Solar Keymark Network



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

Final Minutes

18. Solar Keymark Network Meeting March 10th –11th, 2015; Rome, Italy

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 Dr. Vinod Kumar Sharma from ENEA for hosting the meeting and 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 (SKN). The main task of the SKN 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 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, March 10th, 2014, 13:45 hrs till Wednesday March 11th, 2015, 13:32 hrs at the premises of ENEA (Italian National Agency for New Technologies) in Rome, Italy.

The first invitation including the first draft agenda (Document SKN_N0256R0) of the meeting was sent out by email from Jan Erik Nielsen dated January 28th, 2015.

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Item 2: Introduction of participants

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

Since this meeting was also additionally transmitted via internet Harald Drück asked the persons following the meeting via Internet to send an email with their name and their institution to Jan Erik Nielsen and to him to confirm their virtual presence.

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

As a result of the introduction of participants Harald Drück stated that only Christian Stadler is present as industry representative. Hence, he concluded that according to the clause 4.2 of the Solar Keymark Network internal regulations (Document SKN_N0102R9) voting will not be possible as the voting preconditions are not fulfilled with regard to the aspect of requiring a minimum of 3 industrial representatives.

Hence, he asked Christian Stadler if he can organise a mandate from two other industry representatives in order to perform the meeting in an ordinary and effective way.

Christian Stadler left the room in order to perform some phone calls and the meeting was continued with the first 4 topics on the agenda.

After approximately 15 min Christian Stadler came back with the information that the two industry representatives Pedro Dias and Gerhard von Amerongen will arrive quite soon. Both persons arrived at around 14:15 hrs. Hence, from that time onwards the preconditions for voting according to the clause 4.2 of the Solar Keymark Network internal regulations (Document SKN N0102R9) were fulfilled.

Item 3: Approval of the agenda

Following the first draft agenda (Document SKN_N0256R0) send out on January 28th, 2015, 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 "18th Solar Keymark Network meeting – revised final draft agenda (R4)" document SKN_N0256R4 dated 2015-03-06 and send out on March 6th, 2015.

This version of the agenda was presented and the following modification were proposed:

Harald Drück proposed to delete item 22 as the document SKN_N0106_AnnexE_R1 does not reflect any more the latest version of this document. Hence the corresponding discussion and resolution can be made at item 23, dealing with SKN_N0106_AnnexE_R2 as the latest version of the corresponding document.

Furthermore it was agreed to deal with item 18 (collector energy output label) on the second day as requested by Stefan Abrecht since he will not be present on the first day.

It was agreed that the final agenda resulting from these changes would be the basis for the 18th Solar Keymark Network meeting. This final agenda is, as document SKN_N0256R5, available via www.solarkeymark.org.

Item 4: Comments and final approval of the minutes of the 17. SKN meeting

Harald Drück mentioned that the minutes of the 17th Solar Keymark Network meeting (File: SKN_N0254R0.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. Jan Erik Nielsen informed the participants of the SKN by email dated October 4th, 2014 about the availability of the minutes of the 17th Solar Keymark Network meeting on the Solar Keymark website.

Within the 30 days following this email no comments were received by Jan Erik Nielsen and Harald Drück.

Hence, the present version of the document SKN_N0254 is approved unanimously as the final minutes of the 17th Solar Keymark Network meeting, leading to document SKN_N0254R1, since the word "final" was included in the heading.

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

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

The 19th SKN meeting (autumn 2015 meeting) is scheduled for

October 6th, 13:00 hrs to October 7th, 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**th **SKN meeting** (spring 2016 meeting) is scheduled for

March 8th, 13:00 hrs to March 9th, 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

The 21th SKN meeting (autumn 2016 meeting) is scheduled for

October 11th, 13:00 hrs to October 12th, 14:00 hrs, 2016 (end of day one at 19:00 hrs) and will take place in Freiburg based on an invitation of Korbinian Kramer from Fraunhofer ISE

Item 6: Review of decision list

As agreed at the 16th Solar Keymark Network meeting Jan Erik Nielsen reviewed the latest version of the decision list (document SKN_N0100R15.pdf) in order to identify topics where further action is needed. However, no such topics were identified.

