

Dear EURIS member

EURIS Steering Group

- The deadline for nominations to the EURIS Steering Group has now passed and we have had two nominations - Rupert Hodges (EAMA) and Chris Buxton (British Fluid Power Association). The Steering Group will have its first meeting via conference call later this week.

Engagement with BEIS/DExEU

- The EURIS leadership team had a meeting with Keith Hodgkinson and his team (Terry Boniface and Michael Willcocks) at the end of last week to follow up on the discussion and actions from the recent EURIS meeting. It was a very positive meeting, the BEIS team are highly supportive of EURIS and would like to see it secured for the future. Whilst they are not able to offer financial help at this time they have offered to provide resources from their analyst teams to assist with economic modelling. BEIS also emphasised their commitment to provide transparency on policy and Government roles when they can and to have regular update meetings with EURIS (such as the one last week).
- We await feedback from DExEU on the EURIS 2018 future role paper and are following up with them on this.

Notified Bodies

- Further to the publication of European Commission Guidance on the withdrawal of the UK and EU rules in the field of industrial products last week (attached), EURIS has written to DExEU to ask for clarification on the timing of the loss of status of Notified Bodies. As you will see from the attached, it is not however clear from the guidance whether UK NBs will lose their status in March 2019 or after the completion of the two-year implementation period.
- EURIS has also been in touch with the office of the Rt Hon Stephen Timms MP to ask him to table some questions on this issue (EURIS met Stephen Timms last year and he offered to help support EURIS through tabling Parliamentary Questions).

Public Accounts Committee Inquiry

- The Public Accounts Committee continues its ongoing inquiry on Exiting the European Union by examining The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on Wednesday 31 January 2018. Ahead of the evidence session, the Committee has asked for written submissions and EURIS has prepared the attached paper for submission to the Committee (the deadline for submission is tomorrow).
- EURIS has used the submission to focus on our call for clarity on whether the Government intends to maintain all aspects of current EU status during the proposed two-year implementation period. Whilst this is probably slightly outside the remit of the PAC evidence session it is a good opportunity to raise this important issue.

CBI New Year Trade Association Survey

- EURIS has submitted the attached response to the CBI New Year Brexit trade association survey. This submission summarises EURIS' position using information available from papers on the EURIS website.

Environmental Audit Committee inquiry into the future of chemicals regulation

- As mentioned in last week's newsletter, last year EURIS submitted evidence to the Environmental Audit Committee about the future of chemicals regulation. The Committee has secured a House of Commons debate in Westminster Hall on the subject on 1st February and have asked if we have any additional information to add to our original submission. As EURIS members have no further information to share, EURIS will not be making a further submission.

EURIS Membership

- We are following up with all potential trade association members with an update from EURIS' recent engagement with BEIS and hope to have further news soon.

EURIS Members Brexit News

- **The Federation of Environmental Trade Associations:** Please find attached two submissions FETA made to the Environmental Audit Committee late last year concerning F gases in the context of BREXIT. ACRIB is the Air-conditioning and Refrigeration Board – the national body of which FETA are members. One of Russell Beattie's colleagues (Martyn Cooper) subsequently appeared before the Committee and FETA have given them further assistance with their enquiry.

Best wishes

Harriet