



EGEA General Assembly
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-Minutes-

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1. Welcome by the President

Michel Vervekken, first EGEA Vice-President, informed the Members that he would act as President for this General Assembly as Leon Andriessen is currently recovering from an intense surgery. All members conveyed best wishes for a swift recovery to Leon. He then welcomed all the participants for attending this General Assembly and noted the apologies for absence.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last General Assembly held on 14th June 2013 in Oslo

With no remarks being formulated, the minutes were approved.

3. Financial situation 2013 and discussion on the draft EGEA budget for 2014

3.1. Financial situation dated end of October 2013 (Expenses – State of payments of membership fees)

- The Secretariat had circulated the financial situation dated end of October 2013 before the General Assembly. Sylvia Gotzen thanked all members for having paid their membership fees and supplementary contributions in due time.
- Receipts:
 - Sylvia Gotzen noted that as for the receipts, EGEA is still expecting 17.500 Euros from a licensing agreement with Automechanika and Autopromotec for this year.
- Expenditures:
 - As regards the expenditures, Sylvia Gotzen explained that an additional column has been added to the financial situation as some expenditures are still expected by the end of the year and should therefore be forecasted:
 - EC Tender on study for ECSS: decision to activate the expenditures for ECSS WP1 activities. As the revenues from the Commission (30.000 Euros) will probably be only received in 2014, the Board decided to budget this revenue for 2014 only.
 - Some expenditures have been foreseen as well for an official audit of the figures for 2013.
 - The planned deficit for 2013: The Board agreed to cover it from the reserves.
- Decision:
 - The General Assembly took note of the financial situation dated end of October 2013 without any further comments.

3.2. Draft budget and membership fees 2014

- Michel Vervekken explained that EGEA has been and will also be confronted in 2014 with a substantial level of workload at the Secretariat and within the Working Groups (a circular explaining the situation together with the draft budget 2014 was sent to the members before the General Assembly).

Therefore special funds are needed and this would have a considerable impact on the EGEA budget.

The Board proposed that the membership fees should be used to ensure the basic functioning of the association (e.g. statutory meetings) and some core lobbying activities (e.g. PTI, ECSS,..). To this regard, the Board suggested to merge the membership fees with the donations. What goes beyond that amount should be financed by ultimate EGEA members companies.

Michel Vervekken pointed out that in order to finance the upcoming and current activities, the Board had the choice between:

- either substantially raise the Membership fees for all members
- or finance the EGEA work through other funds. The Board is therefore suggesting to cover the statutory work of the Secretariat (organisation of Board/General Assembly, budgeting, monitoring of EU activities, plus basic PTI lobbying, WG basic running) by the membership fees. The Working Groups will be transformed into projects and their activity has to be funded by project funding coming from the companies. WG chairmen would have to make proper budgeting. The Board would make a “call for projects” twice per year; WG chairmen will be required to present their budget for projects to be approved by the Board in order to allow fund raising amongst our member’s members, passing through the national associations.

Michel Vervekken then presented in details the draft budget for 2014 (receipts and expenditures).

- Receipts:
 - For 2014, he is very pleased to announce that ASA will donate 30.000 Euros to cover losses from last year 2013 and to fund the creation of an EGEA label.
 - 17.500 Euros will be received from Automechanika (12.500€) and from Autopromotec (5.000€).
 - The outstanding receipts will depend on project funding for WGs and on respective WGs’ activities for 2014.
- Expenditures:
 - There are two columns: one without VAT and one including it. As the Secretariat is currently conducting an analysis with KPMG to find out whether EGEA can optimise its VAT status, the two scenarios have still to be considered.
 - The costs of the technical expert have been split in two categories: retainer (budget line 2.2) and the EGEA activities payment as partner of the CITA Tender (budget line 8.9).
 - The rest of project financing expenses is a mirror of the draft project financing receipts.
- Discussions:
 - There were questions on the fund raising and on the designation of the person in charge of raising such funds (via national associations or directly through the companies). Sylvia Gotzen answered that according to the present EGEA statutes, the national associations as members of EGEA are legally responsible for the budget they will vote on. Due to the nature of its activities, EGEA is currently categorised as international non-profit association and is (obligatorily) exempted from adding VAT to its membership fees. If revenues were to be collected via companies, they would be considered as “third parties” and be subject to VAT. [EGEA would then most probably need to seek the VAT status as “assujeti mixed” (mixed VAT coming from Members and “third parties”)].
 - Massimo Brunamonti added that of course it would be best to collect funds through national associations. The call for funds would be channelled preferably through the associations. If associations do not succeed in raising money, then the

project will fail. These funds will not cover companies' costs, but will cover the functioning of the Working Groups (workload for the Secretariat) as well as outsourced services.

