



## EGEA General Assembly 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015 (Warsaw)

### -Minutes-

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#### 1. Welcome by the President

Michel Vervekken welcomed the participants and thanked STM for acting as a host for this General Assembly meeting as well as for the lovely dinner and guided tour. He then noted the apologies for absence.

## **2. Approval of the minutes of the last General Assembly held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2014 in Brussels**

With no remarks being formulated, the minutes were approved.

## **3. Secretariat**

### **3.1. Changes in the EGEA Secretariat and in the structural organisation**

- Michel Vervekken informed the General Assembly that Sylvia Gotzen resigned from her position as Secretary General of EGEA, due to the number of challenges she faces in her work as a Secretary General for the FIGIEFA association.
- Although she could not join the General Assembly, the Board and the General Assembly sincerely thanked Sylvia Gotzen for her commitment, skill and passion which made EGEA grow to become a properly organised association and a well-recognized body with the European political institutions. Over the past seven years, she developed the EGEA Office, safeguarded the garage and test equipment industry in the automotive aftermarket sector, and established precious liaisons with other associations, stakeholders, service providers and consultants needed to have the proper support available for EGEA.

### **3.2. Appointment of new Secretary General**

- Following in-depth discussions, the Board decided to shift gears and to newly create a full-time secretary general position for EGEA. As Eleonore van Haute has managed EGEA since six years and she has the experience, the skills and the passion and motivation to professionally defend the interests of EGEA, the Board decided to designate her to take over this new function. Her designation will be official after her official appointment at the General Assembly, this is why Michel Vervekken asked the General Assembly for her official appointment.

#### Decision:

- After consultation of the General Assembly, Eléonore van Haute was unanimously and officially appointed as the new Secretary General of EGEA.
- Eléonore van Haute expressed her gratitude and thanked the Board and the General Assembly for its trust and for giving EGEA the resources to be well-represented in Brussels. She will do her best to address new challenges that EGEA is facing now and will face in the future, and will work efficiently with the support of all EGEA members. FIGIEFA and EGEA will remain of course linked through the sharing of the office structures and cooperate for the matters of common interest.

### **3.3. State of affairs of preparation of office move**

- Eléonore van Haute gave an update on the FIGIEFA/EGEA offices' move due to the upcoming renovation works of the current offices. Two options have been considered by the Secretariat: 1) move to new offices on a temporary basis and come back to the current offices once the renovation works have finished; 2) find new offices and move permanently. It was explained that the first option is the preferred one because this offers the possibility to be associated to renovation works and to arrange the new spaces according to the Secretariat's specific needs.
- In addition to that, Eléonore van Haute pointed out that FIGIEFA will need some more office space due to the increased staff members (i.e. an office will be needed for Neil, a workplace for the new FIGIEFA full-time office manager, etc), therefore the budget for 2016 would need to be revised accordingly as the office rent might certainly increase.

## 4. Finances

### 4.1. Review of the preliminary financial situation dated end 2014

- Michel Vervekken presented the preliminary financial situation dated end 2014, which was circulated before the General Assembly meeting.
- Receipts:
  - Membership Fees: Michel Vervekken thanked those members who have paid their membership fees in due time. The overview on the current state of membership fees payment showed that only the Russian association (ARDIS) has not yet paid its 2014 membership fee. Following a previous discussion within the Board, it was decided that the Secretariat will send a payment reminder to ARDIS. The payment of the 2014 membership fees should be done by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. After that date, EGEA will reconsider ARDIS membership to EGEA.
  - ECSS/CITA Tender: Michel Vervekken was pleased to announce that EGEA has been paid for its participation in the Commission/CITA tender on ECSS. An invoice has been sent to CITA in February 2015 and payment has been received in March 2015.
- Expenses:
  - Regarding the state of expenses, the financial statement shows a positive balance of 100.029€ for 2014 (mainly due to the receipt of CITA payment for the ECSS Study and because there were less expenditure for the meetings and travelling than foreseen). This amount will be added to the reserves.
  - Michel Vervekken explained that due to intense lobbying activities on PTI -ECSS and telematics in Brussels, Neil Pattemore has been working more hours than budgeted. It was therefore decided by the Board to cover these supplementary working hours. Michel Vervekken and the Board thanked Neil Pattemore for his excellent and intense work.
- Eléonore van Haute reported that the financial statement for 2014 is not yet finalised as supplementary working hours for Neil Pattemore's work still need to be included, and the official audit to be conducted.

