### Solar Keymark Network



Experience exchange circle of manufacturers, test labs, certifiers and inspectors working according to the Solar Keymark scheme rules

#### **Final Minutes**

### 17. Solar Keymark Network Meeting September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014; Brussels, Belgium

#### Item 1: Opening of the meeting

Harald Drück, chairman of the Solar Keymark Network (SKN), opened the meeting and welcomed the participants as well as the numerous guests. He thanked Jan Erik Nielsen as the Secretary of the Solar Keymark Network, for the excellent preparation of the meeting.

Harald Drück gave a short explanation about the Solar Keymark Network. The main task of the SK-Network is to agree on uniform procedures between the different actors (accredited solar thermal test labs, certifiers, inspectors and manufacturers) working according to the Solar Keymark scheme rules as well as the further development of Solar Keymark certification in particular and certification of solar thermal products in general.

The working rules of the Solar Keymark Network (SKN) are described in the "Solar Keymark Network Internal Regulations" (Document SKN N0102)

Harald Drück mentioned the concept related to resolutions and decisions:

**Resolutions** directly influence the Solar Keymark specific scheme rules (document SKN\_N0106) and the Solar Keymark network internal regulations (document SKN\_N0102) and hence shall be implemented in the next version of them.

**Decisions** are other important agreements achieved on the meeting that have to be included in the latest version of the Solar Keymark decision list (document SKN N0100).

The meeting took place from Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 13:00 hrs till Wednesday October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, 14:05 hrs at the premises of CEN in Brussels, Belgium.

The first invitation including the first draft agenda (Document SKN\_N0243R0) of the meeting was sent out by email from Jan Erik Nielsen dated July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014.

#### Item 2: Introduction of participants

The participants attending the meeting physically introduced themselves and mentioned their nominating organisation or institution respectively.

As a result of the large number and broad spectrum of participants present the voting preconditions according to clause 4.2 of the Solar Keymark Network internal regulations (Document SKN N0102R) were fulfilled.

Since this meeting was the first meeting that was also additionally transmitted via internet Harald Drück asked the persons following the meeting via Internet to send an email to Pedro Dias and to confirm their virtual presence and to mention their name and institution.

The list of participants that attended the meeting physically and electronically is attached as Annex A.

#### Item 3: Approval of the agenda

Following the first draft agenda (Document SKN\_N0243R0) send out on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, in the last weeks, updated versions of draft agenda as well as documents related to the items mentioned on the agenda were send out and were also available via the Solar Keymark Internet site. The latest version of the agenda was named "17<sup>th</sup> Solar Keymark Network meeting –final draft (rev 1) – R6" document SKN\_N0243R6 dated 29/09/14 and send out on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

This version of the agenda was presented and the following additions were proposed

Item 40.1: Acceptance of EN 12977 system test (Proposed by Ulrich Fritzsche)

Related to Item 41: Update on the situation in UK (Proposed by Pedro Dias)

It was agreed that the final agenda resulting from these changes would be the basis for the 17<sup>th</sup> Solar Keymark Network meeting. This final agenda is, as document SKN\_N0243R7, available via <a href="https://www.solarkeymark.org">www.solarkeymark.org</a>.

## Item 4: Comments and final approval of the minutes of the 16. SKN meeting

Harald Drück mentioned that the minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Solar Keymark Network meeting (File: SKN\_N0240R0.pdf) were elaborated by him, checked by Jan Erik Nielsen and proof read by Maria João Carvalho. He thanked both of them for their work. Jen Erik Nielsen informed the participants of the SKN by email dated March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 about

Jen Erik Nielsen informed the participants of the SKN by email dated March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 about the availability of the minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Solar Keymark Network meeting on the Solar Keymark website.

Within the 30 days following this email the following comments were received by Jan Erik Nielsen:

Item 8: Ulrich Fritzsche mentioned that the performance test results out of
steady state method for unglazed collectors cannot be....

**Action:** The red text above will be included

Item 39.1 (Ulrich Fritzsche): Furthermore....are now part of the test requirements for Solar Keymark and soon also for SRCC certification.

Action: The red text above will be included

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#### Item 19 from Jaime Fernandez Gonzalez-Granda:

I send comments to point 19 of the minutes of our last SKN meeting since I miss an important point we agreed upon during the meeting.
I propose to add the following text at the end of the point 19:
Some Certification Bodies present ask if it is possible to use the proposed new version of annex Al during a trial period until the next SKN meeting of October. It is agreed that this is possible and Jaime Fernandez Gonzalez-Granda will send out a revised version to the group. Using this inspection template shows evidence that all the requirements of Annex E are being evaluated since they are reflected on the check list. Using the actual version of Annex Al it is hard to assure that the inspector is evaluating all aspects of Annex E.

**Action:** Proposed text will be included

Due to the changes mentioned above the document SKN\_N0240R1 results as the revised version of the minutes. Harald Drück asked for approval of this version as the minutes.

The final minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Solar Keymark Network meeting (Document SKN\_N0240R1) were unanimously finally approved by the participants present.

Note: The final version of the minutes will be send out by Jan Erik Nielsen in the coming days.

### Item 5: Date & place of next Solar Keymark Network (SKN) meetings

The 18<sup>th</sup> SKN meeting (spring 2015 meeting) is scheduled for

March 10<sup>th</sup>, 13:00 hrs to March 11<sup>th</sup>, 14:00 hrs, 2015 (end of day one at 19:00 hrs) and will take place in Rome based on an invitation of Vinod Kumar Sharma from ENEA. Note: Inspector's bodies working group meeting on the afternoon of March 9<sup>th</sup> and morning of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 prior to the SKN meeting.

The 19<sup>th</sup> SKN meeting (autumn 2015 meeting) is scheduled for

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 13:00 hrs to October 7<sup>th</sup>, 14:00 hrs, 2015 (end of day one at 19:00 hrs) and will take place in Paris, France based on an invitation of François-Xavier Ball from Eurovent CERTITA

The 20<sup>th</sup> SKN meeting (spring 2016 meeting) is scheduled for

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 13:00 hrs to March 9<sup>th</sup>, 14:00 hrs, 2016 (end of day one at 19:00 hrs) and will take place in Berlin based on an invitation of Sören Scholz from DIN CERTCO (tbc)

#### Item 6: Review of decision list

As agreed at the last meeting Jan Erik Nielsen reviewed the decision list in order to identify topics where further action is needed. However, no such topics were identified by him.

Anyway a short discussion related to the decision list took place and in this context Susanne Hansson proposed to mark decisions that are not relevant anymore because they are superseded or included in other decision.

It was agreed that such "old" decisions should be kept in the decision list but crossed out in the following way: old decision.-

#### Item 7: New Absorber coatings to be considered as equivalent

No new absorber coatings to be considered as equivalent were presented for this meeting.

However, related to this aspect the following question was asked by Stephan Fischer:

Dear Jan Erik, we have currently an application for a new absorber coating to be tested according clause 4.7.1.

Requirement 1 in clause 4.7.1 is asking for mean values of the absorptivity and emittance of the equivalent group 1. Two identical collectors (apart from the absorber coating) are compared to verify the equality of the two coatings. The absorbers of the two collectors must be made of the same material and must have the same thickness. One of the collectors is coated with one of the reference coatings fulfilling the following requirements: alpha  $\geq$  mean value of alpha values in the group - 1 % point; epsilon  $\leq$  mean value of epsilon values in the group + 1 % point. The mean value shall be given and updated each time a new member is included. The other collector is coated with the new coating.

Where can this mean value or the single values (I will be able to calculate the mean value ;-) ) be found? I could not find them in the scheme rules nor the mentioned document SKN N0137, nor in the mentioned decisions.

Best regards, Stephan

The topic was discussed and it was agreed to include the mean values in the tables of document SKN\_N0137. Jan Erik Nielsen presented document SKN\_N0137R10 with the values being included. The document was discussed and slightly modified. Finally the following resolution was made.

### Decision M17.D1 – Equivalency of absorber coatings – presentation of mean values

Based on the documents that provided the basis for the specific decisions concerning the equivalency of absorber coatings Jan Erik Nielsen will fill in the tables of the document SKN\_N0137R10 and calculate the mean values. The resulting document SKN\_N0137R11 will be made available via the Solar Keymark website.