- Question concerning the possibility to restrict funding of WGs to manufacturers only or whether distributors should also contribute to the funds. This should be defined by the Board while drafting the WG rules for project funding.
- Decision:
 - Following the discussions, the General Assembly felt that the new approach was in principle the right way to go and welcomed the proposed solution to split basically the EGEA activities into basic statutory activities to be covered by the regular membership fees and to transform the Working Groups into projects. The members agreed in principle to the draft budget 2014, subject to the funding to be collected by the Working Groups.
 - The Members agreed that the Board should define WG rules for project funding (incl. e.g. WG membership definition, multinational rule to avoid that one company only pays in one country,...) and how to proceed for project validation. Once defined, the Secretariat would have to inform the members and the WG Chairmen accordingly.

4. Update on General EGEA activities

4.1. Commission proposal for periodic roadworthiness testing

- 4.1.1. Decision-making process: brief report of ongoing trilogue discussions between the Council, the European Parliament and the European Commission
- 4.1.2. EGEA Position Paper: key issues
 - Access to technical information for test equipment manufacturers (Art.4(3))
 - Emissions testing: OBD vs. Tailpipe Testing
- 4.1.3. Report from each EGEA member on their national activities on PTI
- 4.1.4. Continuation and Coordination of EGEA and members activities at national level: Present and future
- Sylvia Gotzen, Neil Pattermore and Eléonore van Haute reported about the ongoing trilogue discussions between the Council, the European Parliament and the European Commission. They then presented the key issues which are still very crucial for EGEA members: the access to the technical information for test equipment manufacturers (Art.4(3)) and the emissions testing: OBD vs. Tailpipe Testing. Please see attached presentation. The secretariat insisted on the fact that major EU Member States still are against providing test equipment manufacturers with the access to the PTI technical information. It would therefore be crucial to carry out last rounds of activities at national level.
- Decision and action: Following an interesting exchange of information about positions of the various EU Member States on the PTI issue, the Members decided that the Secretariat will finalise the new position paper and will send it to all members together with instructions for action at national level. The Secretariat pointed out that as the time schedule is very tight, it will count on all EGEA members' support for this last round of intense activities at EU and national level.

4.2. Commission tender for the Study on a test for electronic safety components at roadworthiness tests:

- 4.2.1. EC kick-off meeting – 23rd August 2013
- 4.2.2. Reports from previous WP1 meetings
- 4.2.3. Working plan and time schedule

- Neil Pattemore reported about the intense and frequent meetings and discussions held within Work Package 1 and 2 in the framework of the ECSS tender. Please see attached presentation.

5. Short update of EGEA Working Groups activities: round-up of Activities

WG 1 Vehicle Lifting Equipment

- No update since last GA

WG 2 Engine Diagnostics/Emissions/OBD

Sylvia Gotzen and Neil Pattemore reported about WG2 activities (please see attached presentation):

- **Study on functioning of Euro 5**

The European Commission, after some years since the adoption of the Euro 5 legislation on type-approval for passenger cars, is obliged by the Euro 5 Regulation, to launch a study aiming at assessing the concrete functioning of this Regulation (please see presentation). EGEA and WG2 Members, as relevant stakeholders, will be requested for their input and it is therefore important to provide our contribution.

This study is to be considered as a future WG2 project and project funding should therefore be established as manpower would be needed (investigation amongst members, liaising with EC and consultancies, ...).

- **Vehicle Station Gateway – short report from kick-off meeting on 11th and 12th September 2013**

Vehicle manufacturers launched a new ISO project (Vehicle Station Gateway - VSG) which is challenging for the aftermarket. This project will address the secure access to the vehicle and its data and also propose to restrict plug-in devices to the vehicle's 16 pin connector. The project could potentially have a serious negative impact for the aftermarket. The risk is that the OBD port could be closed or be limited to emissions-related OBD information only, and reverse engineering for diagnostic tools would be blocked.

