



5th Symposium on Materials and Products in Contact with Drinking Water

17th June 2026, Sofitel Hotel Brussels – 1, Place Jourdan.

Agenda

Registration & Welcome coffee from 9h00

Item	Timing	Title	Speaker name
0	09h30- 09h40	Welcome & Introduction	Organisers
Part 1: Setting the scene			
1	09h40 -10h00	Keynote speech from the EU Commission	Ms. Pernille Weiss- Ehler (European Commission)
2	10h00 -10h20	ECHA’s role in the DWD implementation	Panos Zarogiannis (ECHA)
3	10h20 -10h40	The (Future) Notified bodies’s (NBDW) role in the DWD implementation	Marco Van Brink (Chair of the NBDW)
4	10h40 -11h10	Industry’s challenges and open issues	Lara Van de Merckt & Federica Iaccino (European Metals) Gesche Grützmacher (EurEau/ Berliner Wasserbetriebe) Stefanie Facklam (EDW)
11h10 -11h30		Coffee break and booth walking	
Part 2: Breakout sessions			
5	11h30 -12h30	(1) Breakout sessions A, B, C	
	A: Starting composition and EUPLs – Chaired by European Metals 1) Setting the scene		Panos Zarogiannis (ECHA)

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	2) Regulatory perspective 3) Diving into the Application process <i>(ID, RCSs, Tox data, Intended uses, Migration tests, MTCtap, Risk acceptance)</i>	<i>Lara Van de Merckt & Federica Iaccino</i> <i>(European Metals)</i>
	B: General product conformity – Chaired by EDW 1) Understanding the EU Framework for Drinking Water Products <i>Overview of legal requirements, key acts and supporting documents</i> 2) Conformity Assessment in Practice: The Role of Notified Bodies and the NBDW <i>Overview of conformity assessment, certification processes and the role of the NBDW</i> 3) Key Challenges and Industry Perspective <i>Main challenges identified by industry</i>	<i>Stefanie Facklam & Lars Neveling</i> <i>(EDW)</i> <i>Marco Van Brink</i> <i>(Chair of the NBDW)</i> <i>Ilari Aho</i> <i>(EDW)</i>
	C: Challenges for Water suppliers – Chaired by EurEau 1) Introduction 2) Concerns from DW services 3) Functioning of the French system 4) Issues of on-site materials 5) The perspective of Poland 6) Feedback from the Commission	<i>Gesche Grützmacher</i> <i>(EurEau/ BWB)</i> <i>Bert Leemans</i> <i>(European Commission, DG ENV)</i> <i>Thomas Rapp</i> <i>(UBA, Germany)</i> <i>Weronika Garbowska</i> <i>(Polish Ministry of Health)</i> <i>Anne-Sophie Ricard</i> <i>(CSTB)</i>
12h30 - 13h30	Lunch break & booth walking	
6	13h30 - 14h30	(2) Breakout sessions A, B, C

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	A: Starting composition and EUPLs – Chaired by European Metals 3) Diving into the Application process <i>(ID, RCSs, Tox data, Intended uses, Migration tests, MTCtap, Risk acceptance)</i> 4) Case studies 5) Key Challenges and solutions	<i>Panos Zarogiannis</i> (ECHA) <i>Lara Van de Merckt & Federica Iaccino</i> (European Metals) <i>Alejandro Garabatos</i> (Frit Consortium) <i>Dr Rüdiger Liske</i> (Food Contact Additives, sector group of Cefic)
	B: General product conformity – Chaired by EDW 4) From Challenges to Solutions: Stakeholder Dialogue <i>Discussion based on participant input and key barriers identified</i> 5) Key Takeaways and Messages for the Plenary	<i>Stefanie Facklam & Lars Neveling</i> (EDW) <i>Marco van Brink</i> (NBDW) <i>Werner Kinnen</i> (DVGW CERT GmbH) <i>Ilari Aho</i> (EDW) <i>Dirkjan van den Berg</i> (KIWA) <i>Marc Engelhardt</i> (EDW)
	C: Challenges for Water suppliers – Chaired by EurEau Panel Discussion and Q&A	<i>Gesche Grützmacher</i> (EurEau/BWB) <i>Bert Leemans</i> (European Commission, DG ENV) <i>Thomas Rapp</i> (UBA, Germany) <i>Weronika Garbowska</i> (Polish Ministry of Health) <i>Anne-Sophie Ricard</i> (CSTB)



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14h30 - 15h00		<i>Coffee break and booth walking</i>	
7	15h00 - 15h30	Feedback from the breakout sessions	Chairs of the breakout sessions (EM, EDW, EurEau)
Part 3: From challenges to implementation			
8	15h30 - 16h15	Panel 1 - Members states implementation and transitional period <i>Moderator: Volker Meyer (EDW)</i>	<i>Thomas Rapp</i> (UBA, Germany) <i>Weronika Garbowska</i> (Polish ministry of Health) <i>Hjortsberg Madeleine</i> (Boverket, Sweden) <i>Enrico Veschetti</i> (Italian National Institute of Health)
9	16h15 - 17h00	Panel 2 - Looking forward: How to address the challenges highlighted by the industry? <i>Moderator: Miguel Angel Prieto Arranz (CEFIC)</i>	<i>Bert Leemans</i> (EU Commission/DG ENV) <i>Volker Meyer</i> (EDW) <i>Marco Van Brink</i> (Chair of NBDW) <i>Gesche Grützmacher</i> (EurEau/BWB) <i>Tony Newson</i> (EM/NI)
10	17h00 - 17h10	Closing remarks	Organisers

(Networking, booth walking until 17h30)