

**Vacuum Insulation Panel Association
Public Relations & Public Affairs Working Group
Conference Call
13 June 2017, 10:00 to 11:00 CET**

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Minutes

1. Welcome

1.1 Governance rules

Francesco Gattiglio welcomed participants to the call. Francesco reminded participants of the VIPA Antitrust Compliance Statement.

1.2 Approval of the agenda

The agenda was adopted with no changes.

1.3 Approval minutes previous conference call 4 October 2016 and review of action items

The minutes of the conference call of 4 October 2016 were approved with no changes. Francesco reviewed the action items: the press release on the EU energy efficiency package was published in December 2017. A new press release will be published after the publication of the Council conclusions on the topic (26 June 2017).

2. Legislative update

2.1 Energy efficiency package: state of play

Francesco Gattiglio gave an update on the state of play of the energy efficiency package, including the revised Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) and Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD). The European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) is currently discussing the draft reports on the two directives, while the European Council will publish its conclusions on both the EED and EPBD on 26 June 2017. The final vote of the ITRE Committee on both the EED and the EPBD will take place on 10-11 October 2017. Francesco compared the draft proposals of Commission, Council and Parliament on both directives.

Regarding the EED, Commission and Council are proposing a 2030 EU energy efficiency target of 30%, while the rapporteur of the Parliament Adam Gierek proposed 35%, a strong reduction compared to the 40% agreed by the Parliament in 2016. All participants were of the opinion that VIPA International should promote the original 40% target proposed by the Parliament. The Parliament is also proposing to take into account cubic capacity instead of floor area for the thermal conditions of buildings, a measure welcomed by all participants. An important topic currently under discussion is the future of energy savings obligations foreseen by art. 7 of the EED: the Council is likely to propose a sunset of the clause by 2025-2030, while the Parliament will ask to reinforce the clause.

On the EPBD, the Parliamentary draft report of Bendt Bendtsen, rapporteur of the ITRE Committee, is promising: Bendtsen is proposing that all EU buildings should be Nearly-Zero Energy Buildings (NZEBS) by 2050, so that the building sector will be completely decarbonized by that date. National long-term renovation strategies have been considerably expanded compared to the Commission proposals, encompassing also an overview of the national building stock, the identification of cost-effective approaches and actions to stimulate technology neutral renovations and policies and actions to stimulate cost-effective deep renovations of buildings. An important topic under discussion is the validity of Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs); under the proposal of the European Commission, financial incentives to renovation will have to be linked to the energy efficiency savings delivered, as measured by the EPCs before and after renovation. The Council will probably propose to take into account also other equivalent tools to measure the effects of renovation. Participants highlighted that EPCs are already used effectively in some countries, for instance Germany, to measure the energy performance of buildings. However, their use and effectiveness is not homogeneous in Europe, and there might be the need to reinforce and harmonize them.

Participants discussed the next steps for VIPA. They all agreed that VIPA should monitor the evolution of the package and publish a press release after the publication of Council conclusions (26 June 2017), including some references to the reports of the Parliament.

Action:

- Secretariat to publish a press release on the energy efficiency package after 26 June 2017.

2.2 Energy labeling regulation

Francesco gave an update on the Energy labeling regulation. The European Parliament and the Council agreed on 21 March on a revised energy efficiency label and the relevant regulatory framework. Following this political agreement, the text will have to be formally approved by the European Parliament and the Council. The Parliament will vote the text on 13 June 2017, while the Council will approve the text on 26 June.

3. Communication update

Francesco reported that the website of VIPA International is now available also in Chinese Mandarin. A press release to communicate this news was prepared and it will be also translated in Chinese Mandarin. Miaotian Sun is currently reviewing the translation of the press release. The press release will be published in the coming weeks and sent it to Asian prospect members. A press release on standardisation at European, Chinese and International level will also be published during summer.

Francesco highlighted that only one case study was published in 2017 and invited all participants to check if they can provide new case studies for the website.

Action:

- All participants to check if they can provide new case studies for the website.

4. AoB & date of next conference call

Participants reported that Advapor, the Aerogel association, was established in January. They suggested discussing how to relate with this new association in the next Board meeting.

Participants agreed to schedule the next conference call on Friday 1 September 2017 (14h00-15h00 CET). No other item was discussed. The conference call finished at 11:00.