This project has been presented at the kick-off meeting on 11th and 12th September in Berlin at ISO level and will be discussed forward at the next meeting in January 2014. EGEA will be represented at the next meeting, following to that WG2 members should start working more proactively on this issue. This new activity should be taken into account in the new project funding structure. The issue has also been debated during the EGEA-FIGIEFA visit to the US last year, and all associations are seeking a transatlantic aftermarket response to VSG.

- **Report from EGEA/FIGIEFA visit to USA**

EGEA and FIGIEFA went as a joint delegation to Washington from the 8th to the 12th of October to meet our American colleagues from AAIA, ETI and NASTF. The purpose of this trip was mainly to better understand how our associations work in Europe and in the United States and whether there would be possibilities to collaborate more extensively on common issues.

EGEA met in particular ETI, the association gathering automotive tool and equipment manufacturers as well as technical information providers and training organizations, to discuss issues of common interest such as the software updates “online/offline” and reprogramming, as well as the OBD vs. Tailpipe testing in the US.

WG 4 Wheel/Tyre Service Equipment

- No update since last GA

WG 6 Braking/Suspension Testers

- No update since last GA
- Next WG6 meeting planned on November 20th

WG 7 Market Information/Exhibition

- **Leo & Wolk Market Study data: Brief report (Massimo Brunamonti)**

Massimo Brunamonti explained that due to the current discussions on the EGEA budget 2014, the increase of EGEA activities and the lack of financial resources, it was intended that this EGEA Market Study Data would become a project but after careful consideration this should be covered by the association as it will benefit all EGEA members.

Decision and action:

- Massimo Brunamonti will come back to Wolk and Leoimpact to update them on the outcome of discussions.
- All EGEA Members will be asked about their potential contribution for such fundamental project.

WG 8 Extraction and Filter Systems

- No update since last GA

WG 9 Mobile Air-conditioning Systems (MAC)

- **Report from WG meeting on 25th September 2013**
- **Creation of an EGEA label: how to proceed and decision**

Pete Bradley, WG9 Chairman, reported about WG9 activities (please see attached presentation).

After the presentation, Pete Bradley explained to the General Assembly that WG9 members have been working actively on the creation of EGEA MAC specification for the past two years. Therefore, it is now time to go forward with the creation of the EGEA label to indicate that the equipment produced complies with EGEA Mobile Air Conditioning specifications for the new refrigerant R-1234yf. The EGEA Board recommends to go ahead with the legal investigation on the implications for EGEA (e.g. liability) of the creation of an EGEA label; the experience from the MAC label would serve as template for other Working Groups who wish to also create a label in the future.

Decision: Following a recommendation from the Board, the Members agreed to take what is necessary from the budget 2013 to start with the creation of the EGEA label and to organise as early as possible a meeting with the lawyers to discuss the potential legal implications. Massimo Brunamonti/Dave Garratt will represent the Board during that meeting.

WG 10 New WG for the creation of a European Network Standard

- **Report from last meetings (04/07, 10/09 and 08-09/10)**
Pete Bradley reported about WG10 activities on behalf of Marco Le Brun, WG10 Chairman (please see attached presentation).

6. Any other business

- Dates of meetings in 2014:
 - Following the offer from Massimo Brunamonti to hold the next General Assembly in Bologna in Spring 2014, it was decided to schedule the first EGEA GA 2014 on May 28th and to organise the EGEA Dinner on May 27th.
 - For the second General Assembly in 2014 and as most of the members are very busy during Automechanika, it was decided to hold the next GA on the 23rd of October 2014 in Brussels together with a dinner organised on the evening before.

Date	Time	Event	Attendants	Venue
27 May 2014	19 ³⁰ –	Dinner	EGEA Members	Bologna
28 May 2014	9 ⁰⁰ - 13 ⁰⁰	Board Meeting	Board Members	Bologna
	13 ⁰⁰ –14 ⁰⁰ 14 ⁰⁰ - 18 ⁰⁰	Lunch General Assembly	EGEA Members and Guests	Bologna
22 October 2014	19 ³⁰ –	Dinner	EGEA Members	Brussels
23 October 2014	9 ⁰⁰ - 13 ⁰⁰	Board Meeting	Board Members	Brussels
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Yours sincerely,



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Attachments:

- EGEA Financial situation dated end of October 2013
- EGEA Draft Budget 2014 (dated 14.11.2013)
- Presentation on EGEA activities including WG2, WG9 and WG10 reports of activities.