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## Press Release

# EEPLIANT3 Concerted Action held its second Advisory Board and Management Team Meetings

## EEPLIANT3 on track to achieve the promised energy savings

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The [EEPLIANT3 Concerted Action](#) is the EU-funded sequel to a series of energy efficiency market surveillance Joint Actions since 2012 ([ECOPLIANT](#), [EEPLIANT1](#), [EEPLIANT2](#)). It aims to help deliver the intended energy, economic and environment benefits of the Energy Labelling (EL) and Ecodesign (ED) Regulations by increasing compliance with them. In EEPLIANT3, 29 partners from 20 EU Member States and Turkey have joined forces to review and test the energy performance of six product categories: **air conditioners and comfort fans, household tumble dryers, water heaters and hot water storage tanks, ventilation units, lighting products, and local space heaters.**

Next to this, the project also includes various “horizontal” activities intended to develop smart digital (IT) and traditional tools, expertise and good practices across Europe for a more effective market surveillance on Ecodesign and Energy Labelling. The project is coordinated by [PROSAFE](#) - The Product Safety Forum of Europe, supported by the [Austrian Energy Agency \(AEA\)](#) and [vores bureau \(vb\)](#).

On 9 and 10 February 2021, EEPLIANT3 hosted its second Advisory Board (AB) and Management Team (MT) meetings respectively. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 health crisis and its implications, both meetings were organised in the form of a video teleconference.

The second AB meeting brought together **more than 50 participants from the European Commission, European Market Surveillance Authorities (MSAs), industry and environmental associations.** During the event, the [Project Group](#) had the opportunity to primarily review the progress of the product activities and share with the [Advisory Board members & project stakeholders](#) the preliminary product inspection results. The event included an open discussion, allowing participants to reflect on a number of issues: **(i) the difficulties encountered by EEPLIANT3 MSAs in obtaining the required product documentation from suppliers; (ii) the large number of non-compliances revealed so far by document inspections and how to help business improve; (iii) the state of play of the [European Product Database for Energy Labelling \(EPREL\)](#) and its use by the manufacturers;**<sup>1</sup> and

Figure 1 - Map of the EEPLIANT3 Consortium



<sup>1</sup> As of 1 January 2019, suppliers (manufacturers, importers or authorised representatives) need to register their appliances, which require an energy label in the European Product Database for Energy Labelling (EPREL), before selling them on the European market.



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**(iv) the potential of the “Round Robin” activity as manifested by the empirical results to date.**

The participating organisations exchanged pragmatic ideas and potential solutions to overcome the identified challenges and boost the collaboration between the industry and MSAs.

The second MT meeting allowed for an exhaustive review of the progress and the work to date of all twelve EEPLIANT3 Work Packages, also drawing on the conclusions of the prior AB meeting.

Figure 2 - Word Cloud based on the main comments during the MT meeting

February 2021 also marks the 12-month anniversary of the [EEPLIANT2 Brainstorming Workshop](#) organised on 5 February 2020 by PROSAFE together with the European Commission - the Directorate for Energy (DG ENER). For this reason, a key item on the agenda of the MT meeting was the review of the main findings of the Brainstorm. The participating MSAs examined a number of selected Issues including the development of more unified approaches with regards to ED/EL product inspections, the deepening of the potential synergies with EU Customs, and the calculation and monetisation of the energy and non-energy impacts of noncompliance in terms of energy and financial savings.



Representatives of the European Commission attended both events, providing valuable guidance and advice.

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