This is why, the General Assembly took note of the preliminary financial statement dated end 2014 but it was decided to postpone its formal approval to the next General Assembly on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Brussels.

### 4.2. Revised budget 2015: presentation of the revised budget 2015 by the Board

- Michel Vervekken presented the revised budget 2015 (please see attachment).
- Receipts:
  - Membership fees:
    - No changes regarding the membership fees.
    - As for ARDIS, no membership fee has been included into the 2015 budget as no payment was received for 2014.  
Action: the Secretariat to contact ARDIS to discuss their membership for EGEA for 2015.
    - Following the email from Diego De Pedrini, SAA President, on January 27<sup>th</sup> stating that the SAA Board decided to pay a maximum 2015 membership

fee of 5000€, the members discussed the situation and explained to Hans-Peter Fritschi the benefits of being member of EGEA. Solidarity must be ensured amongst members.

Decision: it was decided that the Board should meet and reflect on possible solution to be proposed to SAA (e.g. reduced membership fee, to become sponsoring member, etc...).

▪ Expenses:

- Secretariat Cost: Following the office move and the hiring of new staff members at FIGIEFA, more office space will be needed and office rent might therefore increase. It was thus suggested to re-discuss the costs of rent and charges with FIGIEFA for 2016.
- Insurances: For further clarification and following the hiring of a full-time secretary general, a new budget line has been included regarding the insurances (occupational accident insurance, etc). These were fully paid before by FIGIEFA, and no costs were borne at that time by EGEA.
- Manpower: 90.000€ have been allocated for the manpower of Eléonore van Haute (50% from 01/01/2015 to 15/03/2015 and 100% as of 16/03/2015) and Mona Wiig (3000€).
- Bookkeeping: The cost for bookkeeping has increased since EGEA is subject to the VAT as more accounting work is required now to separate the VAT from all invoices and budget lines.
- Meetings and travelling: the budget line has been reduced significantly however it was decided to include now all travelling from Neil Pattemore under this line.
- The Board agreed to subscribe to the FAIB (Federation of European and International Associations in Brussels) as it could provide EGEA with some more support on general legal matters, taxation issues, general statutory matters, etc...
- Michel Vervekken pointed out that following the decision to hire a full-time secretary general and to give EGEA the resources to be well-represented in Brussels, investment was needed and therefore the revised budget 2015 shows a negative balance of -16.689,22€. The fluctuation will be absorbed and taken from the reserves.

## 5. Short update on General EGEA activities

### 5.1. Ricardo – AEA study report on the functioning of Euro 5 (RMI provisions) – update

- Eléonore van Haute gave an overview on the main findings of the Ricardo-AEA Report, concerning the issues affecting the competitiveness of the different independent operators, and particularly issues regarding the diagnostic information to be provided to tool manufacturers, she then presented the recommendations elaborated in the Report as potential solutions to the identified issues.

Action: The members were asked to provide a feedback on the highlighted issues and on concrete recommendations to be proposed to the European Commission as a follow-up of the Report.

**5.2. Roadworthiness test (PTI) Directive 2014/45/EU: Short update concerning access to vehicle specific technical information for PTI testing of Electronically Controlled Safety Systems (ECSS)**

- Neil Pattemore gave a short update concerning the access to the vehicle specific technical information for PTI testing of ECSS (please see attached presentation).
- Following Neil Pattemore's presentation, Eléonore van Haute explained to the members that due to the timing, EGEA should start its next round of lobbying activities with Member States to show importance of having access to the PTI technical info as VMs are challenging it at national level. The support from Member States is crucial and needed.
- In addition to the lobbying activities with Member States, it was suggested to contact in parallel small testing centres, if any at national level, such as the MOT Forum in UK. It should be explained to them that according to the new PTI Directive, small testing centres/centres operator groups would need to be able to handle the technical information in the future. EGEA members are invited to report to the Secretariat about the existence of such operator groups to schedule meetings.
- After that discussion, Neil Pattemore reminded that EGEA is still looking for OBD failures on ECSS systems for old vehicles ( $\geq 7$  years) as evidences are still missing to support the need for efficiency testing for all vehicles.