*This decision was taken with 0 negative votes and 0 abstentions.* 

#### Item 8: New Glazing to be considered as equivalent

No new glazings to be considered as equivalent were presented for this meeting.

### Item 9: Proposals for topics for new SCF projects - 6th SCF Call

Jan Erik Nielsen and Harald Drück mentioned that the next call for the projects funded by the Solar Certification Fund (SCF) will be launched on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 with deadline January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

As a basis of the 6<sup>th</sup> SCF call (SCF: Solar Certification Fund) the following activities were proposed:

- Round robin testing and certification of new systems and components (EN 12977-systems, storage and controller)
- Round robin test of collectors related to reliability testing based on ISO 9806:2013
- Round robin test of collectors related to thermal performance testing of solar air collectors based on ISO 9806:2013
- Round robin test of medium temperature (max 250 300 °C) collectors related to thermal performance based on ISO 9806:2013
- Prepare SK scheme rules for absorber surfaces (related to EN ISO 22975-3)
- CE-marking of collectors (EN 12975-1) related to CPR (and other relevant EC regulation like PED, ...?)
- Mapping requirements for collectors throughout the world. Based on this and
  previous work described in SKN\_N0233 make relevant classes for load, and other
  climate impact take into account safety factors. Develop a guideline for
  manufacturers to evaluate in an easy way for which class to go.
- Support for revising ISO 9488 (Solar Energy Vocabulary), e. g for co-financing of ISO WG convenor
- Promotion of Global Solar Certification and ISO 9806:2013
- Further implementation of Global Solar Certification
- Elaboration of harmonised application document and guideline for certification
- Establishment of a link between Solar Keymark certification and Eco Design and Energy Labelling; e.g. preparation of values from Solar Keymark certification in such a way that they can be easily used for Eco Design and Energy Labelling
- Elaboration of standardised methods for life cycle assessment of solar thermal products focusing on environmental and financial aspects
- any other good ideas

The ideas listed above will serve as a basis for the 6<sup>th</sup> SCF Call to be elaborated by the SCF. Proposers of the topics listed above are encouraged to precise their proposals by sending more detailed information. Preferably this input should be in such a way that it can directly be used as the call text.

Please send this information to Jan Erik Nielsen at latest until Oct. 24th, 2014

Provided the amount required for financing of high quality proposals exceeds the available budget a decision of the funded projects will be made by the Solar Certification Fund Steering Group based on priorities.

Note: The next physical **meeting of the Solar Certification Fund Steering Group** will take place on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Brussels.

## Item 10: Changes of Solar Keymark data sheets due to ISO 9806:2013

Harald Drück presented, in his role as chairman of the "Experience Exchange Circle of the German speaking Test Laboratories for Solar Thermal Systems and Components" (EK-TSuB – Prüflaboratorien), the proposal described in the agenda (document SKN\_N0243R6) for a resolution related to the presentation of the collector reference area in the Solar Keymark data sheets.

Since this aspect is closely linked to the content of item 17 and 22 it was not treated here.

## Item 11: Proposal for resolution concerning "Name change of manufacturer or product"

Harald Drück presented, in his role as chairman of the "Experience Exchange Circle of the German speaking Test Laboratories for Solar Thermal Systems and Components" (EK-TSuB – Prüflaboratorien), the proposal described in the agenda (document SKN\_N0243R6) for a resolution related to a change of the name of the manufacturer or the product.

The proposal was discussed and modified and hence the following decision was made.

#### Decision M17.D2 – Name change of manufacturer or product

No new test report is required if only the name (including address and legal status) of the certificate holder is changed (but not the product and its documentation itself).

This decision was taken with 0 negative votes and 1 abstention.

## Item 12: Proposal for resolution concerning "Testing of solar collectors with frames in different colours"

Harald Drück presented, in his role as chairman of the "Experience Exchange Circle of the German speaking Test Laboratories for Solar Thermal Systems and Components" (EK-TSuB – Prüflaboratorien), the proposal described in the agenda (document SKN\_N0243R6) for a resolution related to the testing of solar collectors with different frames in different colours.

The proposal was discussed and modified and hence the following resolution was made

#### Resolution M17.R1 – Testing of solar collectors with frames in different colours

If collectors differ only by the colour of their frame, only one collector needs to be tested. The test results determined by the test of this collector are valid for all collectors differing only by the colour of their frame from the collector tested.

The collector used for testing should be the one that, has according to the manufacturer, the largest market relevance.

This resolution was taken with 0 negative votes and 0 abstentions.

#### Item 13: Determination of gross area for roof integrated collectors

Harald Drück presented, in his role as chairman of the "Experience Exchange Circle of the German speaking Test Laboratories for Solar Thermal Systems and Components" (EK-TSuB – Prüflaboratorien), the following proposals described in the agenda (document SKN\_N0243R6) for a resolution related to determination of the gross area for roof integrated collectors

#### Resolution M17.R2 – Determination of gross area for roof integrated collectors

For the determination of the gross area of roof integrated collectors the part of the roof covered by the roof mounting kit surrounding the collector to prevent the ingress of water into the roof (cladding) shall not be taken into account.

*This resolution was taken with 0 negative votes and 0 abstentions.* 

### Item 14: SKN Budget for 2015 and other financial issues

Jan Erik Nielsen and Pedro Dias presented document SKN0245R0 (Financial status 2014 - budget 2015), SKN\_N0246R0 (Expected fee income 2015 and expense) and SKN\_N0247R0 (Services to be provided by ESTIF to the Solar Keymark Network in 2015). In this context Jan Erik Nielsen also mentioned explicitly that it is not intended to change the fees.

In this context he mentioned, based on a request by Harald Drück also, that no answer from CCB was received related to the request for a reduction of the CEN fees for 2015 based on decision D6.M15 (CEN fees for 2015).

The documents were discussed and the following resolution and decision were made:

#### Resolution M17.R3 – SKN fees for 2015

For 2015 the Solar Keymark Network fees will not be changed compared to 2014. Hence, the fees will still be as follows:

maintype fee of 50 € subtype fee of 230 €

*This resolution was taken with 0 negative votes and 0 abstentions.* 

#### Decision M17.D3 – SKN Budget for 2015

The budget of the SKN for 2015 as specified in documents SKN\_0245R0 (Financial status 2014 - budget 2015), SKN\_N0246R0 (Expected fee income 2015 and expense) and SKN\_N0247R0 (Services to be provided by ESTIF to the Solar Keymark Network in 2015) is accepted by the Solar Keymark Network.

*This decision was taken with 0 negative votes and 0 abstentions.* 

#### Item 15: Approval and exclusion of test labs by SKN"

Katharina Meyer presented document SKN\_N0250R0 entitled "Proposal for handling complaints related to testing laboratories and inspectors" elaborated by the "Certification Body Group". She also mentioned that due to time constrains it was not possible to present a final version of the document that could directly serve as a basis for a resolution. Hence, the present version of the document should serve as a basis for discussion.

Harald Drück thanked Katharina Meyer and Sören Scholz as well as the "Certification Body Group" for the elaboration of the document.

The document was discussed and several questions were answered by Katharina Meyer and Sören Scholz.

It was agreed that the "Certification Body Group" should prepare a final version of the document and a proposal for a corresponding resolution for the next SKN meeting.

## Item 16: Improvement for organisation and funding of SKN activities

As agreed on at the last Solar Keymark Network meeting Jaime Fernandez Gonzalez-Granda elaborated the two proposals for funding the work of the chairs of working groups described in the agenda (document SKN\_N0243R6).

The proposals of Jaime Fernandez Gonzalez-Granda were discussed and the following resolution was made:

#### Resolution M17.R4 – Funding of SKN working group convenors

A funding of maximum  $500 \in$  for working group conveners can be granted after the presentation of the results of the work performed by the working group based on an explicit request of the working group convenor.

The decision related to the funding will be made by the SKN at the meeting where the results of the working group are presented and accepted.

*This resolution was taken with 1 negative vote and 5 abstentions.* 

## Item 17: Transition from old EN 12975-1&2 to new EN 12975-1 and new EN ISO 9806:2013

The new standard EN ISO 9806:2013 is describing test methods for solar collectors and will replace the older standard EN 12975-2.

Unfortunately, the revision of EN 12975-1 with requirements for collectors is delayed and the current version still refers only to EN 12975-2 and not ISO 9806:2013.