Item 7: New Absorber coatings to be considered as equivalent

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

Note: The latest version of the relevant document is SKN_N0137R11 that lists, as a result of decision M17.D1 made at the 17th SKN-Meeting, mean values for the absorptivity and emissivity of the different types of selective coatings.

The document and the aspects of considering absorber coatings as equivalent was discussed and finally the following decision was made.

Decision M18.D1 – Absorber coatings to be considered as equivalent – revision of document SKN N0137R11

Since Blutec etaplus CU and Blutec etaplus_al are not available on the market any more they should be marked with a corresponding note. Furthermore the use of values for absorptivity and emissivity specified by the manufacturer and measured by some labs is not consistent. This is also influencing the mean values listed in the tables.

The document should be revised under the lead of Jan Erik Nielsen.

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: SCF budget allocation for standardisation related activities

Harald Drück as the chairman of the Solar Certification Fund (SCF) steering group (SG) reported about a discussion that took place during the last meeting of the SCF SG on February 10th, 2015 at Brussels. As a result of this discussion the following decision is proposed to the Solar Keymark Network:

Decision M18.D2 – SCF budget allocation for standardisation related activities

A minor part of the annual SCF funding should be allocated to convenors, liaison officers and secretaries in relevant standardisation committees. This part should not exceed 20% of the total SCF budget.

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

Item 10: Presentation of Labelpack A+

Pedro Dias presented a new European project named Labelpack A+ coordinated by ESTIF by means of the presentation attached as Annex B.

Harald Drück thanked Pedro Dias for the presentation and mentioned the importance of the project, both with regard to the solar thermal industry in general and with regard to the Solar Keymark Network as it will be involved in a minor role in the Labelpack A+ project.

After the presentation of Pedro Dias some questions were asked and answered, and a short discussion took place. In this context it was also agreed that Pedro should inform the SKN during its meetings about the progress related to Labelpack A+

Item 11: Funding of SCF project applications from the 6th call

Jan Erik Nielsen and Harald Drück reported about the evaluation of the proposals handed in based on the 6th Call and the meeting related to their evaluation that took place February 10th, 2015 in Brussels. In this context Harald Drück also thanked all proposers, the evaluators and the members of the SCF steering group, ESTIF and the SKN secretary Jan Erik Nielsen for their work and efforts related to the 6th SCF call.

The results of this evaluation including a proposal of projects recommended for funding are listed in document SKN_N0258R0 based on the agreements of the SCF steering group meeting in Brussels.

In this context Harald Drück also mentioned that this document contains more detailed information related to not accept projects proposals as it was this case in previous years. The inclusion of more detailed comments related to projects not recommended for funding is a result of the corresponding wish expressed by some participants at the 16th Solar Keymark Network meeting.

Decision M18.D3 – Funding of proposals from the 6th SCF call

The proposals recommend by the Solar Certification Fund Steering Group for funding as described in document SKN_N0258R0 are accepted and the corresponding activities will be funded.

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

Item 12: Re-introducing aperture area in collector testing

Andreas Bohren proposed to re-introduce the aperture area in collector testing based on the justification given in document SKN N0257R0.

The proposal of re-introducing the aperture area was discussed and during the discussion it became obvious that Solar Keymark Network is still in favour of the gross area.

With regard to the problems that might occur from using the gross area instead of the aperture area in the context of the "solar collector family concept" it was decided to solve this aspect within CEN TC312 WG1.

Item 13: Public / Confidential Status of Solar Keymark Network documents

Andreas Bohren mentioned that it is difficult do decide to whom which information and/or documents related to activities of the Solar Keymark Network can be made available. In order to overcome this problem he proposed to make in general all SKN documents public.

