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EEPLIANT3 kick-started:

The largest EU-funded pan-European market surveillance action on product efficiency to date, bringing in more energy savings, more product compliance, more impacts to the benefit of the European consumer

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The largest concerted Market Surveillance Action on EU product efficiency legislation ever funded by the European Union (EU) - [EEPLIANT3](#) - has been officially launched with a conference held on 19 June 2019 in Brussels, at PROSAFE.

29 partners from 20 EU Member States and Turkey joined forces to cooperate in EEPLIANT3, the EU-funded sequel of the EEPLIANT1 and EEPLIANT2 projects. It aims at improving the implementation of EU energy labelling and ecodesign regulations and the operation of the EU Single market by identifying free-riding non-compliant products to the benefit of the European consumer and law-abiding manufacturers. The project will cooperate closely with the two Administrative Cooperation Groups (ADCO) on energy labelling and ecodesign, with each project Activity (Work Package) being led by a Market Surveillance Authority (MSA) and coordinated by one of three facilitating organisations: PROSAFE, Austrian Energy Agency and vores bureau.

Over the next four years, EEPLIANT3 is expected to review and test the energy performance of **air conditioners and comfort fans, household tumble dryers, water heaters and hot water storage tanks, ventilation units, lighting products, and local space heaters** placed on the EU market. The participating Market Surveillance Authorities will evaluate and test products from their national markets following a harmonised risk-based approach – the focus will be on products with a record of high non-compliance rates and risk probability.



Figure 1 - Interactive Work Package Networking Booths during the EEPLIANT3 Launch Event

EEPLIANT3 will seek to create EU added-value by transferring knowledge and building capacity of the EU Market Surveillance Authorities and their officers through its training activities, investigating new challenges and priorities in the field, and developing novel IT tools to further improve the effectiveness of EU market surveillance.

EEPLIANT3 has been designed not only to verify the energy consumption of products found on the EU market, but also to become the platform and the vehicle for building links and synergies with



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key stakeholders such as industry, trade, consumer and environmental NGOs. The overarching goal of such interactions is to multiply the benefits of the action and work jointly towards creating a European market of more energy efficient products and lower non-compliance rates.

EEPLIANT3's objectives are to:

- ▶ Achieve energy savings through better enforcement against non-compliant products;
- ▶ Improve collaboration between Market Surveillance Authorities across Europe and work on creating a harmonised approach to complex issues;
- ▶ Share best practices in sampling and testing of potentially challenging non-compliant products;
- ▶ Exploit inspection and testing results by disseminating findings to all Market Surveillance Authorities across the EU/European Economic Area (EEA);
- ▶ Build capacity and transfer knowledge amongst the EU Market Surveillance Authorities;
- ▶ Provide policy feedback and recommendations to the European Commission for 14 EU regulations and contribute to data-driven decision-making at EU level;
- ▶ Create multiple direct and indirect economic, environmental and societal impacts to the benefit of the European consumer/end user.

EEPLIANT3 at a glance

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Project Coordinator:	PROSAFE - The Product Safety Forum of Europe
Work Package Coordinators:	PROSAFE, Austrian Energy Agency (AEA), vores bureau (vb)
Project's website:	www.eepliant.eu
Project's Twitter account:	@EEPLIANT – hashtag: #EEPLIANT3
No. of partners:	29
No. of EU Member States:	20 plus Turkey [– for details check the Background information below]

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This information is issued by [PROSAFE - The Product Safety Forum of Europe](http://www.prosafe.org), a non-profit NGO formed by market surveillance officers and based in Brussels, and the 29 organisations/MSAs representing 21 EU/EEA countries in EEPLIANT3: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Turkey. PROSAFE brings together market surveillance officers from all over Europe. Visit www.eepliant.eu and www.prosafe.org to learn more the other market surveillance projects coordinated by PROSAFE.

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EEPLIANT3 Launch Event Photo Gallery



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