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A Word from the Secretary General

Dear members and colleagues,

I am writing this a few days after coming back from Copenhagen, and I am still thinking over two long, honest and genuinely useful days. Our Danish colleagues at VELTEK, and Kai Borggreen in particular, hosted the Board, the working groups and the task forces with real warmth, from the meeting rooms in Glostrup to an evening in Tivoli. Thank you, Kai. Nothing replaces sitting around one table.

We did not use Copenhagen for routine business. We asked ourselves the basic questions: what must CEIR deliver for its members in 2027, what makes us credible in Brussels, and how do we make sure the work rests on many shoulders and not on a few. The answers were encouraging. There is broad agreement to keep CEIR what it is, a European voice built on its national associations, and to make it work better: clearer priorities, visible representation, a revived technical coordination and partnerships that we actually use.

None of that works without you. Several of the most valuable inputs this month came from individual experts who simply took the time: a company paper on the Industrial Accelerator Act, notes from a meeting with Defra, an analysis of some 1,400 pages of consultation responses on chromium VI. That is CEIR at its best. So my ask this month is a simple one: tell us what you see. A national rule that is shifting, a customer question you cannot answer, a figure that proves a point. Two lines are enough to start the conversation.

And please keep forwarding this newsletter. Every new reader makes our sector easier to hear.

Ir. Wouter Lox — Secretary General, CEIR – Taps & Valves Europe

DK COPENHAGEN — TWO DAYS THAT SET OUR COURSE

28–29 OCTOBER 2026 · GLOSTRUP (COPENHAGEN)

Board, Working Groups and Task Forces Meet at VELTEK

CEIR delegates in front of the TEKNIQ building in Glostrup, home of our host VELTEK.

Copenhagen was one of our most intensive meeting rounds in recent years. On Wednesday the Task Force Governance spent the morning on CEIR's purpose, structure and funding, followed in the afternoon by the Public Affairs, Statistics and Communication Working Groups and the Congress Task Force. On Thursday the Board took stock and set direction. Every session was hybrid, so colleagues who could not travel were able to join. The Drinking Water and Substances Working Groups did not meet in Copenhagen; new dates will follow shortly.

Our warm thanks to VELTEK, which generously hosted both days.

GOVERNANCE

Keep the Model, Improve How It Works

The Task Force and the Board converged on keeping CEIR's structure as a federation of national associations, with targeted improvements: year-round partnerships and sponsorship rather than Congress-only support, a reactivated technical coordination across working groups, a work plan built on priorities gathered from each national association, and better use of our partnerships with Water Europe, Cefic and others. A short member survey is under consideration. The Task Force chair will bring a concrete action plan to the Board in January.

REPRESENTATION

Who Speaks for CEIR, and Where?

CEIR colleagues sit in Orgalim groups, CEN committees, drinking-water platforms and more. That is a strength, but it only pays off if the information flows back. The Board asked for a clear overview of who represents CEIR in which body, with a simple mandate and a short written report before each Board meeting. If you attend any meeting on CEIR's behalf, or know of a forum where we should be present and are not, please tell us.

Tell us where you represent CEIR →

STATISTICS

Building a Market Picture We Can Trust

Reliable sector figures remain one of the most requested deliverables, and one of the hardest. The Statistics Working Group, chaired by Alessandro Durante (AVR/ANIMA), proposes an expert workshop that brings together the data our national associations already hold, possibly with academic support from the Politecnico di Milano. The aim is a dataset strong enough to use with the European institutions. If your association collects market data, your expertise is needed.

CONGRESS 2027 · KRAKÓW

Which Session Would You Lead?

The programme for 7–8 June 2027 is taking shape: a business-oriented first day for senior executives, a technical second day, and a gala dinner in a salt mine nearby. Just a consideration: let us not simply repeat the same sessions, but broaden the agenda. Topic leaders are being identified now, ideally by mid-November. Propose a theme, a speaker or yourself.

Propose a session →

DOSSIERS OF IMPORTANCE — WHERE WE STAND

In Copenhagen the Board reviewed the files that weigh most on our sector and will choose one or two priority dossiers for 2027. Below is where they stand. If one of them hits your business harder than we describe, we want to hear about it before January.

UK WATER LABELLING (MWELS)

Labels from September 2027, and the Detail Now Matters

The UK's Mandatory Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme is taking firm shape. Defra has removed electrical products from scope, while taps, non-electric showers, WCs and urinals stay in, across all four UK nations. Legislation is expected by the end of 2026. According to the draft ministerial response, compliance follows 11 months later for new products and 17 months for products already on the market, with enforcement at the point of sale. We are pressing for product-family registration in the UK database, and CEIR's concerns are on DG Trade's table.