The topic was discussed and finally the following resolution (and not decision as it changed the Solar Keymark Internal Regulations (Document SKN N0102R9) was made:

Resolution M18.R1 – Public / Confidential Status of Solar Keymark Network documents

Chapter 6 (Confidentiality) of the Solar Keymark Internal Regulations (Document SKN N0102R9) shall be modified as follows:

Confidentiality

All parties involved in the SKN shall maintain confidentiality of the information obtained in the course of conformity assessment procedures unless written consent is given by the manufacturer and by the empowered certification bodies involved.

All official Solar Keymark Network documents and final results of SCF projects are by default public. Upon request and by decision of the SKN a document can be rated confidential and is then available only to a well-defined group of persons. This group of persons has to be defined together with the request for confidentiality. In this case the document shall be marked as confidential and the group of persons allowed to have access to the document shall be mentioned on the document.

- Note 1: Official Solar Keymark Network documents are the ones that have a Solar Keymark Document number.
- Note 2: This approach requires that drafts and working documents are indicated as such in order to avoid confusion.
- Note 3: This implies that all official SKN documents made so far will now become public.

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

Item 14: Handling complaints related to Testing Laboratories and Inspectors

Katharina Meyer pressed the document SKN_N0250R1 entitled "Proposal for including instructions for handling complaints related to Testing Laboratories and Inspectors and adding a link to the template for the complaint procedure on the Solar Keymark web-site" as extend version of the document SKN_N0250R0 entitled "Proposal for handling complaints related to testing laboratories and inspectors" presented by Katharina Meyer at the last SKN meeting.

Furthermore she presented document SKN_N0106_AnnexI_R0.docx entitled "Annex I to Solar Keymark specific scheme rules: Complaints Related to Solar Keymark Testing Laboratories and Inspectors"

The documents were discussed and the original proposal for a resolution as stated in SKN N0250R1 was modified and finally the following resolution was made:

Resolution M18.R2 – Handling complaints related to Testing Laboratories and Inspectors

The following section should be included in the latest version of the Solar Keymark Scheme rules (Document SKN_N0106R24) as a new section in chapter 2.

New section.2.2 in Solar Keymark scheme rules.

Handling complaints

In order:

- To have a harmonized procedure for handling complaints,
- To solve complaints in an appropriate time and way,
- To maintain the high reputation of Solar Keymark,
- To ensure a fair competition between the testing laboratories, inspectors, and certification bodies,

the following procedure for complaints is applied:

- The complainant will inform the respective certification body (CB) by using the form for complaints given in the Annex I of the Solar Keymark scheme rules.
- The CB will forward the complain to the specific party and ask for clarification and appropriate corrective actions within a defined due time.
- The clarification and corrective action will be sent to CB for assessment.
- The CB will assess this report and decide if a special audit at the respective party or a witness audit for the inspector is required. Especially with respect to testing laboratories, the CB should involve one of the other recognized and well experienced testing laboratories for technical support during the special audit.
- If the CB decides by itself or with recommendation of SKN certification working group that a special audit is required, the party has to pay for the audit as defined in the agreement between certification body and sub-contractors.
- If the CB agrees to the provided corrective actions and the complaint is solved, the CB will inform the complainant about the result by sending back the form.
- If the complainant is still not satisfied with the provided reply he can contact to convener of the SKN certification working group for discussion within the certification bodies working group.
- The SKN certification bodies working group will prepare a summary of all complaints and send to the SKN for presentation at next SKN meeting.

Note: This procedure how to handle complaints should be extended in the near future to other parties such as certification bodies and manufacturers.

This resolution was taken with 0 negative votes and 4 abstentions.

Item 15: Finalizing Annex F - Freeze resistance test of evacuated tube collectors with heat pipes

Ulrich Fritzsche mentioned that he has revised the document as requested at the 17th SKN Meeting under item 19. The revised version is available as document SKN N0106 AnnexF R3.

