

General Assembly approved revised statutes and appointed new BoD

During the General Assembly in May, ECO Platform revised their statutes for the first time after its founding in 2013. These changes were necessary to improve the governance and compliance of our association.

The following provide a summary of the relevant changes in the statutes and the internal regulations:

- The number of Directors on the Board was reduced to seven to allow effective and strategic work and decision-making.
- To guarantee a representation of all membership categories four of the Directors will be nominated by the Full Members, three Directors by the Supporting Members.
- Board update calls will be offered after each Board Meeting to inform all members about the results. All members have the possibility to get actively involved by sending their requests, objections or proposals to the Board via a form sheet. The Board will answer every request.
- Each Board member takes ownership of one preserve, in which he or she feels responsible to keep a close eye on and proactively support the Managing Director. The seven preserves are:
 1. Technical issues and methods
 2. Quality management and audits
 3. Internal communication, marketing and membership
 4. Speaker and public relations
 5. Policy and public affairs
 6. Standardization and CEN liaison
 7. Legal and compliance issues

In case you are interested, you find the amended statutes as well as the revised internal regulations on our homepage.

The General Assembly appointed the Board of Directors as follows:

Directors nominated by Full Members

- Sven-Olof Ryding, IVL (President)
- Aitor Aragon, AENOR (Vice-President)
- Burkhardt Lehmann, IBU (Treasurer)
- Hakon Hauan, EPD Norge

Directors nominated by Supporting Members

- Marc Bosmans, EURIMA, for Trade Associations
- Kim Allbury, BRE, for Green Building Rating Schemes / Councils
- Eva Schmincke, thinkstep, for LCA Practitioners

Attached please find an introduction of all Directors

Sixteen established ECO EPD Programmes

To be recognized as ECO EPD Programme they need to successfully pass an audit, which proves the compliance with ECO Platform's quality guidelines. Fifteen EPD Programmes achieved this status prior to our General Assembly 2018, which was officially celebrated with the handover of ECO EPD Programme Certificates.

List of Established ECO EPD Programmes:

- Bau-EPD (Austria)
- BRE Global EPD Programme (UK)
- DAPconstrucción (Spain)
- DAPHabitat (Portugal)
- EPD Danmark (Denmark)
- EPD Ireland (Ireland)
- EPD Italy (Italy)
- EPD Norge (Norway)
- Global EPD (Spain)
- IBU EPD Programme (Germany)
- ITB EPD Program (Poland)
- MRPI (Netherlands)
- Programme INIES (France)
- The International EPD System (Sweden)
- ZAG EPD (Slovenia)

New ECO EPD Programme RTS from Finland

Just after our General Assembly, RTS from Finland passed the audit too. We congratulate and welcome the Building Information Foundation RTS as the sixteenth Established ECO EPD Programme Operator.

ECO Platform at Greenbuild Europe

As a partner of Greenbuild Europe, the ECO Platform was represented during the event in Berlin from April 16 until April 18. Our Managing Director Christian Donath introduced our objectives and activities during the Materials Workshop. Our ideas were shared, not only by stakeholders from Europe, but beyond. ECO Platform was approached by various organizations that are interested in a cooperation or membership. ECO Platform is seen as a valuable initiative in helping to achieve a global harmonization in the data-exchange of sustainable product-data. Our work on a common digital format and verification of LCA and EPD tools in particular raised wide-spread interest.

In the various sessions of Greenbuild Europe the ECO Platform was frequently mentioned. This provides proof that our platform gained visibility and relevance.

Dates and events

06.09.2018 **Web Board Meeting**

27.-28.09.2018 **Physical ECO Platform Board Meeting** Milano/Italy

26.11.2018 **Web Board Meeting**

14.05.2019 **General Assembly**, Brussels, Belgium

In our next newsletter:

- Work in progress: An inside view from our Technical Working Group
- The new Audit Guidelines
- ECO Platform September Meeting in Milano, Italy

Sven-Olof Ryding
President

Christian Donath
Managing Director