set up monitoring frameworks using soil descriptors and criteria, with just a few parameters determined at the EU level, the rest will be set by the MSs. Monitoring will be adapted to local conditions using "soil units" based on soil type and land use. Metals are included as "soil contamination" in the SML, with "heavy metals in soil" listed as a key descriptor. The directive acknowledges the importance of considering natural background levels

of metals when assessing risks. Notably, aqua regia is now the proposed standard method for metal analysis (which was not the case in the EU Commission proposal). The SML also prioritises managing contaminated sites, requiring Member States to identify them, investigate, and remediate based on risk assessments, emphasising the "Polluter Pays Principle". A public database of contaminated sites will be maintained. The SML also introduces a monitoring framework for "land take," focusing on soil sealing and removal, and explicitly links its provisions with other EU legislation for a holistic approach.

Separately, work has begun on setting an indicative "Soil Watch List" before the SML is officially published. This work is led by the JRC with the aim of sending a first draft list to the EU Commission by the end of November 2025 (more information: Lara Van de Merckt).

METALS ENVIRONMENT EXPOSURE DATA PROGRAM (MEED)

MEED at SETAC Europe 35th Annual Meeting: *two dedicated sessions*

At SETAC, held this year in Vienna between 11 and 15 May 2025, two sessions related to MEED were set up: one on the mesocosm *design status* for the MEED sponsors and scientists who are part of this project and could be present in Vienna, and one open session on *Combined Effects in Chemicals Management*.

In addition, four posters were submitted this year, in collaboration with ARCHE, highlighting MEED's progress in anticipating EU regulatory challenges, the use of metabarcoding to assess the local impact of metal emissions on freshwater, improvements to mixture risk assessment beyond default Mixture Allocation Factor (MAF) settings, and the aquatic ecotoxicity of environmentally realistic metal-organic mixtures to algae. All posters are available on the REACH Metals Gateway.

Preparations for the next MEED Mesocosm dedicated meeting with the sponsors are underway and an invitation will follow soon (more information: Marnix Vangheluwe, Diana Dobre).

COMMUNICATION

Metals Academy: *successful 4th edition*

We are pleased to say that the 4th edition of the Metals Academy was once again a big success. Surroundings were the same as previous years, but we welcomed a lot of new faces from both industry, associations and national federations.

To give these newcomers a solid basis, we started this year with an "introduction to metals" afternoon. This was followed by a full day on "ESGs partners of sustainability?" and a second day on "Decarbonisation/Defossilisation", when we listened to some very interesting & vivid presentations by speakers coming from different backgrounds and allowed plenty of time for interaction with the participants. The 3rd and last day, the participants followed 2 modules of their choice in the morning, and the final afternoon was dedicated to a group exercise.

The Academy was also less academic, with extra curriculum activities such as games, walks, delicious dinners and the distribution of certificates by our Director James Watson. And very importantly, these days together were of course the perfect occasion to network, meet "colleagues" and create new links in the industry world.

Participants have received all the material and a satisfaction survey, which will be analysed by the Organising Committee who will be meeting in July to carry lessons forward for hopefully a 5th edition (more information: Ailsa Lee and Violaine Verougstraete).



Chemicals management and competitiveness: *Rud Petersen event*

Eurometaux was invited to participate in an event focusing on translating policy into action—aligning chemicals risk management with EU competitiveness on 21 May. The idea was to bring together policymakers and industry leaders to discuss how the EU can leverage its policy instruments to foster a more innovative and competitive chemicals industry. Other panellists included Ana Maria Blass Rico (DG GROW), Pavlina Chopova-Leprêtre (Mayer Brown), Pete Simpson (Affinity Element limited), Michaël Fluh (Rud Petersen and ex-DG Grow). The lively discussion allowed to raise (with the very efficient input of EPMF) a series of considerations related to risk management and how it could be made more efficient and effective (more information: Violaine Verougstraete).

Aluminium Dunkerque inaugurates recycling furnace: *a dynamising event*

On Thursday 15 May, Eurometaux was invited by Aluminium Dunkerque to attend the event associated with the inauguration of Furnace 8, the first furnace dedicated to aluminium recycling. The project and the event reflected well the whole company's commitment to circular economy principles, actions against climate change and resilience (by e.g., reducing imports of high-carbon aluminium). A site visit, which is always extremely helpful to better understand processes and possible chemicals management related issues was also kindly organised by Aluminium Dunkerque's staff. A big thanks to Guillaume, Manon and colleagues (more information: Violaine Verougstraete).