The document was shortly discussed and the following resolution was made:

Resolution M18.R3 – SKN Scheme Rules Annex F (Freeze resistance test of evacuated tube collectors with heat pipes)

The document SKN_N0106_AnnexF_R3 will become an official annex of the Solar Keymark Scheme rules. For that purpose document SKN_N0106R25 as new version of the SKN scheme rules will be elaborated by Jan Erik Nielsen.

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

There was a consensus that the procedures described in SKN_N0106_AnnexF_R3 should also be included in a revised version of ISO 9806 or ISO 22975-2.

Item 16: Transition from old EN 12975-1&2 to new EN 12975-1 and new EN ISO 9806:2013; Validity of SK certificates issued based on EN 12975-2

Harald Drück reported 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)" about the fact that according to the SKN representatives of the EK-TSuB the document SKN_N0106_AnnexH_R1.pdf does not completely reflect the results of the discussion that took place at the 17th Solar Keymark Network meeting at Brussels on 30.09. and 01.10.2014.

The main concern is that the transition period mentioned in it is not correct. Hence the resolution below is proposed. The aspects behind this resolution were discussed again intensively and finally the following resolution was made:

Resolution M18.R4 – Transition from old EN 12975-1&2 to new EN 12975-1 and new EN ISO 9806:2013 – correction of validity date related to SK certificates issued based on EN 12975-2

In the document SKN_N0106_AnnexH_R1 the sentence "The due date for transition all certificates to the new standard is 2020-12-31" shall be changed to

"The due date for transition of all certificates to ISO 9806 is 2025-12-31".

The document will be revised accordingly and made available as document SKN_N0106_AnnexH_R2 by Jan Erik Nielsen.

This resolution was taken with 1 negative vote and 3 abstentions.

Item 17: Performance test of systems with non-opaque 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 proposal for a resolution related to a precision of the test conditions for performance testing of systems with non-opaque collectors.

Resolution M18.R5 – Performance testing of systems with non- opaque collectors

The performance of systems with collectors being non-opaque from the backside shall be tested outdoors under the conditions as specified in ISO9806:2013, clause 21.6.

Note: In ISO9806:2013, clause 21.6 is – among others – the following stated: The solar reflectance of the background used during the performance test of collectors being non-opaque from the back shall not exceed 20 %. The solar reflectance of the background used shall be reported in the test report.

The text of this resolution will be included in SKN_N0106_AnnexH_R2 – last part of section H.1 by Jan Erik Nielsen.

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

Item 18: Voluntary collector energy output label

Stefan Abrecht presented the idea of a voluntary collector energy output label by means of the presentation attached as Annex C and an article published by Sun & Wind-Energy that was sent out to the SKN prior to the meeting.

He also mentioned that if ESTIF/SKN will go for a label according to his design and according to his method, they will receive the rights to use the idea and the design for free, as he has no financial interests but only the interest to promote solar thermal energy to get the necessary importance in the heating supply of the future.

The idea of a voluntary collector output label was discussed and the following decision was made:

Decision M18.D4 - Voluntary collector energy output label

The Solar Keymark Network considers the idea of a voluntary collector energy output label as an interesting idea that should be further investigated, especially also with regard to legal, technical and marketing aspects. Based on the results of these investigations, the topic will be discussed again at the next Solar Keymark Network meeting.

Provided the outcome of these investigations is positive, the collector energy output label can be included in the Solar Keymark scheme rules as a voluntary possibility for marking solar collectors.

In principle it is also interesting to extend the idea of a voluntary solar energy output label to thermo-siphon systems.

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

Item 19: New collector data sheets

Patrik Ollas presented the new version of ScenoCalc including the new collector data sheet. The activity was performed in the context of the SCF project 5C1.5.

The presentation is included as Annex D.

The topic was discussed and finally the flowing decision was made.

Decision M18.D5 - New collector data sheet

It was decided that a modified version of ScenoCalc including the new collector data sheet will be prepared by Patrik Ollas taking into account the comments listed in the agenda of the 18th SKN Meeting (document SKN_N0256R4) and the aspects mentioned by Gerhard van Amerongen during the meeting with regard to Energy Labelling and EPBD. Furthermore in this context a validation of the modified version of ScenoCalc shall be made available to the Solar Keymark network.