SUBSTANCES · CHROMIUM VI

Signals from the REACH Committee as SEAC Concludes

At the REACH Committee on 22 October, Belgium, Denmark and in part Germany opposed several authorisation decisions for sanitary chrome plating. That is an early signal of the debate ahead on the restriction itself. ECHA's Socio-Economic Analysis Committee meets in November to finalise its opinion, and drafting of the restriction is expected to start in December. The Cr(VI) consortium, supported by Apeiron, has analysed the consultation responses and is refining its position, which will go to the CEIR Board before endorsement. Plating and application data from members remain the strongest argument we have.

INDUSTRIAL ACCELERATOR ACT

"Ancillaries in Contact with Water": A Small Word, a Big Risk

Parliament amendments to the Industrial Accelerator Act would require "pipes and ancillaries" in contact with water to contain at least 30% low-carbon, EU-origin plastic. "Ancillaries" is undefined and could sweep in taps and valves. Thanks to an early alert , the Public Affairs WG has drafted a CEIR position asking for the term to be deleted, and MEP offices have indicated taps were never the target. Comments on the draft are due 6 November; the committee vote is pencilled in for 1 December.

Request the draft position →

DRINKING WATER DIRECTIVE

Gaps in the EU Positive List Reach Parliament

Following CEIR's survey on materials missing from the EU positive list, MEPs have put written questions to the Commission (E-10-2026-003614). Examples include hafnium in enamel and glass fibre in polymer composites. In parallel, CEIR contributes sector examples to the European implementation guidance for products in contact with drinking water. The horizon to keep in mind: national certificates give way to the European assessment procedure by 1 January 2033. Timo Kopka (Laufen) chairs our DWD Working Group.

CONSUMER LAW

Empowering Consumers Directive: Do We Need Common Guidance?

Directive (EU) 2024/825 has applied since 27 September, with no grace period for stock already labelled and a mandatory notice on the two-year legal guarantee. It was asked whether the sector has a common approach. It does not yet. The Secretariat proposes a short workshop and sector guidance through the Public Affairs WG. Tell us how your company is handling it.

Share your experience →

PFAS & SCIP

A 26-Page Answer, and a Lesson on Speed

CEIR submitted a detailed 26-page response to ECHA's SEAC consultation on the PFAS restriction, prepared by our own experts without external consultants. It argues that our products were not specifically assessed and need proper transition periods. A lesson from the same month: a cross-industry call to repeal the SCIP database reached Parliament before CEIR's logo could be added. When we ask for a quick endorsement, a fast reply makes all the difference.

ORGALIM PARTNERSHIP BULLETIN 05/26 — ATTACHED, AND ON DEMAND

Orgalim's October bulletin and its Legislative Update on selected EU files are attached to the members' edition of this newsletter, and available on request for anyone else in your organisation. Here is what matters most for taps and valves.

MACHINERY & PRESSURE EQUIPMENT

New Harmonised Standards, and a Clean Bill for PED

The Machinery Regulation applies from 20 January 2027; the final list under the old Directive is out, and the first standards cited under the new Regulation are expected in December. For pressure equipment, Decision (EU) 2026/2211 updates the PED standards, with replaced references withdrawn on 2 April 2028. The Commission's evaluation of the PED and the Simple Pressure Vessels Directive, published on 23 October, finds both broadly fit for purpose. No revision is launched; horizontal issues move to the future European Product Act.

STANDARDS & PRODUCT RULES

Standardisation Regulation Proposed; Product Act on Hold

On 6 October the Commission proposed a new Standardisation Regulation. It aims for faster standards, a fallback route via other standards bodies when the system is too slow, and free access to standards cited in EU law. The companion European Product Regulation, the revision of the New Legislative Framework and market surveillance, no longer has an adoption date. Orgalim approved an advocacy plan on 8 October.

MARKET ACCESS & PROCUREMENT

CBAM Widens; "Buy European" Enters Procurement

Parliament backs extending CBAM to downstream products, now in trilogue. The proposed Public Procurement Act makes best price-quality the default and would let buyers reject tenders with less than 50% Union content, a provision our members selling into utilities should follow closely. Orgalim is also drafting a paper on inward processing as a way to offset CBAM and steel costs.