Hence, if EN ISO 9806 is accepted for Solar Keymark certification parallel to EN 12975-2, the Solar Keymark data sheets will be incompatible because the presentation of the performance indicators are based on different reference areas. It is desirable not to prolong this ambiguous state and to set a time limit when the Solar Keymark data sheets and certificates based on EN 12975-2 must be replaced by new ones based on EN ISO 9806:2013.

Hence, at the last Solar Keymark network meeting it was agreed to establish a working group to elaborate procedures for the transition from the old EN 12975-1&2 to new EN 12975-1 and new EN ISO 9806:2013 until April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. The working group is consisting of the following persons:

Jaime Fernandez Gonzalez-Granda (Chair), Sören Scholz, Stephan Fischer, Korbinian Kramber, Stefan Mehnert, Vinod Kumar Sharma, Ozan Türk., Daniele Bernacchioni, Alberto García de Jalón, Martin Perrson, Susanne Hansson, Pilar Navarro, João Santos, Maria João Carvalho, Ulrich Fritzsche, Franck Cheutin,

On behalf of this working group Jaime Fernandez Gonzalez-Granda presented document N0106\_Annex\_H\_R0 and the proposal for a resolution as described in the agenda (document SKN N0243R6).

The proposal was intensively discussed on the first day of the meeting, but unfortunately no compromise could be found. Therefore Jaime Fernandez Gonzalez-Granda and some colleagues dealt with the subject again during the evening and presented a modified version of annex H (document SKN\_N0106\_Annex\_H\_R0) as well a proposal on how the changes in the scheme rules can be directly implemented (document SKN\_N0106R22.doc)

The documents were again discussed on the second day of the meeting and slightly modified. Finally the following resolution was made

### Resolution M17.R5 – Transition from EN 12975-1&2 to EN 12975-1 and EN ISO 9806:2013

The document N0106\_Annex\_H\_R1 will become a temporary Annex to the Solar Keymark Scheme Rules.

The Solar Keymark scheme rules will be changed as described in document SKN N0106R22.doc

*This resolution was taken with 0 negative votes and 0 abstentions.* 

#### Item 18: Corrections related to ISO 9806:2013

Maria João Carvalho mentioned that the Solar Keymark Network identified that a few editorial corrections are needed in ISO 9806:2003 in order to guarantee that no mistakes in testing occur when using the standard. A list of these editorial corrections is included in document SK\_N0244R0. This list will be sent to ISO TC180 Secretariat in order to submit a request for amendment to the standard with the necessary corrections. Testing Laboratories using the standard ISO 9806:2013 shall consider these corrections when testing."

#### Decision M17.D4 - Corrections related to EN ISO 9806:2013

The Solar Keymark Network requests Jan Erik Nielsen as the Solar Keymark Network secretary to send document SK\_N0244R0 to ISO TC180 secretariat and to TC 312 WG 1 convener and to submit a request for a modification of the standard with the necessary corrections.

Furthermore testing laboratories using the standard EN ISO 9806:2013 shall already now consider these corrections when performing tests.

*This decision was taken with 0 negative votes and 0 abstentions.* 

## Item 19: Freeze resistance test of evacuated tube collectors with heat pipes

Danjana Theis mentioned that the last revision (SKN\_N0106\_AnnexF\_R2) seems to be not available and the document list refers to SKN0228R0 instead. Unfortunately SKN0228R0 is still a draft and hence not approved by the Solar Keymark Network.

She proposes to delete SKN0228R0 in the document list, and to prepare an AnnexF\_R2(R3) without comments/corrections for approval by the Solar Keymark Network.

Ulrich Fritzsche mentioned that document SKN\_N0106\_AnnexF\_R2 contains comments from Mr. Koch that were so far not discussed within the SKN and are also partly inconsistent.

It was greed that Ulrich Fritzsche will remove these comments and check the whole document again for consistency and terminology. Together with Jan Erik Nielsen he will elaborate a final version of the document that will be made available to the SKN.

## Item 20: Proposal for resolution concerning more specified requirements for changing the certification body

Katharina Meyer presented document SKN\_N0249R0 entitled "Proposal for more specific requirements in case of changing the certification body".

Harald Drück thanked Katharina Meyer and Sören Scholz for the elaboration of the document. The document was shortly discussed and finally the following resolution was made:

#### Resolution M17.R6 – Procedures for changing the certification body

The experts present agreed to include the following text as new chapter 11 (Changing the certification body) and new chapter 13.4 (OBL certification) as described below in the Solar Keymark Scheme rules (document SKN N106):

Chapter 11: Changing the certification bodies

- It is possible for a manufacturer to move with an original certificate to another certification body without re-testing and re-inspection
- The certification body that issued the original certificate has to be informed by the certificate holder about the cancellation of the certificate
- A copy of the notification of cancellation by the former certification body has to be provided to the "new" certification body before issuing the new certificate
- The test report(s) and the inspection report(s) have to be provided to the "new" certification body
- The testing laboratory that issued the test reports has to be accepted by the "new" certification body before issuing the new certificate
- At least a new data sheet shall be issued stating the "new" certification body and registration number.
- Change of certification body and issuance of new certificate should be done within 3 months after the request.
- Original certificate shall be withdrawn when new one is issued
- These procedures apply to all OBL certificates linked to the original certificate

#### 13.4 OBL certification

OBL certificates shall be issued by the certification body who issued the original certificate.

If the holder of the original certificate (manufacturer/OEM) wants to change the certification body, paragraph 11 applies.

This resolution replaces SKN decision D1.M3 and SKN decision D3.M5

*This resolution was taken with 1 negative vote and 0 abstentions.* 

#### Item 21: Classification of collectors

Jan Erik Nielsen presented ideas for the classification of collectors as described in the agenda (document SKN\_N0243R6) to be included in the Solar Keymark Scheme rules as a new section "Classification of collectors"

The proposals were discussed and it was agreed that further work is required in order to come to a real classification of collectors. However, as first step the following resolutions were made:

## Resolution M17.R7 – Presentation of information related to mechanical resistance in data sheets

In the next revised version of the data sheets the following information shall be given:

The collector was successfully tested up to a <u>positive</u> mechanical load of  $p_{ml+} = xxx$  Pa and a <u>negative</u> load of  $p_{ml-} = -yyy$  Pa.

(xxx and yyy depending on the test conditions)

*This resolution was taken with 0 negative votes and 0 abstentions.* 

#### Resolution M17.R8 - Presentation of information related to climate classes

For tests performed according EN ISO 9806:2013 in the next revised version of the data sheets the following information shall be given:

The collector was successfully tested according to climate class X according to EN ISO 9806:2013.

(x depending on the test conditions)

This resolution was taken with 0 negative votes and 0 abstentions.

#### Resolution M17.R9 - Presentation of information related to hail resistance

For tests performed according EN ISO 9806:2013 in the next revised version of the data sheets the following information shall be given:

The collector was successfully tested for hail resistance with ice balls of diameter xx / steel balls dropping height x according to EN ISO 9806:2013. (x depending on the test conditions)

This resolution was taken with 0 negative votes and 0 abstentions.

## Item 22: Example of a completely correct and "nice" Solar Keymark data sheet for solar collectors

Based on an activity already stated at the 12<sup>th</sup> SKN meeting to improve the quality of the work performed by test laboratories, certification bodies and inspectors, a working group was establish.

In the meanwhile the composition of the originally formed working group was slightly modified and consisted since the 14<sup>th</sup> SKN meeting of the following persons:

Andreas Bohren (Chair), Stephan Fischer, Uli Fritzsche, Sören Scholz, Danjana Theis, Jef Profke, Vinod Shama, Stefan Mehnert, Henry Rosik, Stamatios Babalis, Julien Heintz, Alberto Garcia, Franz Helmlinger, Jaime Fernandez Gonzalez-Granda, Carsten Lampe, Harald Dehner, Achim Sadenwater, Mark Witt, Malte Kottwitz and from the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting on also Jan Erik Nielsen

At the 16<sup>th</sup> SKN meeting it was agreed that the working group should prepare an example of a "nice" data sheet for flat plate collectors and vacuum tube collectors.

Andreas Bohren presented a proposal for a "nice" data sheet. In this context he also mentioned the points listed in the agenda (document SKN\_N0243R6). The proposal, as well as, some questions raised by Andreas Bohen, was discussed and the following decision was made:

#### Decision M17.D5 - New solar collector data sheet

It was agreed that Andreas Bohren shall revise the data sheet according to the result of the discussions performed at the present meeting.

