

ErP Lot 4 VA – Steering Committee meeting

Friday 26 April 2013, 11am
Digital Europe, 14 rue de la Science, Brussels

PARTICIPANTS

Name	Company
1. William Dazy	Canon
2. Marie-Helene Dubray	Panasonic (for the morning session)
3. Maxime Furkel	Lexmark
4. Remy Kadirbaks	Kyocera
5. Declan Keegan	Epson
6. Markus Kelch	Konica Minolta
7. Stephen Kimber	Brother
8. Chris Robertson	ERA Technologies Ltd.
9. Adam Romanowski	DG Energy, European Commission
10. Ferial Saouli	EuroVAprint ASBL
11. Pierre Sicsic	Hewlett-Packard
12. Milena Presutto	(Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development)
13. Bram Soenen	Federal ministry of Environment (Belgium)
14. Laura Spengler	Ökopol (German Institute for Environmental Strategies), representing EEB (European Environmental Bureau)
15. Dierk Ulken	Toshiba
16. Roy van den Boorn	VHK
17. Tom Wagland	Ricoh Europe
On the phone:	
18. Peter McGregor	OKI (for the morning session)

APOLOGIES

Stephane Arditi	EEB
Maggie Charnley	UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Andy Cosgrove	Xerox
Sharon Heymann	Sharp
Karsten Lindloff	German ministry
Tom Moriarty	Dell
John Myers	Xerox
Sara Rodriguez Martinez	Hewlett-Packard
Tracey Rawling-Church	Kyocera
Sandeep Rana	Samsung

AGENDA

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| 1. | Opening of the meeting | William Dazy |
| 2. | Approval of minutes of previous SC meeting | William Dazy |
| 3. | EuroVAprint update | William Dazy |
| 4. | Independent Inspector update
Presentation of third compliance report by ERA Technologies Ltd. | Chris Robertson |
| 5. | European Commission update | Adam Romanowski |
| 6. | Calculation of energy savings delivered by the VA | Maxime Furkel |
| 7. | VA revision | Pierre Sicsic |
| | 7.1. Auditing | |
| | 7.2. Reporting | |
| 8. | Any Other Business | All |
| 9. | Date of next SC meeting | All |
| 10. | Closing of meeting | William Dazy |
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MEETING MINUTES

1. Opening of the meeting

William Dazy, President of EuroVAprint and Chair of the meeting, opened the meeting and invited participants to introduce themselves.

2. Approval of the minutes of previous SC meeting

The minutes were confirmed as approved by email and circulated to the SC back in December 2012.

3. EuroVAprint update

William Dazy informed participants of the progress made in 2012 and in particular since the last SC meeting in December 2012. Please refer to attached slides for further details (EVAP.pdf).

He confirmed that the latest version of the VA (**version 4**), is available on the EuroVAprint website and is the one used for the revision process. He also added that the Board of EuroVAprint now holds a fortnightly conference call.

4. Independent inspector update

Chris Robertson briefly introduced the 3rd compliance report. Please refer to the attached slides for further details (ERA.pdf).

Chris Roberston drew preliminary conclusions of the 3rd compliance report:

- There is a **small increase in overall product compliance** by 0.7% between reporting periods 2 and 3.
- All but one VAS¹ reached or exceeded the 90% compliance rate (one is at 89.1%)
- The vast majority of products are compliant with Energy Star 1.1 (approaching 100%).

European Commission remarks on 3rd compliance report

- Adam Romanowski (DG Energy) asked ERA to confirm the definitions under point 3 (slide 9) as a result of which it was agreed that ERA would clarify the formula of each calculation in the report and include it in the final version to be circulated on 30 April 2013.
- Adam confirmed he would be sending his comments in writing on 26 April, as per the agreed deadline. In essence:
 - **Non-compliant company names/products:** Adam noted that the report does not mention the names of non-compliant companies and names of products subject to the VA as was requested by stakeholders. See notes on ensuing discussion and clarification of misunderstanding on the details of this request.
 - **Audit:** Adam noted that no audit had been performed on the signatories to this VA. The compliance reports are therefore based solely on the VAS declarations. During the discussion, EuroVAprint confirmed it has been discussing the details and process of an audit with ERA, which will be clarified in the report. It was also confirmed that the VAS are working on the VA revision where audit clauses are foreseen. To conclude, Adam informed the SC that the CSTB VA is preparing its 2nd audit on the 3rd report (products tested in labs).
 - **Process in case of non-compliance of a VAS:** Adam asked about the procedure to be applied for the non-compliant signatory. ERA explained that the non-compliant VAS has to submit a second report within 6 months (VA section 9). Bram Soenen asked against which criteria the second report of a non-compliant VAS would be measured, in the event that new criteria are available by the time the second report is submitted. Pierre Sicsic clarified that the criteria are unchanged until 2014. The whole process needs to be further defined.

