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Subject: 2020-04-08 B1 webex meeting with PlasticsEurope and EuPC on microplastics with pellets

On 8 April 2020, B1 [REDACTED] had a webex meeting with PlasticsEurope and EuPC for a mutual update on ongoing work as to pellets.

PlasticsEurope is working on:

- The **governance** (they call it structure) of the future certification scheme meaning the bodies to represent the parties involved, namely an OCS Steering Committee, an Advisory Committee and a Technical Committee. EC and national authorities will be invited to take part in the Advisory Committee (together with the industry, the NGOs and the Certification Bodies).
- The future **certification scheme** meaning a process based on OCS minimum requirements gradually evolving into 1) **one common OCS standard** valid for all and 2) **specific standards** valid for producers, converters, transporters and recyclers. This accompanied by external audits (they are working on a set of KPIs for audits).

EuPC is mostly working on a **methodology** to estimate pellet loss and on convincing their associations and members to embark in the future certification scheme. To remember: EuPC is an association of associations, so won't go for making membership to EuPC depending on signing-up to OCS, as PlasticsEurope did.

Asked by us about work in OSPAR and the **initiative of the Scottish Gov**, the two trade associations made it clear they consider the ongoing work of the British Standards Institute with the British Plastics Federation as the work of one single body from one single industry/country. In addition, only converters and some producers (INEOS) would be part of the work (so no transporters and no recyclers).

Asked by us why not making the request for a **CEN Standard**, they said first the certification scheme (quick deliverable), then, of course, the best would be to have a CEN Standard in place but this takes a lot of time. [REDACTED] advised to involve CEN as soon as possible. Reply was that they will invite CEN to take part in the Advisory Committee as soon as this body starts working.

We briefly updated them on our ongoing work saying we will soon launch the study, which will look at all possible potential measures in an open manner.
They would appreciate regular contacts with us.

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