

We are launching quarterly reports to keep the ELC member companies fully informed on the activities that the ELC Secretariat is doing both at EU and national level. This report is the first to be issued and covers the period January-March 2008. It talks about events such as the signature of a retailers' agreement with Eurocommerce and Eurelectric, as well as our participation in the Energy Week (EUSEW 2008) in Brussels.

The ELC Secretariat aims to improve the communication with its member companies and its representatives. We are, therefore, open to any feedback that might help us improve our work with you. Do not hesitate to contact us and let us know your impressions – we will highly appreciate it.



Thanks.

Gerald Strickland, Secretary General

Joint Lighting Position ELC-CELMA

CELMA and the ELC have agreed on a common position on lighting. This is going to be the base for the new lobbying activities that need to be done by the RoMS network.

This position is made up of 3 key issues:

1. EU-wide Product Standard, or development of Implementing Measures under the EuP Directive.
2. The ELC and CELMA also call for national measures that can help encourage renovation of existing lighting installations, starting with street and office lighting.
3. Finally, the adoption at EU level of Lighting Design Legislation to improve light quality as well as the energy efficiency of the lighting installation should be a priority.

For more info: <http://roms.elcfed.org/index.php?page=25>

Rafael Barón, new President of CELMA in 2008

Rafael Barón Crespo, President of ANFALUM (Spain) was elected new CELMA 2008 President in the CELMA 2007 General Assembly that took place in Stratford upon Avon on Monday 19 November 2007.



The ELC signs a Retailers' agreement

On 28th January 2008, the ELC signed a Retailers' Agreement with 'Eurocommerce' and 'Eurelectric', in the presence of Commissioner Andris Piebalgs. The main objective of this agreement is for the European Associations to encourage their member companies to promote and support the distribution of CFLs and other energy efficient lamps in European countries.

The signature of this agreement has been an initiative of Directorate-General for Energy and Transport (DG TREN), wishing to prompt voluntary agreements that lead to a greater uptake of more energy efficient products.

This agreement has been sent now to Directorate-General for Competition (DG COMP) to check its compliance with EU anti-trust legislation. The ELC is waiting now for a guidance letter to inform its member companies of the outcome.

Our Federation at the EUSEW 2008

Our Federation participated in the EUSEW 2008 (European Union Sustainable Energy Week), an initiative of DG TREN under the umbrella of the Sustainable Energy Campaign 2005-2008.

We sponsored the conference 'Driving energy efficiency in the lighting market' on January 30th. It was chaired by Gerald Strickland, Secretary General of the ELC. Andras Toth, Policy Officer at DG TREN, and Stéphanie Mittelham, Secretary General of CELMA, also participated in the Conference. The presentations can be found on the ELC website: <http://www.elcfed.org>

Likewise, the ELC had an information stand in the EUSEW Exhibition, which lasted from Monday 28th January till Friday 1st February. This stand helped us spread information on energy efficient lighting. We also gave away energy savers to all guests who came to the exhibition (approximately 700 units). The WG RoMS manned the stand and interacted with the people who showed interest in our industry and current challenges.



Consultation Forum on Domestic Lighting

With a view to preparing the Consultation Forum on Domestic Lighting held on 28th March, the ELC RoMS and DIM Working groups have been working closely in March.

Representatives of both working groups have traveled to the Member States to meet with officials sitting in the Consultation Forum to explain about the ELC proposal to phase-out incandescent light bulbs.

The ELC considers that the proposals put forward by VITO and the European Commission, which shorten the timelines for a phase-out, might result in job losses in Europe, and also in an “empty shelves effect” which would run counter consumers’ interest.

This Consultation Forum discussed about the upcoming implementing measures for domestic lighting under the EuP Directive.

EUP LIGHTING IMPLEMENTING MEASURES - LEGISLATIVE TIMELINE (2008-2009)

Implementing Measure – 2008	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Street Lighting	Finalisation of the IA and IM				Regulatory Committee Phase			Adoption phase			IM Adopted
Office Lighting	Finalisation of the IA and IM				Regulatory Committee Phase			Adoption phase			IM Adopted
Domestic Lighting – Phase I	Comments To VITO Report	Meeting Cons. Forum	Consultation Forum Phase		Finalisation of the IA and IM / Interservice Consultation					Regulatory Committee Vote?	

Implementing Measure – 2009	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
Domestic Lighting – Phase I	Regulatory Committee Vote?		Spring European Council 2009	Adoption phase			IM Adopted

IA: Impact Assessment
IM: Implementing Measure

RoMS held its Annual Plenary Meeting in Brussels

On 15th January, the Working Group RoMS met in Plenary session in Brussels. Representatives from all local RoMS Working Groups attended this meeting, as well as the new local teams that have recently joined our network, namely: Austria, Bulgaria and Portugal.

One of the highlights of this meeting was the presentation of the new ELC-CELMA joint position on lighting, which has been agreed by both Associations and needs now to be deployed in the Member States, in order to inform National Administration officials, as well as other stakeholders, of what we want to achieve.

The Chair of the RoMS Working Group, Bernd Lewandowski, made clear that 2008 is going to be a key year to achieve some of the results for which 2007 has been setting the ground. In particular, the Energy Services Directive (2006/32/EC) needs to be transposed before 17 May. Likewise, the Regulatory Committees for Street and Office Lighting (that will discuss the upcoming implementing measures under the EuP Directive) will meet before summer 2008, thus it is important that the local working groups start meeting their representatives to let them know about our positions.

RoMS priority areas in 2008

EUP	Priority 1
ESD + NEEAPs	Priority 1
EPBD	Priority 1
Green Public Procurement (GPP)	Priority 1
Tax-related Issues	Priority 2



Barbara Manka joins the ELC

Barbara Manka has been recently recruited by the ELC as Project Manager for Public Affairs and Environment. Barbara is a Polish national with previous experience in the European Parliament and the European Commission, where she worked as an assistant to a Polish MEP and as trainee, respectively.

The ButK project met in Berlin

The partners of the ButK project met again, this time in Berlin, in the Berliner Energieagentur offices. The ButK Lighting Taskforce was held on Wednesday 23rd January, whereas the ButK Project Management Committee met on Thursday 24th January.



These meetings served the purpose of preparing the ground for the tendering process that needs to be launched in the 5 municipalities involved, in the coming months. Likewise, the next communications and dissemination activities to be carried out in 2008 and 2009 were discussed.

ButK also launched its first Newsletter in January 2008.

For more info: <http://butk.elcfed.org>

Conference in Wels, Austria

The Secretary General of the ELC participated in the Efficient Lighting Conference, that took place in Wels, Austria, on 7 March 2008. Together with Stéphanie Mittelham, Secretary General of CELMA, they gave a presentation on ‘The European Lighting Industry Position on How to Maximise the Potential Benefits of European Policy on Energy Efficiency in Lighting’.



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