

EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF USER INSPECTORATES

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Highlights in 2010

- ECUI Main meetings were held on 27 January 2010 – hosted by Shell NAM, in Assen, The Netherlands – and 1 October 2010 in Paris, immediately after ESOPE 2010 – hosted by APITI at the offices of AFGC.
- Uwe Mueller (BASF, Germany) retired as ECUI Chair at the Main meeting in October. Hans Spijkerman, Shell NAM, The Netherlands, was elected as the new Chair.
- ECUI represented the users' voice at all PED Working Group (Pressure) and all but one PED Working Party (Guidelines) meetings in Brussels.
- ECUI represented users on the CEN Pressure Equipment Advisory Nucleus.
- ECUI representatives attended all Conformity Assessment Bodies Forum (CABF) meetings.
- ECUI formalised its position in respect of the role of User Inspectorates under the PED, and responded to EU Commission questionnaires.
- ECUI reduced the number of its active work groups in view of the need to focus attention on emerging issues – which include the impact of the New Legal Framework (NLF) and the Carriage, Labelling and Packaging (CLP) Regulations on the Pressure Equipment Directive (PED).
- ECUI completed its survey of national requirements for inspector technical and behavioural competencies. The data received is helping ECUI to progress the development of a set of requirements that it aims to be recognised as a common basis for inspector training and competency assessment across the EU.
- Members continued to share learning experiences arising from the investigation of incidents, with a number of videos and slideshows presented during the year.



Outgoing ECUI Chairman, Uwe Mueller, is presented with a framed certificate in appreciation of his leadership of ECUI over three years, pictured with his successor, Hans Spijkerman

OUR MISSION

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. Our mission is achieved by providing an organisation to:

Monitor and advise, when appropriate, 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 harmonisation 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 organisations.

Provide a framework to facilitate co-operation and collaboration on non-competitive technical inspection matters.

Our 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.

ECUI is administered by EEMUA - an international non-profit membership organisation that aims to improve the safety,

environmental and operating performance of industrial facilities in the most cost-effective way, developing and promoting leadership in industrial asset management. EEMUA Members pursue these aims by sharing engineering experiences and expertise, and by the promotion of their distinct interests as the users of engineering assets.

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



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 organisation.

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 organisations are formed in their respective countries.

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



ECUI Representation

The ECUI General Secretary is a member of the CEN Pressure equipment advisory nucleus (CEN PE-AN) AFNOR electronic committee, and the following CIRCA groups of the European Commission:

- Enterprise and Industry: PED – (WGP and WPG) Pressure Equipment Working Groups.
- Enterprise and Industry: Pressure Equipment TBT/Trade.
- Conformity Assessment Bodies Forum (Pressure Equipment) CABF PED/SPV.

National Group Representatives

APITI	France
EEMUA	UK
WEID	Netherlands



Associate members:

BASF	Belgium	ConCert	Italy
Bayer	Belgium	EniServizi	Italy
BASF	Germany	Yara	Norway

Representing ECUI:

Chair: Hans Spijkerman, Shell NAM, The Netherlands

Deputy Chair: Hervé Barthélémy, APITI

Representing EEMUA:

ECUI General Secretary: Steve Tooby

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PLANS FOR 2011

In 2011, ECUI will actively progress:

Representation – continue to represent the interests of Users and User Inspectorate organisations in Europe through active participation at WGP/WPG, CEN PE-AN and CABF.

Training and competency – continue to develop guidelines on inspector technical and behavioural competencies, liaising with EEMUA and in particular its Committee of User Inspectorates (CUI) to ensure alignment with the review and updating of EEMUA Publication 193, 'Recommendations for the training, development and competency assessment of inspection personnel'.

New Legal Framework (NLF) – continue to work to ensure there is no reduction of allowed activities under the Pressure Equipment Directive (PED) as a result of the NLF alignment process.

Carriage, Labelling and Packaging (CLP)

Regulations – continue involvement in the development of PED Guidelines. The reclassification of fluids under the new regulations will have impacts on the PED, the Seveso Directive and In-Service Inspection Regulations in some Member States.

Risk based inspection – continue to monitor developments within the EU.

Inspection of automated systems – continue to monitor developments and compile an overview document of Members' current practices.

Incident reviews – continue to share learnings from incident reviews.

ECUI meetings for 2011:

24 January 2011 – teleconference

1 and 2 March 2011 – meeting in Coventry, UK, to coincide with EEMUA's *Collaborate 2011* event.

8 June 2011 – teleconference

11 and 12 October 2011 – meeting in Milan, hosted by EniServizi