Additionally a procedure how to deal with test results from tests performed according to EN 12975-2 shall be elaborated. The test standard used for testing shall be listed on the data sheet as well.

A vote on the new version by correspondence will take place approx. in May 2015.

Provided the result of the vote is positive, Annex B of the Solar Keymark Scheme rules named "Harmonised format for collector data sheet" is revised according to new version of ScenoCalc including the new collector data sheet

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

Item 20: Funding of SKN working group convenor(s)

Based on resolution M17.R4 "Funding of SKN working group convenors" Jaime Fernandez Gonzalez-Granda asked on behalf of AENOR for funding of his activities as convenor of the working group that elaborated the document SKN N0106 Annex H R1.

Decision M18.D6 – Funding of AENOR on behalf of Jaime Fernandez Gonzalez-Granda as working group convenor for the elaboration of SKN_N0106_AnnexH_R1

A funding of 500 € for AENOR on behalf of Jaime Fernandez Gonzalez-Granda, the convenor of the working group that elaborated the document for Resolution M17.R5 – Transition from EN 12975-1&2 to EN 12975-1 and EN ISO 9806:2013 is granted.

This document was finally approved as SKN N0106 AnnexH R2.

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

Item 21: Election of the SKN chairman

By a mistake from the Solar Keymark Network Chairman and the Solar Keymark Network Secretary it was missed to put this point on an early version of the agenda for this meeting. When Jaime Fernandez Gonzalez-Granda send an email to the Solar Keymark Secretary related to this topic it was already too late to launch a call for candidates and to perform an election at this meeting.

Hence the following decision was proposed and made:

Decision M18.D7 – Election of the SKN chairman at the 19. SKN meeting

The election of the SKN chairman will be performed at the 19. SKN meeting in October 2015 in Paris in order to prepare the election in a proper way.

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

Furthermore it was discussed if the Solar Keymark Network internal regulations should be changed in such a way that the chairman can be re-elected more than one time.

As a result of this discussion it was agreed that, if considered as sense-full, a proposal for a corresponding resolution can be handed in for the next meeting.

The voting on this resolution will then be performed prior to the election of the chairman.

Item 22: SK Scheme rules, Annex E_R1: Factory production control

This item was deleted since the document SKN_N0106_AnnexE_R1 is already replaced by a new version (document SKN_N0106_AnnexE_R2); see also item 23.

Item 23: SK Scheme rules, Annex E_R2: Factory production control

The document SKN_N0106_AnnexE_R2 was presented and explained by Jaime Fernandez Gonzalez-Granda.

After a short discussion the following resolution was made:

Resolution M18.R6 – SKN Scheme Rules Annex E (Factory production control)

The document SKN_N0106_AnnexE_R2 will become an official annex of the Solar Keymark Scheme rules.

In addition to the document as it is available now, a line dealing with the aspect of the heat transfer plates for vacuum tube collectors will be added in the corresponding table based on a request of Malte Kottwitz.

For that purpose, document SKN_N0106R25, as new version of the SKN scheme rules will be elaborated by Jan Erik Nielsen.

This resolution was taken with 0 negative votes and 3 abstentions.

Item 24: SK Scheme rules, Annex E: Factory production control and Annex A: Inspection report

The document SKN_N0106_AnnexA1b_R0 was presented and explained by Jaime Fernandez Gonzalez-Granda. The document is a kind of "mirror" of Annex E.

After a short discussion the following resolution was made:

Resolution M18.R7 – SKN Scheme Rules AnnexA1b_R0 (Inspection report)

The document SKN_N0106_AnnexA1b_R0 (Inspection Report) will become an official annex of the Solar Keymark Scheme rules and can be used for reporting alternative to Annex A1 and A2.