The resulting version of the data sheet will be circulated by Jan Erik Nielsen to the SKN.

Furthermore the SKN requests SP to update ScEnOCalc according to the latest version of the data sheet.

*This decision was taken with 0 negative votes and 0 abstentions.* 

#### Item 23: Data sheet for systems, stores and controllers

Jan Erik Nielsen presented the following proposals for data sheets:

System data sheet (EN12976 & EN 12977; only for domestic hot water systems):

Document N0106\_AnnexB2\_R3.4-system.xlsx

Annex B3: Store data sheet (EN 12977-3 & -4)

Document: SKN\_N0106\_AnnexB3\_R0.4-store.xlsx

Controller data sheet (EN 12977-5)

SKN N0106 AnnexB4 R0.4-controller.xlsx

Note: Files can be downloaded from:

http://www.estif.org/solarkeymarknew/the-solar-keymark-scheme-rules

After the presentation a short discussion took place and finally the following resolution was made

#### Resolution M17.R10 - Data sheets for systems, stores and controllers

The following templates for data sheets for systems, stores and controllers are added as Annexes to the Solar Keymark scheme rules and shall be used from now on

System data sheet (EN12976 & EN 12977):

Document N0106 AnnexB2 R3.4-system.xlsx

Annex B3: Store data sheet (EN 12977-3 & -4)

Document: SKN N0106 AnnexB3 R0.4-store.xlsx

Controller data sheet (EN 12977-5)

SKN\_N0106\_AnnexB4\_R0.4-controller.xlsx

This resolution was taken with 0 negative votes and 0 abstentions.

## Item 24: Update of Annex G "Solar Keymark certificates and sub licences for other brands, product names and sellers"

At the 16<sup>th</sup> SKN meeting Pedro Dias presented the subject of "certificates for different brand names" and asked for feedback in order to elaborate a final proposal for a resolution at the next SKN meeting.

The intention was to carry out the work in the working group established already at the 16<sup>th</sup> SKN meeting consisting of the following persons:

Pedo Dias (Chair), Sören Scholz, Jaime Fernandez Gonzalez-Granda, Ralf Köbbemann-Rengers, Allard Slomp, François-Xavier Ball, Hans Peter Weiss, João Santos, Jan Erik Nielsen and Eileen Prado as new member for the 16. meeting onwards.

Pedro Dias mentioned that not much work was done in the meanwhile related to this topic due to missing time resources.

It was discussed how to proceed with this activity and finally it was agreed that Pedro Dias and his group should restart their activities and elaborate a proposal as a basis for a decision at the next meeting describing how to improve the registration numbers of SKN licenses, so that when subtype licenses are issued, the related main license can be easily tracked.

## Item 25: Information on status of new versions of Annex A and Annex E

Jaime Fernandez Gonzalez-Granda presented the current status of the elaboration of the two annexes based on the information given in the agenda (document SKN\_N0243R6) and also by means of the presentation attached as Annex B

The work was discussed and in this context it was also agreed to arrange an "Inspector's bodies working group" meeting on the afternoon of March 9<sup>th</sup> and morning of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Rome, prior to the SKN meeting.

## Item 26: Inclusion of performance test results of unglazed collectors in Solar Keymark data sheets

Susanne Hansson mentioned on behalf of Peter Kovacs, who was not present at the meeting, that there is a SCF project existing related to the implementation of performance calculation procedures for unglazed collectors in ScEnOCalc. Even SP has not started to work on this project yet it is expected that the work will be done ahead of the spring 2015 SKN meeting.

#### Item 27: Solar Certification Fund Projects - General status report

By means of the presentation attached as Annex C, Pedro Dias gave first a general overview of the number of projects as well as on their status supported by the Solar Certification Fund (SCF) in the different calls as well as the corresponding budget allocated to the different calls.

He also reported about the improvements already performed related to the management of the SCF projects as well as ideas for further improvements.

After and during the presentation some questions were asked by some participants and answered by Pedro Dias.

Harald Drück thanked Fabrizio Dangelo and Pedro Dias for the huge amount of work ESTIF is performing in a highly professional way.

#### Item 28: Global certification

Jan Erik Nielsen gave a short presentation about the current status and the latest developments related to global certification by means of the presentation attached as Annex D. The overall goal of the activities related to Global Solar Certification is to save testing and certification costs for the industry.

In this context he mentioned that the subject of "global certification" will be dealt in much more detail in the meeting of the Global Solar Certification Network and the IEA Task 43 (Solar rating and certification) scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Beijing, China.

#### Item 29: Fundamental new data base

Jan Erik Nielsen informed about the fact that a new version of the existing database will be online in the next days. Even if the visual appearance does not differ significantly from the existing one, the functionally behind is renewed.

Furthermore Jan Erik Nielsen informed about the ideas of a fundamental new data base by means of document SKN\_N0253R0. The work related to this fundamental new data base is financed by a corresponding SCF project.

During the discussion the point was raised, that it will be quite easy with the fundamental new database to compare the products with regard to different criteria since "sorting functions" will be available. Since this point might be critical for industry it was agreed that Christian Stadler will nominate an industry representative being responsible for this aspect and following the development of the fundamental new data base in close co-operation with Jan Erik Nielsen.

Furthermore the wish was expressed, that the database should replace in the future the physical printed datasheet.

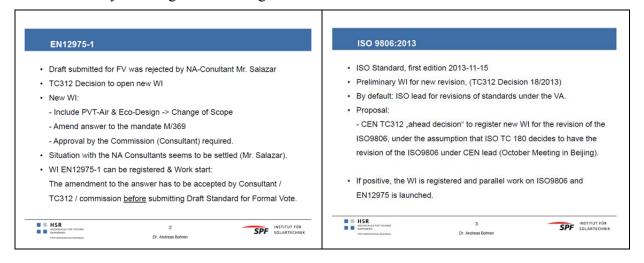
#### Item 30: Update on round robin testing of systems / components

Jan Erik Nielsen asked if there are any plans for round robin testing of systems and / or components. The result was that there are no specific plans except the nearly finished robin test of stores financed by a SCF projects and the ideas for round robin testing activities within the  $6^{th}$  SCF call (see also item 9).

After a short discussion there was a consensus that a periodical round robin test, e.g. all 5 years, is not practicable due to missing financial resources.

### Item 31: Update on CE marking of Collectors

Andreas Bohren as convenor of TC 312 WG1 reported about the latest status of the new EN 12975-1 by showing the following slides:



Andreas Bohren also mentioned that the CEN consultant Mr. Salazar will attend the CEN TC 312 meeting tomorrow (Oct 2, 2014).

It is intended to elaborate a new daft of EN 12975-1 until the end of 2015. Hence, the new version of EN 12975-1 can be available until end of 2016. Two years after announcing the publication of the harmonized standard in the Official Journal of the European Union CE marking of the collectors is mandatory.

Finally it was also mentioned that a revision of ISO 9806:2013 is intended. A decision related to this will be made at the next ISO TC 180 meeting taking place in the first week of October 2014 in Beijing

#### Item 32: Information on Energy Labelling

Gerard van Amerongen showed the presentation attached as Annex E. After the presentation some questions were raised by some of the participants and answered by Gerard van Amerongen.

## Item 33: Report from the Solar Keymark Certification Bodies / Solar Keymark Inspection Working Group

With regard to the **Certification Bodies Working Group** Sören Scholz informed about the fact that since the last SKN meeting 3 meetings took place. The meetings were to a large extend related to the elaboration of documents presented at this meeting.

With regard to the **Inspector's Bodies Working Group** Jaime Fernandez Gonzalez-Granda mentioned that no reportable activities were carried out since the last meeting. Furthermore he mentioned that an "Inspector's bodies working group" meeting is scheduled for the afternoon of March 9<sup>th</sup> and morning of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Rome, prior to the next SKN meeting.

### Item 34: PVT testing

Ulrich Fritzsche proposed to reactivate the working group that worked on PVT testing since there is the need to deal with several important questions related to testing and certification of PVT collectors.