Site visit at Wieland: *two days to learn!*

Eurometaux was invited to visit the Wieland facilities in Ulm and Voehringen on 27-28 May. We had the chance to be guided by knowledgeable and passionate experts through the different units of production, with very clear explanations on -among others- the process flows, the input materials and the numerous product applications, but also how innovation and safety are continuously worked on. A unique opportunity also to understand concretely how and where legislation and regulatory initiatives may create issues and how important it is to ensure along their drafting their workability to attain the sustainability objectives (more information: James Watson, Martina Bassan, Kamila Slupek and Violaine Verougstraete).

From NIMBY to P/BIMBY: *Li example*

We had the chance to have Peter Tom Jones (Director KU Leuven Institute for Sustainable Metals and Minerals) deliver a very lively presentation at the Metals Academy on the question: To mine or not to mine critical metals in Europe? Besides explaining supply risk of critical metals, the reality of circular economy and hence the need for primary material, he also addressed the importance of co-developing common understanding of a “Responsible Mining” model in Europe and beyond, to build trust and keep raising the Environmental Social & Governance (ESG) bar. He had announced that his most recent documentary « Europe's Lithium Paradox » would be unveiled on 27 May in Antwerp. The debate was constructive, forward-looking and more information can be found in the press release [20250527_Press Release_ELP_19946.pdf](#)

Presentation at the General Assembly of Catalysts Europe: *EM support on ED and taxonomy*

Eurometaux was invited to explain the support provided to its members on two hot topics: endocrine disruptors (EDs) and taxonomy. On ED, the slides addressed both the CLP and upcoming REACH aspects, listing the activities internally and externally (workshops and calls) but also the ongoing technical work (projects on applicability of *in vitro* assays to metals/inorganics, threshold issue) and the communication support (simplified guidance, available [here](#)). Regarding taxonomy the focus was on Appendix C (Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) to pollution prevention and control regarding use and presence of chemicals) and the key messages submitted by Eurometaux in the context of simplification.

The EM staff welcomes such opportunities to present ongoing issues as these allow also to ‘test the waters’ in terms of awareness and arguments (more information: Laura Fazio Bellacchio and Violaine Verougstraete).

International Zinc Conference

On 15-16 May, Eurometaux attended the International Zinc Conference organised by IZA in Lisbon. Eurometaux presented the different studies that have been commissioned to have an advocacy ready for the new metals age at EU level.

The presentation dissected the KU Leuven Study (Metals for Clean Energy: Pathways to solving Europe's raw materials challenge), MEED, the TNO study (Metals in the Twin Transition: regional emissions in EU metal-technology pathways) and the upcoming VUB study (MIND THE GAP: Impact of the energy crisis on the EU's non-ferrous metals industry, its climate challenges and investment needs), and explained how science-based, independent, expert-led studies help Eurometaux advocate for more tailored and science-based solutions in the context of increased regulatory changes and attention to the sector (more information: Ainhoa González Pérez).

CALENDAR

Please find here below a non-exhaustive list of the meetings already planned for Q2 & Q3 2025.

For meetings at Eurometaux: most of our meetings will now be held as hybrid meetings, and **our members will be informed ahead of the meetings** (links to join will be sent ahead of the meetings).

For meetings at ECHA: this information is published on ECHA's [website](#)

- 02-06/06: RAC-73 Plenary
- 09-13/06: SEAC-67
- 10-12/06: MSC-90
- 16/06: IED Taskforce
- 17/06: Risk Management Taskforce
- 17-18/06: ECHA MB-78
- 17-18/06: ECHA-IND Hybrid Meeting
- 30/06: Li CLH Taskforce
- 30/06-02/07: RAC-74 CLH WG
- 03-04/07: RAC-74 AfA WG
- 03-04/07: CARACAL-55
- 01-02/09: RAC-74 REST WG (Tentative)
- 03-04/09: RAC-74 DWD WG
- 11/09: Water Taskforce
- 08-12/09: RAC-74 Plenary
- 15-19/09: SEAC-68
- 23/09 (am): Risk Management Taskforce
- 23/09 (pm): Chemicals Management Steering Committee
- 25-26/09: ECHA MB-79
- 02/10: Drinking Water Workshop

GENERAL INFORMATION & ACRONYMS

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