The European Committee of User Inspectorates (ECUI) exists to promote the safe, reliable, and optimal use of process equipment by European industry to ensure asset integrity. We do this by enhancing the recognition, status and formal responsibility and accountability of user companies in general and User Inspectorates in particular.

Benefits of joining ECUI
- Direct knowledge of what is being discussed at those bodies and committees directly relevant to you as a User Inspectorate
- Opportunity to influence key decisions where it matters
- Member only website with access to relevant documentation and online discussion
- Scheduled meetings (via teleconference and face-to-face)
- Sharing of learning experiences arising from the investigation of incidents
- Great networking opportunity with peers from across Europe

"Best opportunity to share experience and knowledge on design, manufacturing, testing and proper use of pressure equipment.

Stefano Giamboni, ConCert - Controlli e Certificazioni Gruppo ENEL"

Joining ECUI is more than just paying a fee and accessing a “library” of documents; it is the opportunity to proactively engage in providing direction to and being able to influence equipment legislation, regulations and standards emanating from Brussels and from national and international bodies.

The voice for parties with in-house inspection interests – JOIN US!
What we do

- Monitor and 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 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.
- Liaise with other user pan-European organisations.
- Provide a framework to facilitate co-operation and collaboration on non-competitive technical inspection matters.

Recent ECUI activities have included:

- Providing important feedback on the new Pressure Equipment Directive (PED), particularly concerning conformity assessment of assemblies for own use, and the significance of risk/hazard analyses.
- The approach of different inspection bodies in each European country to ISO/IEC 17020.
- Inspector training and competency requirements in Europe.
- Position paper on the proposed European standard on Risk Based Inspection (RBI).
- Survey covering the approval process for User Inspectorates for both in-service inspection and PED Article 16 work.
- The impact of the New Legal Framework (NLF) and the Carriage, Labelling and Packaging (CLP) Regulations on the PED.

ECUI membership

Membership is open to two representatives from each country within Europe. The nominees each represent a national or industry-sector User Inspectorate (UI) organisation.

Associate Members are representatives from individual user companies based in European countries where a UI organisation does not exist, or where the UI is not an ECUI Member. Associate Members are entitled to attend all ECUI meetings.

Current ECUI members include:
- APITI (France);
- EEMUA (UK);
- WEID (Netherlands).

Associate Members include:
- BASF (Belgium and Germany);
- ConCert (Italy);
- Convestro (Belgium) and Yara (Norway).

Representation where it matters

ECUI has a seat on European Commission committees:

- Working Group Pressure (WGP) – implementation of PED and SPVD.
- Working Party Guidelines (WPG) – for PED and SPVD.
- Working Party Materials (WPM) – Article 15 of the PED.
- Conformity Assessment Bodies Forum – PED and SPVD.
- CEN Pressure Equipment Advisory Nucleus (CEN PE-AN).

Our origins

ECUI was conceived in 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 the Netherlands, France and the UK, leading to an inaugural meeting in June 1993. ECUI is administered by EEMUA, which also acts as the ECUI Secretariat.

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