

# EPEE Market Surveillance Workshop Outcome & Conclusions

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# Potential for the future: A stronger role in market surveillance for the EU – H-P. Siderius

- Yes: A stronger role in market surveillance for EU is welcome
- Have joint testing and joint enforcement projects: one group / organisation that coordinates the testing for Europe to make testing more efficient (example of Ecopliant)
- Central EU enforcement agency may be a step too far at this moment. For the time being, stronger coordination would be a good step
- EU Forum for market surveillance (as per new MSR) is welcome
- Central database could be interesting, but would need to be further defined

# Market surveillance at national level & cooperation: the future options – R. Frewin

- Lack of knowledge, for example belief that there is no database, no sharing. Many misconceptions. Any proposal needs to incorporate better communication on what is going on
- Better clarity in the law (especially in implementing measures) and the standards itself for greater consistency
- Minimum levels of market surveillance: just too difficult to realise
- Central market surveillance authority would be probably one step too far. But a central focus group could be interesting, including the Commission
- Obligation to act (new MSR) – there is an obligation to communicate but not to act!
- Different approaches for large and small businesses: for large companies reputation is a big issue but for SMEs not so important. Prosecution would be more important
- Is there a „standard“ for market surveillance? Something like best practice guide for market surveillance to measure success

# Many hurdles to overcome: Testing and third party verification – C. Evans

- Hurdles: Cost; Challenge to find a suitable laboratory (are they independent?); Technical complexity of products for labs (e.g. industrial products)
- Compliant manufacturers also spend a lot of time and effort. But what about the others?
- Only one module is really been taken into account (A – self declaration). Translate the availability of the modules into ecodesign implementing measures.

# What role for industry: private certification programmes as a support – M. Rimmer

- Yes: private certification can have a role and be of support, but need to be independant. It's only support, no replacement!
- How can industry help besides private certification: challenging other manufacturers (example of existing schemes who do this)
- B2B: have a market surveillance authority in their company test lab when they test the product: Are tools correct, is set-up correct? (goes in direction of other modules than A)
- Avoid multiple schemes and programmes