Note: For the next meeting a revised version of the document SKN_N0106_AnnexA1b_R0 consisting of a combination of Annex A1b and A replacing this both annexes should be prepared as a basis for a resolution

This resolution was taken with 2 negative votes and 1 abstention.

Item 25: Information on status of new versions of scheme rules Annex A and Annex E / Jaime Fernandez

According to Jaime Fernandez Gonzalez-Granda this topic needs not to be discussed any more since the relevant issues were already dealt within item 23 and 24.

Item 26: AirCow CAO calculation for solar air heating collectors

Korbinian Kramer informed by means of the presentation attached as annex E about the possibilities to calculate the collector annual output (CAO) for solar air heating collectors by using the information delivered by a new software tool named AirCow. This software tool delivers the parameters that are necessary to be introduced in SCEnOCalc for the calculation of Collector Annual Output.

The approach was discussed and in general appreciated by the Solar Keymark Network.

Korbinian Kramer mentioned that he will circulate the Excel-based AirCow calculation tool as well as some additional information related to it. Furthermore information about a validation of the tool will be provided.

Based on this information a corresponding resolution concerning the future use of the AirCow CAO calculation tool will be made at the next meeting.

Item 27: Inclusion of performance test results of unglazed collectors in Solar Keymark data sheets

This item was already dealt in the context of item 19.

Item 28: Validation of SCEnOCalc

This activity is related to the project SCF-5C1.5 and was already dealt in the context of item 19.

Item 29: SKN fee income 2015

Jan Erik Nielsen reported about the Solar Keymark Network fees expected for 2015 by means of the slide shown below.

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DINCERTCO	190 020	collector		467	23 350	663	152 490	175 840	1130	1230
	190 020	system		49	2 450	51	11 730	14 180	100	
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The expected income of nearly 250 k€ is approx. 20 k€ lower than in the previous year which is due to the relative bad market developments in some European countries.

Item 30: Global solar certification

Note: This activity is related to the projects SCF-4C01 and SCF-4C03

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 F.

The most important aspect is that the global solar certification concept was changed from having one global solar certification scheme and one global mark to the use of the already existing certification schemes and marks for solar thermal collectors.

Furthermore he mentioned that here will be a meeting of the Global Solar Certification Board this afternoon and a meeting of the Global Solar Certification Network tomorrow here in Rome.

Item 31: Update on "Fundamental new data base that can also be used for the generation of data sheets

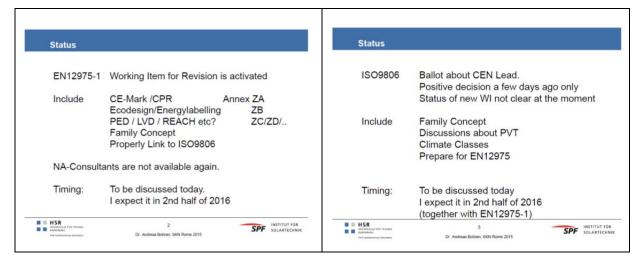
Note: This activity is related to the project SCF-4C07 and SCF-5C6.1

Jan Erik Nielsen mentioned that regrettably no work was done in this project since last meeting.

Item 32: Update on CE marking of Collectors

Note: This activity is related to the project SCF-5C5.1

Andreas Bohren as convenor of TC 312 WG1 reported about the latest status of the new EN 12975-1 and ISO9806 by showing the following slides:



Andreas Bohren reported about the fact that the CEN consultant responsible for EN 12975-1 is not assigned yet.

Furthermore Andreas Bohren mentioned that a meeting of CEN TC 312 WG 1 will take place this afternoon. During this meeting the revision of EN 12975-1 and ISO9806:2013 will be discussed.

Item 33: Information on Energy Labelling

Note: This activity is related to the project SCF-4C16a with regard to the manual on Lot 1 and Lot 2 on solar thermal products and the project SCF-5C2.1 concerning the standards harmonisation with regard to the CEN mandate 495

Gerard van Amerongen showed the presentation attached as Annex G.