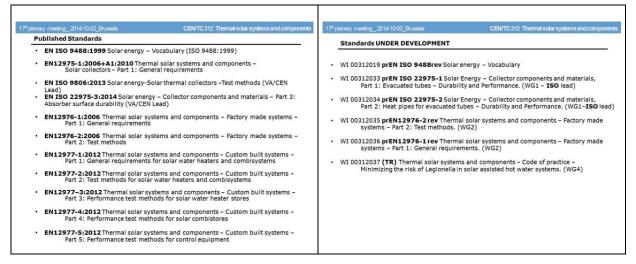
Since a doodle survey performed by him did only result in four interested persons he asked again at the meeting for persons interested in participating.

The working group on PVT testing is at present consisting of the following persons:

Ulrich Fritzsche (Chair), Giovanni Bellenda, Carsten Lampe, Joakim Byström, João Santos, Katharina Meyer, Korbinian Kramer, Mark Witt, Remi Heutte, Soeren Scholz, Stephan Fischer, Andreas Bohren, Alberto Garcia, Jaime Fernandez Gonzalez-Granda, Daniele Bernacchioni

#### Item 35: Information from CEN TC 312

Vassiliki Drosou being the secretary of TC 312 informed about the current status of the standards in the responsibility of TC 312 by showing the following two slides:



Furthermore she mentioned that ESTIF signed an agreement with CEN as Liaison Organization related to CEN/TC 312.

#### Item 36: Information from CEN CCB

According to the agenda it was planned that under this item Hoang Liauw will speak, but unfortunately he was not present. Harald Drück as the chairman of the Solar Keymark Network expressed his disappointment about the absence of him. This fact is especially sad since Hoang Liauw has his office in the same building where the meeting took place and furthermore the Solar Keymark is the Keymark certification scheme delivering the largest revenue to CEN.

Sören Scholz mentioned that as a result of the call for tender concerning an outsourcing of the Keymark activities 6 offers were handed in. Originally it was planned to make a final decision after the summer holidays and sign the contract during autumn so that the winning organisation could start their activities at the beginning of 2015. According to Sören Scholz it is unrealistic to reach this goal.

### Item 37: Presentation of selected SCF project results

The results and status of the following SCF projects were presented:

#### 5C5.1-TC312WG\_SPF (Andreas Borhen)

Presentation of short summary reports of the WG1 meetings No treated here, since content was already presented in the frame of item 31

#### 5C8.1-EPBD\_vAConsult (Gerard van Amerongen)

Presentation of Excel tool revised Fchart method and Excel tool new hourly method. See presentation attached as Annex F

#### 5C4.1-LiasTC117-ITW (Stephan Fischer)

Presentation the work of the liaison officer who will follow the work going on in the IEC/TC117

See presentation attached as Annex G

#### 4C08-RR12977 IfEP (Christian Weissmueller / Stefan Kunze)

Presentation of the final results of a Round Robin Test of a solar water heater store according to EN 12977-3 and performance predictions of a complete solar water heating system according to EN 12977-2.

See presentation attached as Annex H

Related to this topic Stephan Fischer also mentioned the fact that one of the test labs originally intended to participate in the Round Robin test and that was also partner of the SCF project financing the activity stepped out and one other lab that was not part of the original consortium stepped in. In this context he asked the question if it is accepted by the SKN to reallocate the budget of the test lab that stepped out of the project to the one that stepped in. This was accepted by the SKN.

#### 4C06-SK-12976 (Danjana Theis, Maria João Carvalho)

Presentation of the harmonized conditions, corrected QAiST RR results, final data sheet generator, manual, round robin results with data sheet generator.

See presentation attached as Annex I

At the end of the presentation Maria João Carvalho encouraged the participants to apply the developed software tools and to report about their experience to Danjana Theis and Maria João Carvalho to provide the basis for a further improvement.

#### 2C06-SysIndoor-ITW (Stephan Fischer)

Presentation of the results of an indoor test procedure for factory made systems according to EN12976

See presentation attached as Annex J

### Item 38: Experience with the misuse of the Solar Keymark

Due to the fact that no extreme severe cases of misuse were detected and since the available time got quite short this topic was not dealt with.

#### Item 39: Validation of ScEnOCalc

Since Peter Kovacs was not present at the meeting and since the remaining meeting time was quite short this topic was not dealt with.

#### Item 40: Any other business

## Item 40.1: Acceptance of EN 12977 system test with regard to domestic hot water systems

Ulrich Fritzsche asked the participants about the relevance of system tests according to EN 12977 in their country.

For **The Netherlands** Gerard van Amerongen mentioned that usually tests according to EN 12976 are required.

In France regulatory texts mentioning solar domestic hot water systems are not specifically based on an approach using EN 12976. For instance the French Thermal regulation is referring to EN 12975, EN 12977 but not to EN 12976. Regarding incentives, e.g. provisions related to tax decreases, some of the current texts are referring to certification, but without tying it to a specific set of standards. There are at the moment some uncertainties regarding these last texts which are expected to be modified in the near future. (Source: François-Xavier Ball)

#### Item 41: Important national developments

Concerning the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS) in the UK Harald Drück presented on behalf of Pedro Dias the presentation attached as Annex K.

The main two messages are that the MCS012 is at present suspended and that it is still not notified by the EU. Hence the MCS012 is at present inactive.

## Copy of Item 5: Date and place of next meetings – since next meetings are usually stated at the end of the minutes

The 18<sup>th</sup> SKN meeting (spring 2015 meeting) is scheduled for

March 10<sup>th</sup>, 13:00 hrs to March 11<sup>th</sup>, 14:00 hrs, 2015 (end of day one at 19:00 hrs) and will take place in Rome based on an invitation of Vinod Kumar Sharma from ENEA. Note: Inspector's bodies working group meeting on the afternoon of March 9<sup>th</sup> and morning of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 prior to the SKN meeting.

The 19<sup>th</sup> SKN meeting (autumn 2015 meeting) is scheduled for

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 13:00 hrs to October 7<sup>th</sup>, 14:00 hrs, 2015 (end of day one at 19:00 hrs) and will take place in Paris, France based on an invitation of François-Xavier Ball from Eurovent CERTITA

The 20<sup>th</sup> SKN meeting (spring 2016 meeting) is scheduled for

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 13:00 hrs to March 9<sup>th</sup>, 14:00 hrs, 2016 (end of day one at 19:00 hrs) and will take place in Berlin based on an invitation of Sören Scholz from DIN CERTCO (tbc)

### Item 42: End of meeting

Harald Drück thanked the participants for attending the meeting and for their constructive discussions. He also thanked Jan Erik Nielsen for the excellent preparation of the meeting and the work he is doing as Solar Keymark Network Secretary in a highly professional way.

The participants thanked Harald Drück for his very effective and constructive conduction of the meeting.

The meeting ended at 14:05 hrs.

The minutes were prepared by Harald Drück (Chairman of the Solar Keymark Network) in assistance with Jan Erik Nielsen (SKN Secretariat) and Maria João Carvalho (proof reading) Stuttgart, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

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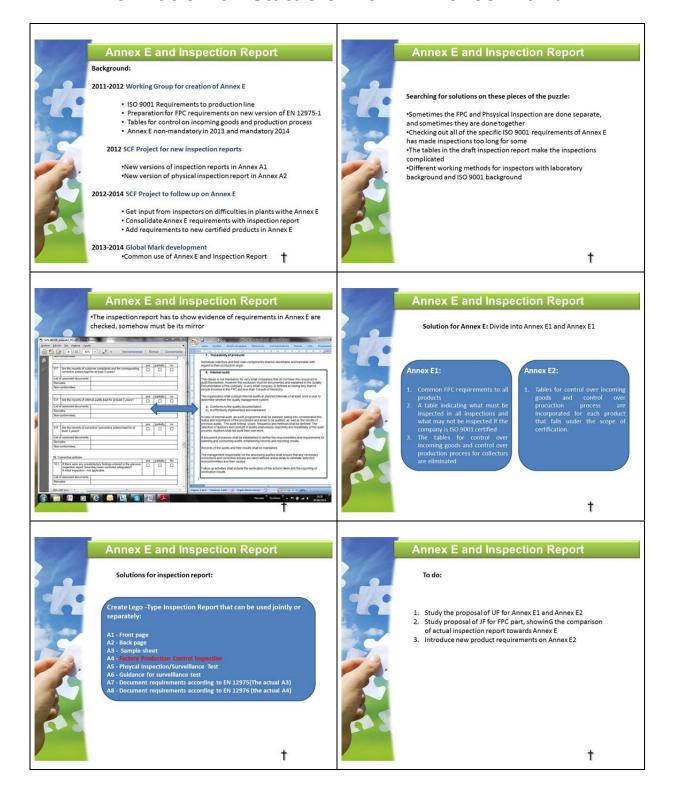
### **Annex A: List of participants**

