



## 5<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Materials and Products in Contact with Drinking Water

17<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Part 1: Setting the scene</b>			
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) Notifying 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	
<b>Part 2: Breakout sessions</b>			
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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2) Regulatory perspective</li> <li>3) Diving into the Application process (ID, RCSs, Tox data, Intended uses, Migration tests, MTCtap, Risk acceptance)</li> </ul>	<p>Lara Van de Merckt &amp; Federica Iaccino (European Metals)</p>
	<p><b>B: General product conformity – Chaired by EDW</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Understanding the EU Framework for Drinking Water Products Overview of legal requirements, key acts and supporting documents</li> <li>2) Conformity Assessment in Practice: The Role of Notified Bodies and the NBDW Overview of conformity assessment, certification processes and the role of the NBDW</li> <li>3) Key Challenges and Industry Perspective Main challenges identified by industry</li> </ul>	<p>Stefanie Facklam &amp; Lars Neveling (EDW)</p> <p>Marco Van Brink (Chair of the NBDW)</p> <p>Ilari Aho (EDW)</p>
	<p><b>C: Challenges for Water suppliers – Chaired by EurEau</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Introduction</li> <li>2) Concerns from DW services</li> <li>3) Functioning of the French system</li> <li>4) Issues of on-site materials</li> <li>5) The perspective of Poland</li> <li>6) Feedback from the Commission</li> </ul>	<p>Gesche Grützmacher (EurEau/ BWB)</p> <p>Bert Leemans (European Commission, DG ENV)</p> <p>Thomas Rapp (UBA, Germany)</p> <p>Weronika Garbowska (Polish Ministry of Health)</p> <p>Anne-Sophie Ricard (CSTB)</p>
12h30 - 13h30	Lunch break & booth walking	
6	13h30 - 14h30	(2) Breakout sessions A, B, C

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

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14h30 - 15h00		Coffee break and booth walking	
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	<p><b>Thomas Rapp</b> (UBA, Germany)</p> <p><b>Weronika Garbowska</b> (Polish ministry of Health)</p> <p><b>Hjortsberg Madeleine</b> (Boverket, Sweden)</p> <p><b>Enrico Veschetti</b> (Italian National Institute of Health)</p> <p><b>Kirsi White</b> (Ministry of the Environment, Finland)</p>
9	16h15 - 17h00	Panel 2 - Looking forward: How to address the challenges highlighted by the industry?	<p><b>Bert Leemans</b> (EU Commission/DG ENV)</p> <p><b>Volker Meyer</b> (EDW)</p> <p><b>Marco Van Brink</b> (Chair of NBDW)</p> <p><b>Gesche Grützmacher</b> (EurEau/BWB)</p> <p><b>Tony Newson</b> (EM/NI)</p>
10	17h00 - 17h10	Closing remarks	Organisers

(Networking, booth walking until 17h30)