Action: EGEA members are invited to send any evidences on OBD failures on ECSS systems for old vehicles ( $\geq 7$  years).

**6. European Commission's review of principles of the Mutual Recognition Regulation (EC) N°764/2008: short overview of the EC planning and discussion on possible EGEA's participation**

- Neil Pattemore gave a short overview on the European Commission's review of principles of the Mutual Recognition Regulation (please see attached presentation).
- After the presentation, Eléonore van Haute added that this review will be focused only on the principle and it is not expected to review the Regulation in itself.
- Members were invited to give their feedback on whether or not EGEA should try to get active participation in this process. After a round-up amongst the members, it was confirmed that EGEA should monitor that issue and be involved in the review process.
- Actions:
  - EGEA Members are asked to investigate whether the new Directive 2014/45/EU on PTI has a positive impact on the marketing of their products since minimum standards have been settled throughout the EU
  - EGEA Members are asked to report to the Secretariat with examples of products not having mutual recognition where there should have (smoke meter issues in UK, etc..)

**7. Round-up of EGEA Working Groups activities**

**WG 1 Vehicle Lifting Equipment**

- See slides.
- Next steps: Internal coordination will be ensured by the secretariat amongst EGEA members to ensure that all national standardisation bodies will vote in favour of the official revision in order to start as soon as possible the activity of TC98/WG3.

**WG 2 Engine Diagnostics/Emissions/OBD**

- New WG2 Chairmen

- Update and discussion concerning vehicle telematics access to in-vehicle data
  - See slides
  - Actions: Due to the intense and frequent EC WG meetings on C-ITS, it was suggested to contact WG2 experts and ask for their support to attend these meetings in order to assist Neil with this workload.
  
- Short update of CITA SET study status
  - See slides
  - Actions:
    - It was suggested to draft EGEA recommendations to support national associations to meet proactive targets and investigate amongst EU countries about current/future emission testing systems in place.
    - The secretariat to organise a WG2 meeting on emissions to discuss next steps and action plan.
  
- Counterfeiting & Product piracy: brief update on the issue of counterfeit diagnostic tools
  - See slides
  - According to the European Commission, this is a market issue and more market surveillance is requested.

#### **WG 6 Braking/Suspension Testers**

- See slides.
- The next WG6 meeting is scheduled on June 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss common agreement on one process/hardware specification.

#### **WG 7 Market Information/Exhibition**

- See slides.
- Action: Members are invited to inform their members about the study and to encourage their companies to provide Wolk/Leo Impact with the data.

#### **WG 9 Mobile Air-conditioning (MAC) Systems**

- See slides.
- Next steps:
  - WG9 members should discuss at their next meeting the possible inclusion of CO2 technologies in EGEA specifications.
  - WG9 should finalise the terms & conditions to be sent together with the Business Plan to the Board for official review.

#### **WG 10 Creation of a European Vehicle Test Equipment Network**

- See slides.

### **8. Any other business**

- STM asked for official support from EGEA and its members to improve the state of technical inspections in Poland and ensure safe data transmission of PTI certificates test results. The quality of periodical inspections in Poland is crucial for improving safety on the roads and the statistics show that they have a very good modern vehicle fleet. Less than 2% negative results on PTI,

about 24% of the cars on the roads not having valid technical tests, or 0.6% of accidents caused by technical faults in vehicles –these are only some of the statistics which raise a smile on faces. Change is needed and support is required.

To that end, STM asked all members to send them the scans of the current certificates attesting that the vehicle has passed a technical inspection in respective countries. This would help STM to start working on the PTI Directive implementation in Poland.

Michel Vervekken thanked all participants for this fruitful meeting and STM for hosting the meeting.

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Yours sincerely,

Eléonore van Haute

Attachments:

- EGEA Preliminary Financial Situation dated end of 2014
- EGEA revised Budget 2015
- Presentation of EGEA activities