In this context he also reported about his activities as liaison officer to TC 164 and TC 371. During and after the presentation some questions were raised by some of the participants and answered by Gerard van Amerongen.

Item 34: Updates from Liaison officers

Liaison officer to IEC/TC117, (related to project SCF 5C4.1)

Liaison officer to CEN TC164, (related to project SCF 5C4.2): already dealt with under item 33

Liaison officer to CEN TC228, (related to project SCF 5C4.3)

Liaison officer to CEN TC 371, (related to project SCF 4C12c / SCF 5C4.4): already dealt with under item 33

Liaison officer to IEC/TC117, (related to project SCF 5C4.1)

Stephan Fischer informed about IEC/TC117 and his activities as liaison officer related to this TC by means of the presentation attached as annex H

The most important development in the last few months is the letter from ISO TC 180 to IEC/TC 117 mentioned on slide 16. Up to now no official response was received from IEC/TC 117.

Furthermore Stephan Fischer mentioned the idea of inviting representatives from IEC/TC 117 to the next ISO TC 180 meeting planned for the beginning of December 2015 in Turkey. Harald Drück appreciated this as a very good idea.

Liaison officer to CEN TC128, (related to project SCF 5C4.3)

Korbinian Kramer informed about the activities of CEN TC128 and his activities as liaison officer related to this TC by means of the presentation attached as annex I.

Item 35: Report from the Solar Keymark Certification Bodies / Solar Keymark Inspection Working Group

Jaime Fernandez Gonzalez-Granda reported about the meeting of the **Inspectors Working Group** that took place on the morning of March 10th, 2015 directly prior to the Solar Keymark Network meeting in Rome.

Various inspectors presented the ways how they perform their inspections. Furthermore the new version of Annex E of the Solar Keymark Scheme rules was discussed and modified. The minutes of the inspectors working group and the presentations of the various inspectors will be made available to the SKN.

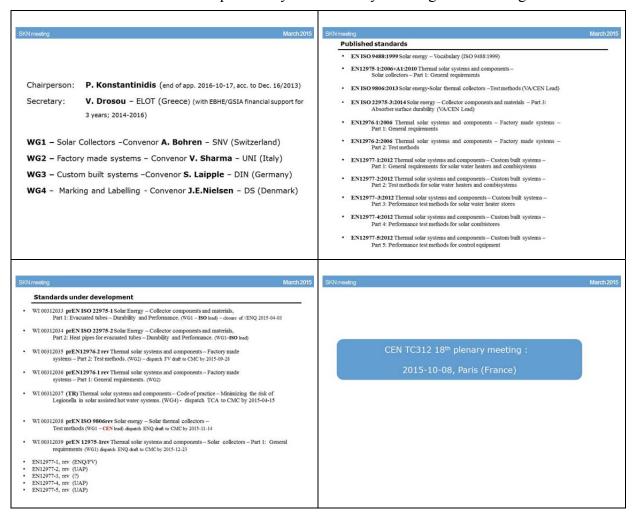
During the meeting of the inspectors working group it was also discussed how to proceed with manufacturers that have a certification for a specific product but are not producing this product for a certain time.

There was a consensus within Solar Keymark network that this is an important and relevant issue. Hence the inspectors working group was asked to prepare a proposal how to deal with this matter as a basis for a decision or resolution to be made at the next Solar Keymark network meeting.

With regard to the **Certification Bodies Working Group** Sören Scholz informed about the fact that since the last SKN meeting no meetings took place and hence there is nothing to be reported.

Item 36: Information from CEN TC 312

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



During and after the presentation some questions were asked by the participants and answered by Vassiliki Drosou.

Item 37: Information from CEN CCB

Sören Scholz informed about the process of outsourcing the Keymark Management from CEN and about the fact that DIN CERTCO has won the call for tender.

At present the contract between DIN CERTCO and CEN is being elaborated. This contract will provide the basis for the work performed by DIN CERTCO. In this context it is especially important to define the rights of DIN CERTCO, e.g. concerning the empowerment of certification bodies, accepting specific Keymark scheme rules and setting and collecting fees

The new approach of outsourcing the Keymark Management to DIN CERTCO was in general appreciated by the Solar Keymark Network.