ACTIONS

- ERA to amend 3rd report as follows:
 - Add formulae and explanation for each calculation
 - Add a note explaining why there has not been an audit under this version of the VA
- William Dazy to confirm whether there is any clause in the contract with ERA about audit. Anything that can be disclosed about the contractual arrangement about audit will be circulated with the minutes.
- ERA to make proposals to EuroVAprint on defining a process going forward – this is meant to address non-compliant VAS as per section 9 of the VA version 4.

5. European Commission update

Adam Romanowski (DG Energy) informed participants about developments since the last meeting:

- **Guidelines on Self-Regulation Measures:** a Consultation Forum was held on 1 March 2013. Stakeholders provided comments before and during the meeting. They then had a

¹ Voluntary Agreement Signatory

further 30 days to send comments (deadline extended to 11 April). In total, comments were received from the following stakeholders: VA Exchange forum, DIF – representing the CSTBs VA, CECIMO representing the machine tools industry, ECOFYS acting as Independent Inspector for CSTBs VA, the Netherlands, Germany, ANEC/BEUC - consumer NGOs, EEB and ECOs – environmental NGOs . All comments have been published on CIRCABC website. The European Commission is now reviewing and analyzing all comments with a view to finalizing the process in May and send a revised version to Consultation Forum before summer, although this ambitious timeline cannot be guaranteed.

- **Inter-service consultation on EU eco-label and green public procurement for Imaging Equipment:** Adam informed the SC that DG ENVI had launched the internal consultation on the above (deadline for comments 3 May 2013)..

6. Calculation of energy savings delivered by the VA

Please refer to the attached slides for further details (Energy.pdf).

Maxime Furkel presented the main findings of the energy savings calculation exercise the VAS did after the CF in March.

Direct energy savings

It shows that the VA **achieved 10% in the first 2 periods**, which is 40% better than target set in the VA (8%).

Indirect energy savings

The reduction per unit for compliant products is 8.5%

The reduction per unit for non-compliant products is 14.7%

The combined reduction per unit is 13.2% (note that at the same time, compliance went from 94 to 97%).

He also informed the SC that the VAS have committed to continue tracking energy usage, on top of current commitments, for each reporting period and to share the data with the stakeholders.

Pierre Sicsic noted that based on these calculations, no correlation could be established between compliance levels and energy savings.

Adam welcomed this initiative of the VAS and said that these positive results could help support the rationale behind the VA/SRI, especially if the numbers were presented by the Independent Inspector.

ACTION

- EuroVAprint to distribute the spreadsheet, report and methodology to the SC.

7. VA revision

Please refer to the slides (VA-revision.pdf) for further details.

Pierre Sicsic informed the SC that the discussions today are based on the feedback received from different stakeholders. Revision topics have been grouped in 15 main topics (see slides), the first 8 will be discussed today.

7.1. Energy Star 2.0 compliance rate

The proposed tiers are as follows:

	Tier I	Tier II	Tier III
TEC Target ES 2.0 rate	60%	70%	80%
OM - Target ES 2.0 rate	86%	88%	90%

The ensuing discussion covered the criteria that should be met by products that are not compliant in the future. For example, suggesting that 60% of TEC products are compliant in Tier I means that 40% of the products placed on the market will be subject to no compliance criteria under Energy Star 2.0.

It was therefore suggested (by Ökopol/EEB) to introduce a **grandfathering clause** for Energy Star 1.1/1.2 products. In the above example, 60% of TEC would meet ES 2.0 and the remaining 40% would be made subject to at least ES 1.2 specs

ACTIONS

- Pierre Sicsic to correct slide on page 7 with green line at 88%
- VAS to compare the 2 versions of ES and identify what compliance means, also bearing in mind the new test method under ES 2.0.

7.2. Background data

Pierre Sicsic told the SC that the large majority of VA signatories are not in favor of public disclosure of Table 1 detailed data. VAS prefer sticking to the current commitment of providing these details (model per model) upon request.

In the ensuing discussion, it appeared that the data would be provided by “model” and would not disclose the name of the manufacturer or the name of the product itself. This would provide a basis for comparison of efficiency and compliance improvements of models (the list of models will be anonymised).