### 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting, Brussels, September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014

NAME	ORGANISATION
Participants physically present	
Alberto García de Jalón	CENER
Andreas Bohren	SPF Solartechnik
Daniele Bernacchioni	ICIM S.p.A.
Franck Cheutin	CSTB
Harald Drück	ITW/TZS
Jaime Fernandez Gonzalez-Granda	AENOR
João Santos	CERTIF
Korbinian Kramer	Fraunhofer ISE
Maria João Carvalho	LNEG
Pedro Dias	ESTIF
Stefan Mehnert	Fraunhofer ISE
Stephan Fischer	ITW/TZS
Ulrich Fritzsche	TÜV Rheinland Energie und Umwelt GmbH
Vinod Kumar Sharma	ENEA
Christian Stadler	ARCON Solarwärme GmbH
Emmanuel Leger	Laboratoire BELENOS
Sophie Bocquillon	EUROVENT CERTITA
Matteo Sartori	Kiwa Italia SpA
Luis González-Monroy	Termicol Energía Solar, S.L.
Richard Unwin	ANTL
Richard Horton	Rheem Australia Pty LTD
Paul Lampersberger	AIT Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH
Fabrizio D'Angelo	ESTIF
Malte Kottwitz	TUV
Paraskevas Kyriakou	Applied Energy Laboratory
George Nikolaides	TUV CYPRUS LTD
Henry Rosik	ITC (CZ)
Jan Erik Nielsen	SolarKey Int.
Francois Ball	EUROVENT CERTITA
Katharina Meyer	DIN CERTCO GmbH
Sören Scholz	DIN CERTCO GmbH
Danjana Theis	IZES gGmbH

Vassiliki Drosou	CRES/ELOT
Ioannis Alexiou	DQS HELLAS
Nikos Kanatsoulis	MIRTEC SA
Marcella Discacciati	ALBARUBENS SRL
Antonio Dias	CTCV
Pedro Cardoso	СТСУ
Peter Cervenansky	TSU Piestany
Susanne Hansson	SP Technical Research Institute of Sweden
Gerard van Amerongen	vAConsult
Participants electronically present	
Achim Sadenwater	DIN CERTCO (Germany)
George Roditis	Applied Energy Laboratory (AElab) (Cyprus)
Giovanni Bellenda	Eurofins (Italy)
Ken Guthrie	Sustainable Energy Transformation (Australia)

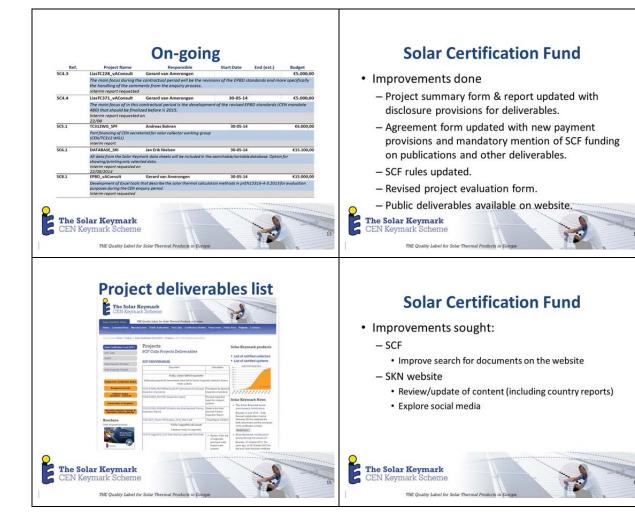
# Annex B Information on status of new Annexes A and E



# Annex C Solar Certification Fund – General Status Report







### Annex D **Global Solar Certification**



#### **Global Solar Certification**

#### An introduction to "Global Solar Certification"

Jan Erik Nielsen Global Solar Certification Network Manager, IEA-SHC Task 43 Operating Agent







#### Global Solar Certification

#### Aim

- ☐ Facilitate worldwide cross-border trading for manufacturers of solar
- $\hfill \Box$  Minimize the need for re-testing and re-inspection for new markets







#### Global Solar Certification

#### Scope

☐ First: Solar thermal collectors (test procedures given ISO 9086) Next: Other solar thermal components as well as complete solar water heaters and solar heating/cooling systems to be included a later stage







#### Global Solar Certification

#### Concept

Cooperation between certification bodies and schemes around the world recognizing each others certification and the testing and inspection

- □ When a product has been certified by one of the participating. certification bodies/schemes, the product can obtain certification from all other participating certification bodies/schemes without retesting of the product and without re-inspection of production
- Supplementary testing may be required in some cases due to specific requirements in national regulation.

  Basis for testing: ISO 9806







#### Global Solar Certification

#### Organisation

The Global Solar Certification Network (GSCN) is made up by:
industry representatives
representatives from participating certification bodies, test labs and inspectors

The GSCN is governed by a board of directors:

□ Asia: Xiaowen Zhou (Ind), He Tao (TL)
□ Europe: Peter Markart (Ind), Sören Scholz (CB), Jaime Fernandez (CB), Harald Drück
(TL), Korblian Kramer (TL)
□ North America: Les Nelson (CB), Eileen Prado (CB), Alfred Brunger (TL)

Chairman: Harald Drück, Vice Chair: Les Nelson, Treasurer: Eileen Prado, Secretary: Peter Markart Daily management: The manager (Jan Erik Nielsen)

Task 43





#### Global Solar Certification

#### How does it work for manufacturers

- A manufacturer having already a certificate accepted within the GSCN, simply apply directly to a certification body issuing the wanted certificate (also accepted within the GSCN), showing his existing certificate and related documentation.
- ☐ The "new" certification body will then tell the manufacturer if any
- additional testing will needed.

  If no additional testing is required or when such additional testing has completed - the manufacturer is granted the license to mark his product with the "new" certificate too.

  Some fees for the "new" certification will apply.







#### Global Solar Certification

#### How does it work - for manufacturers











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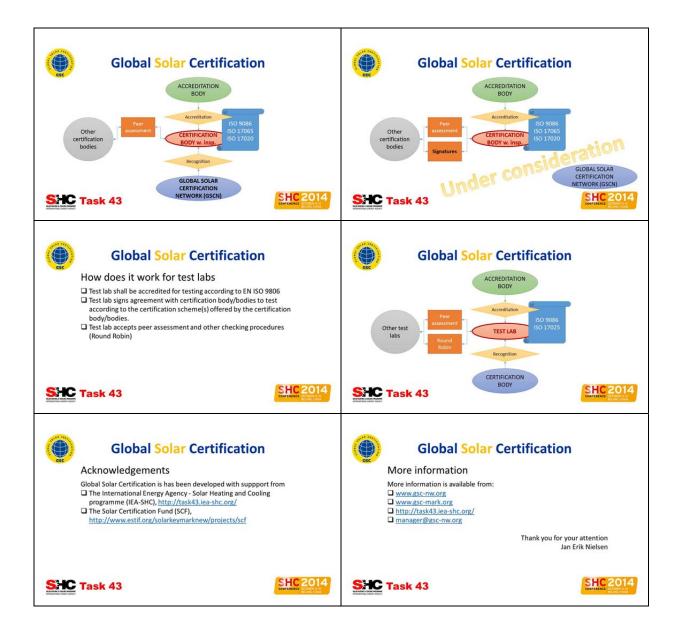
#### How does it work for certification bodies

- ☐ Certification body sign agreement with the "Global Solar Certification Network" (GSCN) to participate (or directly with other participating certification bodies ?).
- ☐ Signing this agreement means that the certification body will recognize certification done by the other participating certification bodies and follow the rules and procedures for the GSCN.
- $\hfill \square$  Certification body shall accept peer assessment.

