



## EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF USER INSPECTORATES



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### ORIGINS

ECUI was conceived during late 1992 as a result of an initiative by the Engineering Equipment and Materials Users' Association (EEMUA) in the UK. This initiative was developed by a nucleus of parties with in-house inspection interests in Holland, France and the UK, leading to an inaugural meeting in June 1993.



### MISSION STATEMENT

To promote the safe, reliable, efficient and profitable use of engineering equipment by European industry through enhancing the recognition, status and formal responsibility and accountability of User companies in general and User Inspectorates (UI's) in particular.

Achieved by providing an organization to :

- Monitor and, when appropriate, advise on the development, transposition and interpretation of European legislation concerning new equipment
- Encourage the maximum flexibility consistent with safety in National Regulations and possible European Directives concerning in-service equipment
- Participate in the development of relevant European and international standards
- Contribute to effective implementation of European conformity assessment procedures, including support for the harmonization of procedures for accreditation of Inspection Bodies
- Promote the User view within other pan-European bodies such as the Parliament, Commission and trade or sectoral associations and institutions; and liaise with other user organizations
- Provide a framework to facilitate co-operation and collaboration on non-competitive technical inspection matters.



### MEMBERSHIP AND CONSTITUTION

Membership of the Committee is open to two representatives from each country within Europe. The nominees each represent a national or industry-sector UI organization.

Representatives from individual user companies may be invited to attend specific ECUI meetings, at the discretion of the Committee, as prospective Associate Members; Associate Members are entitled to attend all meetings until representative UI organizations are formed in their respective countries.

Considerable progress has been made in expanding membership since 1992, and these efforts are continuing.

### ORGANIZATION

ECUI is administered by EEMUA - the only known Association in Europe dedicated exclusively to serving the interests of industrial users of engineering equipment and materials – and enjoys its full secretariat services.

- EEMUA membership is open (upon application approval and payment of the fee) to the member companies of ECUI.

ECUI meets in plenary session two or three times a year at suitable locations around Europe.



### INCOME

ECUI is funded entirely from members' subscriptions.

All UI organizations pay the same fee, and a lower fee is charged for Associates. Fees are reviewed periodically by the Committee; they aim to cover the cost of administration, including attendance and representation at meetings of or with other bodies, conferences, meeting facilities, and production and distribution of agendas, minutes and numerous other relevant documents, as well as maintenance of the ECUI website.





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### COMPOSITION

ECUI comprises the following UI organizations.



#### France

Association pour la Promotion de l'Inspection Technique chez les Industriels (APITI) (Committee for Promoting Technical Inspectorates in Industry).



#### Germany

BASF is an Associate. Until recently the AkÜA working Group of VCI was a member.



#### Holland

Werkgroep Eigen Inspectie Diensten (WEID) – Ontmoetingsplatform voor de procesindustrie en haar toeleveranciers (NAP) ( Working Group of User Inspectorates – part of the Forum for Process Industry Inspection).



#### Sweden

Until recently the TEN Group was a member UI organization. Currently TEN Group is an Associate.



#### UK

EEMUA Committee of User Inspectorates (CUI).



#### Belgium

Bayer and BASF are both Associates.



#### Norway

Yara is an Associate. A national UI organization may be formed in the future.



#### Italy

EniServizi and ConCert are both Associates. A national UI organization may be formed in the future.

- At November 2005, the above UI organizations embraced some 60 user companies; with close links to a further 30. A separate list of these companies is available on request.



### INFLUENCE

Since its inauguration in mid-1993, ECUI has rapidly developed a presence in European inspection affairs:

- It is now widely recognised by governmental authorities and by national standards organizations
- It played a significant part in producing the European standard for Inspection Bodies (EN 45004, ISO/IEC 17020); has 'observer' status on the key CEN/CLC/TC-1 European standards committee (Criteria for Conformity Assessment Bodies); is a leading member of the European Accreditation Inspection Committee, and has valuable contacts via direct and indirect membership of many other national, CEN and ISO committees, including CEN/BT and CASCO. ECUI has also contributed papers to the CEC, 'PED' Workshops in new or candidate Member States
- It has established formal contacts and good relations with, and in some cases Associate Membership of:
  - the International Federation of Inspection Agencies (IFIA)
  - the Exploration & Production Forum (E&PF)
  - the European Organisation for Testing & Certification (EOTC)
  - the European Petroleum Industries Association (EUROPIA)
  - the European Council of Chemical Industry Federations (CEFIC)
  - the Confederation Europeenne des Organismes de Controle de Inspection et de Prevention (CEOC)
  - the European Manufacturers Association (ORGALIME)
  - the European Notified Bodies Forum (CABF)and other relevant pan-European, national and international notably including the **European Commission** (CEC) and **Parliament** (EP).