ACTIONS

- Get draft background data template agreed with CSTB
- VAS to revisit their position

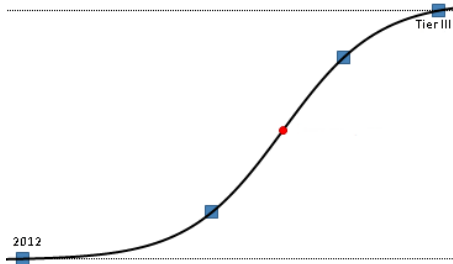
7.3. Clarified deadlines for reporting

Proposed reporting timeline for year 201x

1. Data from 1 January to 31 December
2. Data will be collected within 3 months of end of reporting period
3. Basic verification of data for completeness: check for inconsistencies, missing entries or signatures etc.
4. Draft report to EuroVAprint and European Commission by 12 April 201x: 10 days for comments
5. Delivery to Steering Committee: 30 April 201x

Report period	reference	Date of delivery to SteCo	target	Shipment period
4	Current VA	30 April 2014		Full calendar 2013
1 “baseline”	Revised VA	30 April 2015	Tier 1	Full calendar 2014
2	Revised VA	30 April 2016	Tier 2	Full calendar 2015

In terms of tiers, if the baseline report reveals that some intermediate targets will be difficult to reach, a suggestion is to **amend the maturity curve (for instance log curve as figured below instead of linear)**, not the ultimate Tier III target (i.e. how fast will industry move from baseline to the optimum).



7.4. Transparency

In terms of public disclosure of “non-compliant” manufacturers, of “non-compliant” models, of audit reports, the VAS could agree to disclose the name of non-compliant signatories.

The VAS do however **challenge the definition of compliance** at product level (e.g. failing to file a compliance report on time will result in being considered non-compliant for said period, while that has nothing to do with the intrinsic specs of said product).

In order to ensure “non-compliance” is understood in each report, it was agreed to include 2 additional tables, as follows:

- Table 1: Company (**name not listed**), anonymised models (**product name not listed**, e.g. model 1, model 2), and a check against each compliance criteria.
- Table 2: Company name (actual name listed) and % range of compliance vs. VA (one for section 4.1.a. and one for section 5)

Adam informed the SC that Regulation 765/2008 – 768/2008 – now applies to Eco-design and that there is a section of the EC website with a list of non-compliant products for safety reasons.

ACTION

- ERA to provide a template for disclosure of data and submit a template to stakeholders. This will be in the form of a table with a column for each of the core VA commitments (sections 4 and 5).

7.5. Audit process

The proposal from the VAS is detailed in slides 12 and 13.

In the ensuing discussion, NGOs questioned the 3/5-year lapse between 2 audits. It was agreed that if an audit reveals an issue, then a second audit should be conducted in the following year, on the same defaulting signatory(ies).

Adam Romanowski clarified that the intention of the stakeholders is to perform **random**

tests to check compliance. Milena Presutto suggested that the technical files of a selection of products could be reviewed (e.g. 10 products) and that a smaller selection (e.g. 2-3 products) could actually be tested in a laboratory against the Energy Star/VA criteria to ascertain its compliance. A report will document these tests and the auditee will be informed and be able to follow the audit process.

ACTION

- VAS will re-discuss this clarified audit concept and revert with a position.

7.6. Penalties for non-compliant signatory

A majority of VAS are in favor of keeping a flexible and inclusive scheme thus leaving some grace delay for a non-compliant signatory to implement corrective actions.

ACTION

- VAs to clarify what the grace period is. See also point 4 above (action for ERA).

7.7. Rules for next revision

A majority of VA Signatories agree in initiating the future revision of the VA 3 months after publication of the next revision (3.0?) of Energy Star specifications.

It was agreed to align with the ES versions and include a safeguard clause to cover for **minor** ES version changes before ES3.

7.8. Default Duplex

EuroVAprint discussed the extension of Energy Star 2.0 duplex requirement (duplex by default, simplex as an option). Pierre Sicsic informed the SC that this technical issue was still under investigation and no consensus has been reached amongst the VAS.

He also informed the SC that the threshold for duplex in ES 2.0 has been lowered.

ES sets 3 categories of TEC products for automatic duplex requirement. Here are for instance the compared thresholds for Monochrome printers and MFDs between ES 1.2 and ES 2.0:

Automatic duplex requirement	Monochrome print speed (ipm) Energy Star 1.2	Monochrome print speed (ipm) Energy Star 2.0
Not required	≤ 24	≤24
Integral or optional	24 < speed < 45	24 < speed < 37
Integral to the base product	≥ 45	≥ 37

Default duplex being applicable to products for which automatic duplex is required by Energy Star will thus be applicable to a wider range of products.

ACTIONS

- EuroVAprint to make proposals re duplex under Energy Star 2.0.
- VAS to work on items 9 to15 by mid-July 2013.

7.9. Auditing

Please refer to the above discussion under item 7.4.

7.10. Reporting:

Please refer to the above discussion under item 7.3.

8. AOB

No AOB were added to the agenda.

9. Date of next Steering Committee

The next meeting will take place on **Monday 10 June 2013 in Brussels**, at DIGITALEUROPE, from 11am CEST to 4 pm CEST.

10. Closing of the meeting

William Dazy closed the meeting at 16.00.