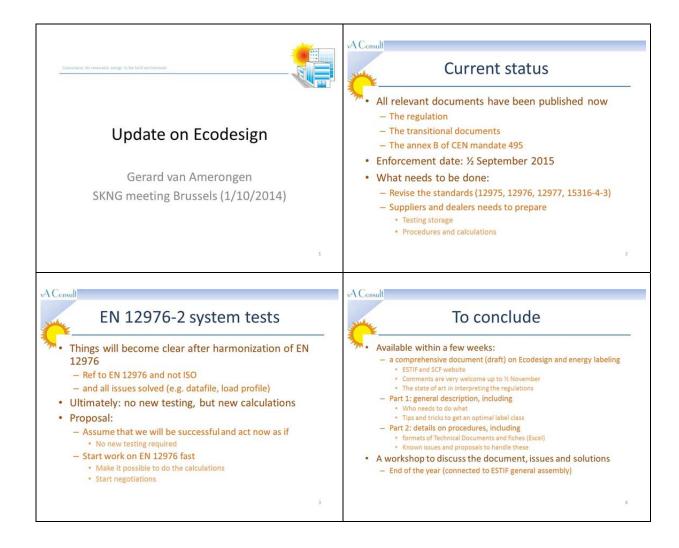




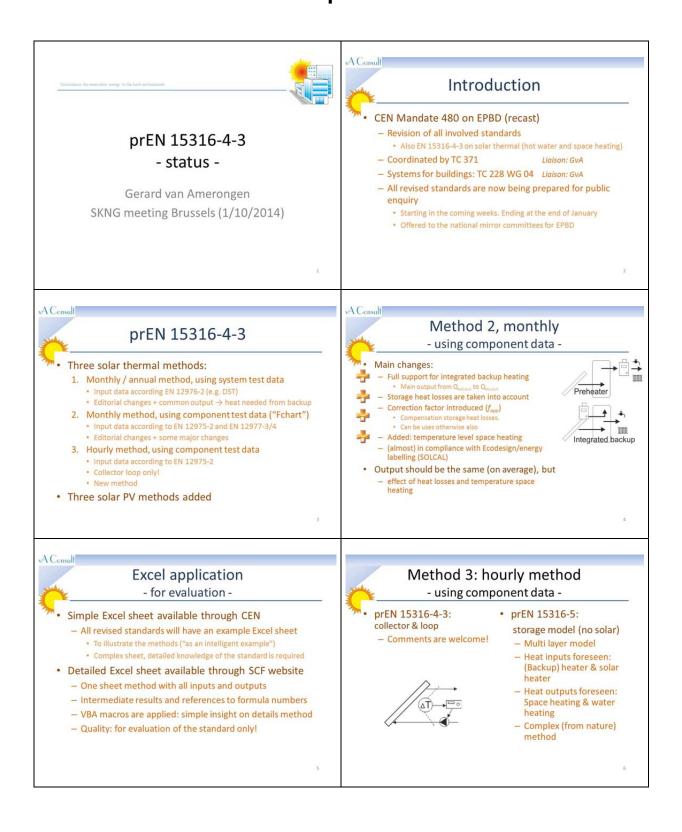


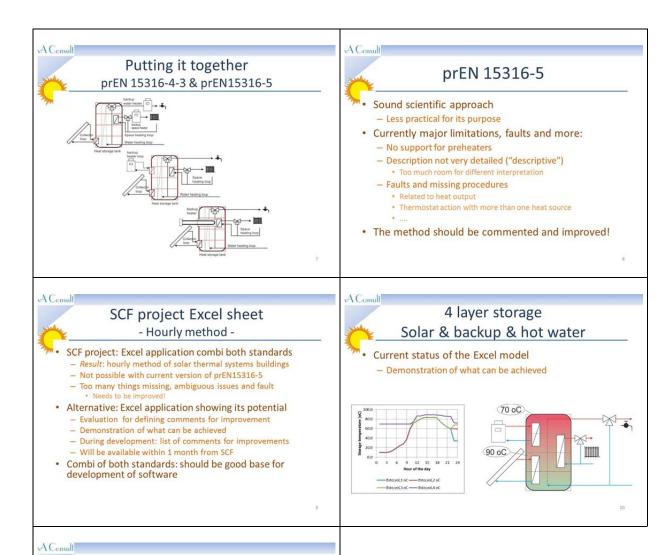


# Annex E Ecodesign & Energy Labelling



### Annex F Excel tool & prEN 15316-4-3





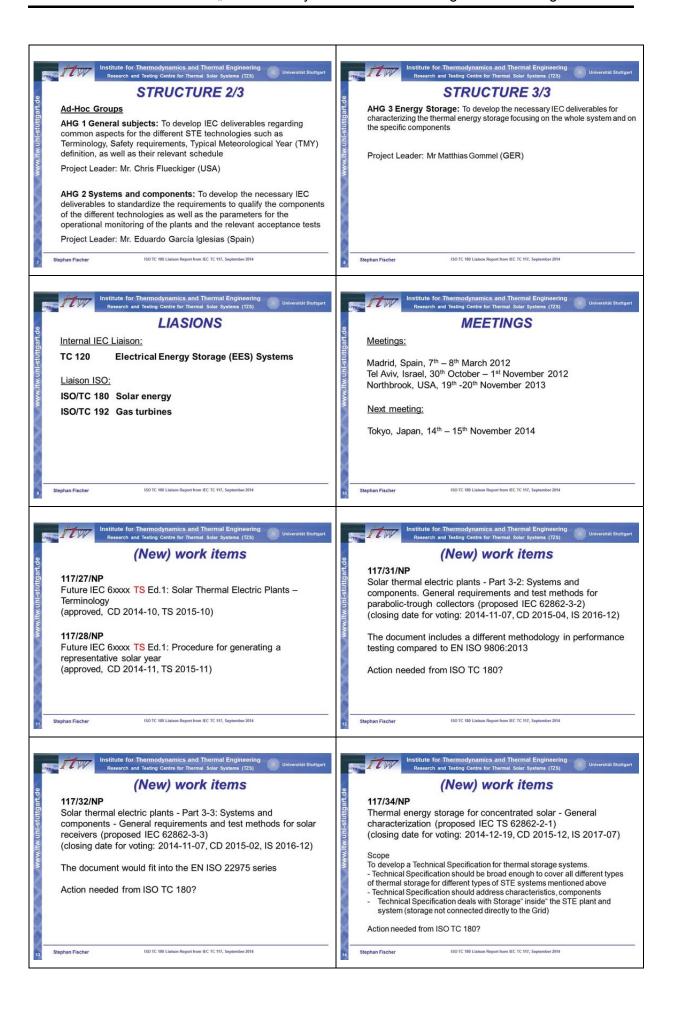
#### And next?

- Comment on both prEN 15316-4-3 and prEN 15316-5
  - Make it better and applicable for solar thermal
- A standardized hourly solar thermal method is of value for us!
  - More accurate EPBD input for solar thermal, better than method 2 (monthly, Fchart)
  - Hourly model that can be based on a CEN standard
- Suggestion:
  - After improvements, validate the methods
  - Built a standard system model based on both standards
    - for use in the EN 12977-series?
    - A solar keymark?

