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Meeting of the EU Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) Forum 14 October 2019, Brussels

The main element of discussion was the adoption of the BREF for Surface Treatment using organic Solvents including Wood Preservation with Chemicals ([STS-WPC BREF](#)).

We successfully countered industry attempts to weaken the requirements linked to emissions level and monitoring of organic compounds.

The BREF was approved. The main improvements are:

- Unchanneled emissions (“diffuse emissions”) will be reduced significantly (no solvent loss exceeding 3%, 5% or up to 10% for a few applications) despite current levels of 30%.
- For coil coating the emissions will be reduced by a factor 3
- Channeled TVOC emissions will also have to be cut by up to a factor 5.
- A new EU wide binding limit for NO_x has been introduced for installations running thermal oxidisers.
- TVOC emissions from surface treatment for certain coating and printing activities will also be reduced to max 3.5mg/Nm³.
- Substitution obligations for high concern substances as well as Creosote grades towards water-based chemicals have been safeguarded.

The vote of the IED art 75 committee of member state experts is scheduled for 1st Q of 2020.



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IED evaluation focus groups meetings

15 October 2019, Brussels

We participated in Commission-organised focus groups meetings to present the EEB's position on the IED evaluation and advocate for our key demands. The evaluation outcome is expected during the 2nd quarter of 2020.

The full response submitted by the EEB is available [here](#). **More info: Aliko.**

Meeting of the OECD Working Group on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTRs)

16-17 October 2019, Brussels

We advocated for fit-for-purpose PRTR systems and received updates on best practices implemented in other OECD regions. **More info: Aliko.**

NGO workshop on the energy-water nexus

14-17 October 2019, Goa

The EEB delegation exchanged with Asian NGO groups on the opportunities of NGOs collaboration to address the impacts of lignite mines were identified. **More info: Christian.**



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Meeting of the OECD Expert Group on BAT 23-24 October 2019, Seoul

The aim of this project is to set global BAT approaches, exchange good practices and discuss the need for improved tools.

The meeting also covered the revised draft of Activity 4 'Draft guidance document on how to determine BAT, BAT-associated environmental performance levels and BAT-based permit conditions' with breakout groups discussions.

The EEB provided significant input to the working document, with regards to shortcomings experienced under the EU context. Furthermore, a Guidance document on the 'Dedicated working paper on green chemistry / circular economy approaches within industrial activities' was discussed.

China – with less strong support from the European Commission - were not keen on having decarbonisation as one focus topic to be taken up for the further review. The EEB will therefore develop its own Decarbonisation/Energy Generation BREF to get the agenda going.

The deadline for commenting is 15 November 2019. **More info: Christian.**