DIGITAL & CHEMICALS

Cyber Resilience Act Clock Is Ticking

Vulnerability and incident reporting under the Cyber Resilience Act has applied since 11 September; full application follows on 11 December 2027, which is relevant for connected and electronic products. On chemicals, ECHA's risk committee recommends classifying TFA, a PFAS breakdown product found in water, as toxic to reproduction.

Request the bulletin & Legislative Update →

EVENTS — SEE YOU IN DÜSSELDORF

1–3 DECEMBER 2026 · VALVE WORLD EXPO, DÜSSELDORF

Come Find Us at the CEIR Booth, and Join Us on the Evening of 1 December

Valve World Expo is less than a month away, and CEIR will be there with its own booth, materials and, above all, time to talk. On the evening of Tuesday 1 December, VDMA Valves hosts its Networking Night for the valves industry and process technology (18:00–22:00, Congress Center Düsseldorf), which I will attend. It is a perfect moment to meet. Registration with VDMA closes on 13 November. Drop me a line if you would like to set up a meeting at the booth.

Arrange a meeting in Düsseldorf →

WEBINAR · 3 NOVEMBER

Fit4DW: Introducing the Trusted Document Environment

Fit4DW, built on the expertise of Kiwa and DVGW-CERT, presents a secure environment for sharing sensitive technical documentation for drinking-water approvals with authorised parties only. It should mean fewer repeated requests and NDAs, and more control over your IP. The session includes a live demo and Q&A, and is aimed at compliance, quality and certification teams and their raw-material suppliers.

Register for the webinar →

24–25 NOVEMBER · BARCELONA & ONLINE

UWLA Annual General Meeting

The Unified Water Label Association holds its AGM in Barcelona, with online attendance possible, alongside its Marketing & Advocacy and Technical Committees. With UK labelling rules about to land, water labelling is moving fast. CEIR has supported UWLA from the start and will follow the meeting closely.

NEWSLETTERS WORTH SHARING

GLOBAL WATCH

Global Flow Control — Weekly Project Roundup

Every week Global Flow Control tracks major water, energy and industrial projects worldwide. This month's editions featured Veolia's €1.08bn water contract in Barcelona, the £5.7bn White Horse Reservoir in the UK, a SUEZ wastewater contract in Denmark and desalination in Egypt. It is a useful early read on where fluid-control demand is heading. Editions are archived on the Members' Extranet.

Global Flow Control archive (members) →

YOUR NEWSLETTER HERE

Share Your Association's News with Europe

Many of our national associations publish excellent newsletters, often in their own language. Send us your latest edition or a highlight, and we will pick up the stories that matter to colleagues in other countries. One good idea travelling across borders is exactly what a European association is for.

Send us your newsletter →

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	FORMAT / LOCATION
3 Nov 2026	Fit4DW webinar — Trusted Document Environment	Online
6 Nov 2026	Deadline: comments on CEIR position on the Industrial Accelerator Act	Public Affairs WG
13 Nov 2026	Registration deadline — VDMA Networking Night at Valve World Expo	VDMA

DATE	EVENT	FORMAT / LOCATION
Nov 2026	ECHA SEAC-73 — final opinion on the Cr(VI) restriction	Helsinki
24–25 Nov 2026	UWLA Annual General Meeting & committees	Barcelona / online
1–3 Dec 2026	Valve World Expo — CEIR booth; VDMA Networking Night on 1 Dec	Düsseldorf, DE
20 Jan 2027	CEIR–Europump–Orgalim Joint Policy Session & Working Groups	Brussels
21 Jan 2027	CEIR Board Meeting	Brussels
7–8 Jun 2027	CEIR Congress 2027 & General Assembly — "Flow Forward"	Kraków, Poland

SAVE THE DATE

Brussels, 20–21 January — Policy Review and Board

Our next physical round opens with a joint policy session together with Europump and Orgalim, followed by working-group meetings and, on 21 January, the CEIR Board. All members are welcome. If you have not yet confirmed, a quick note to the Secretariat helps us plan.

Confirm your attendance →

GET INVOLVED

Bring Your Expertise to a Working Group

Copenhagen showed how much a handful of committed experts can move. Our working groups and expert groups on public affairs, drinking water, substances, statistics, communication and the new labelling expert group are open to every member. Tell us your field, and we will connect you.

Join a working group →

Have news to share? A member update, a national rule, an industry insight?

Submit your contribution to: secgen@ceir.eu

Background on any of the files above is available on request. Issues #01 and #02 are archived in the Members' Area.

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