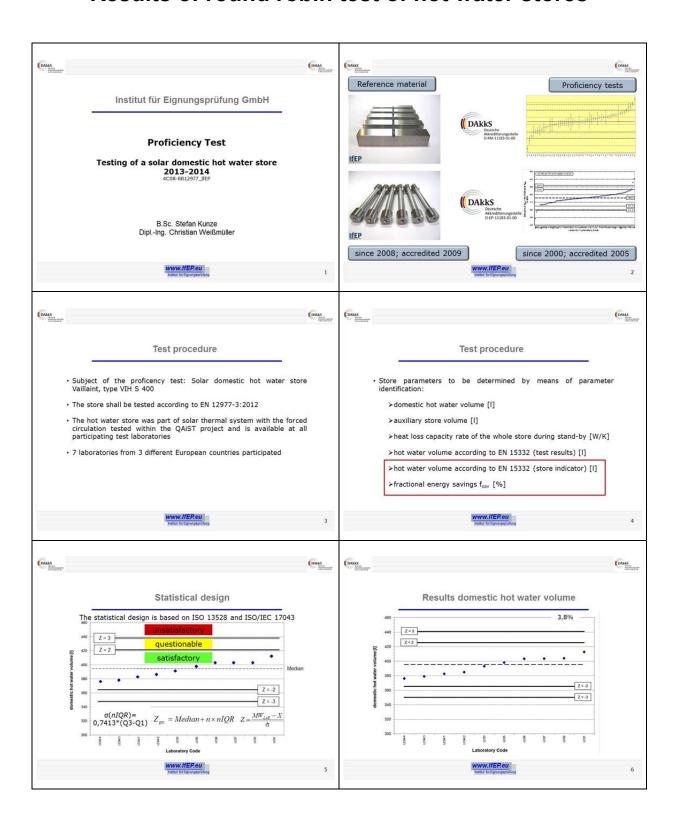
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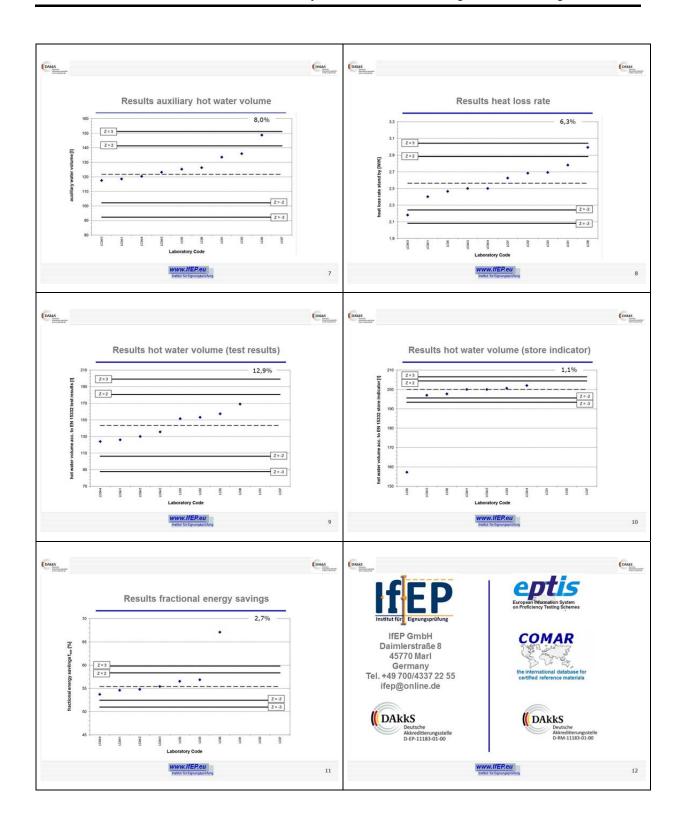
### Annex G Liaison to IEC TC 117





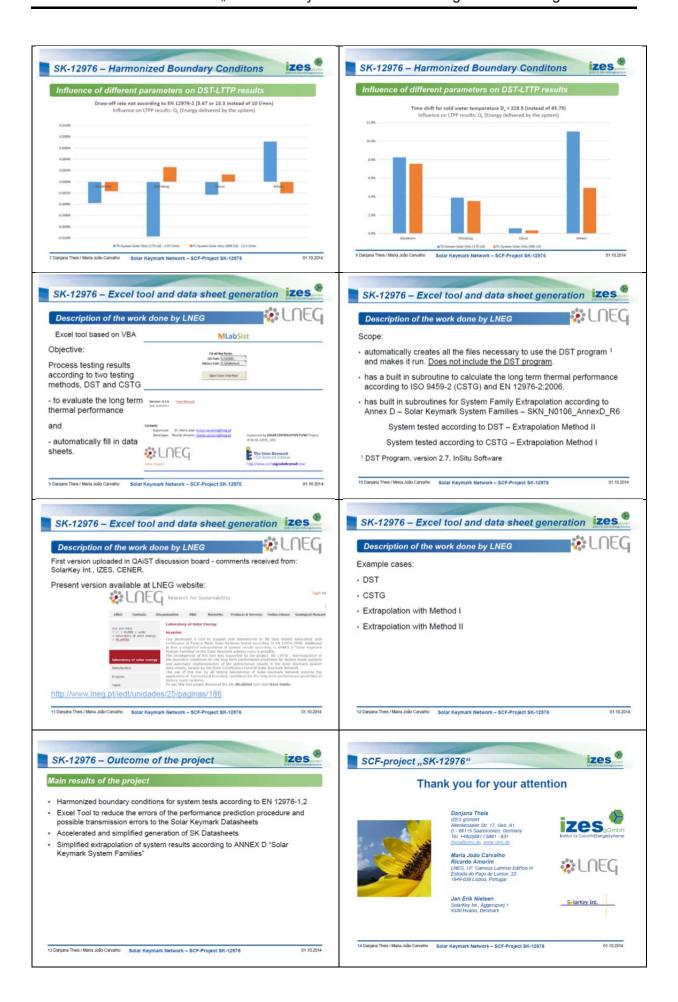
# Annex H Results of round robin test of hot water stores



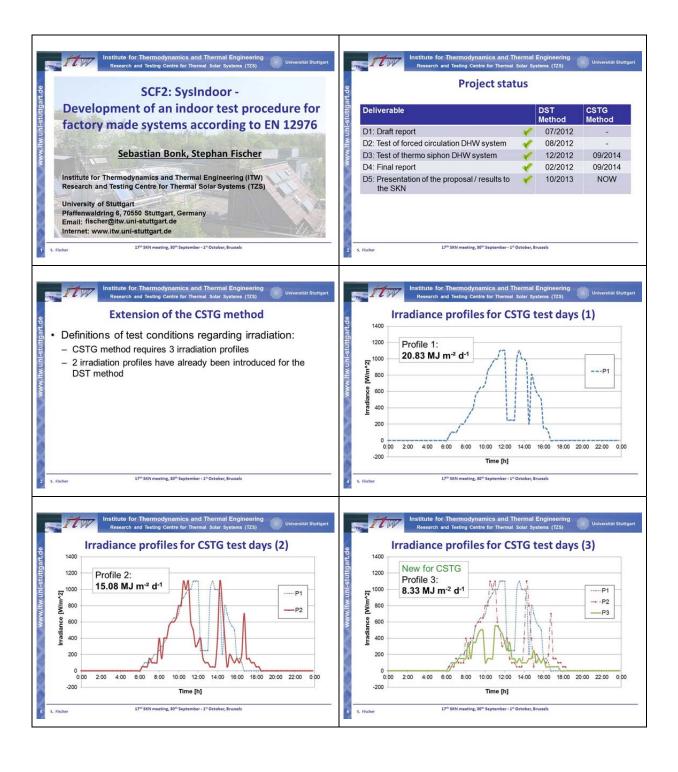


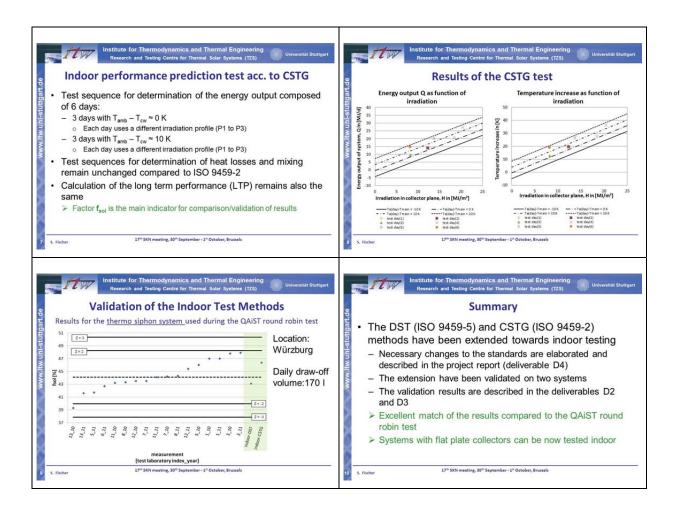
# Annex I Presentation related to 4C06-SK-12976 Project





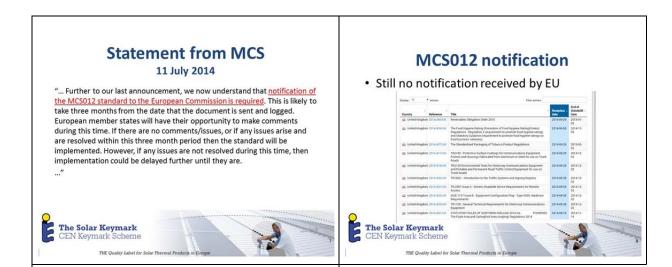
### Annex J SysIndoor





# Annex K Update on MCS012 in UK





#### MCS012 notification

- Information missing requiring launch and consultation stage
- Important to follow from industry, SKN and CEN/TC312
- · Share information:
  - Who has more info?
  - Who is interested in following this topic?