Item 38: Solar Certification Fund Projects – General status report

By means of the presentation attached as Annex J, Pedro Dias gave 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.

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

Harald Drück thanked Pedro Dias for the huge amount of work he and his colleagues at ESTIF are performing in a highly professional way.

Item 39: Problems related to the transition from old EN 12975-1&2 to new EN 12975-1 and new ISO 9806

Item 39.1: Mechanical load test

João Santos added the aspect mentioned in the following email from Maria Joao Carvalho:

A situation has been brought up to CERTIF which may require an interpretation from SKN regarding the specified conditions to be applied when performing the Mechanical Load Test (§ 16 of ISO 9806).

Regarding test conditions, clause 16.3 defines that the test pressure shall be 2400 Pa or as specified by the manufacturer. So, should 2400 Pa be interpreted as a minimum test value or if the manufacturer specifies a lower value can it be accepted and SK granted in case the test is successful?

A short discussion within the Solar Keymark Network showed that there is a consensus that no requirements related to the minimum mechanical load are specified by the Solar Keymark Network. Hence in principle all values can be used that are specified by the manufacturer or test lab

However, from some participants the wish to re-introduce* again a minimum value for the mechanical load a collector should withstand was expressed. There was an agreement to discuss this topic during the meeting of CEN TC 312 WG1 this afternoon.

*Note: The term "re-introduce" is used here since such a value did already exist in the old EN 12975-2.

Item 39.2: Collector reference area

Gerhard van Amerongen proposed to prepare an official statement from the Solar Keymark Network showing clearly that the same collector power and energy output is achieved independent of relating the collector efficiency parameters to the aperture or gross area of the collector.

Stefan Abrecht proposed to prepare such a statement also with regard to the system family definition in the context of EN 12976. This was seen critical by Harald Drück since a validation concerning the area-independent application of the system family calculation procedures is missing whereas the area-independency is obvious for the power and energy output of collectors, provided that the corresponding collector efficiency parameters are used.

It was agreed that Gerhard van Amerongen should prepare a first draft of such a statement and send it to Jan Erik Nielsen and Harald Drück for further elaboration. After his is done, Jan Erik Nielsen will than send out the document to the Solar Keymark Network for commenting.

Item 40: Pressure Equipment Directive (PED) and systems

Ioannis Alexiou reported about the fact, that in the past we had done an investigation about the PED directive for collectors. He proposed to perform such an investigation also for the different types of hot water stores related to the directives for pressure equipment 97/23/EC, 87/404/EOK, 90/488/EOK, 93/68/EOK etc.

This proposal was in general appreciated by the Solar Keymark Network and it was agreed that the convenors of CEN TC 312 WG 2 and WG 3 should be asked to perform this investigations.

Note: A corresponding email was send by Harald Drück on March 11th, 2015 to Vinod Kumar Sharma as convener of CEN TC 312 WG 2 and to Sebastian Laipple as convener of CEN TC 312 WG 3 with the request to send the results of their investigations to Jan Erik Nielsen at latest by the middle of August 2015 so that they can be presented at the next Solar Keymark Network meeting in October 2015.

Item 41: Update on Solar Keymark brochure

Ioannis Alexiou proposed that the Solar Keymark brochure should be revised and updated.

It was mentioned by Jan Erik Nielsen and Pedro Dias that this will be the case since there is a SCF project from the 5th SCF call related to this.

Item 42: Experience with the misuse of the Solar Keymark

Harald Drück reported about a letter that was send from Brado Schettini Gherardini, the director of legal affairs from CEN, in October 2014 to Jan Erik Nielsen as the secretary of the Solar Keymark Network an in which CEN complained about the unauthorised use of the Keymark trademark and about engaging the Keymark into mutual recognition/acceptance programs. In particular this letter addressed the MoUs with SRCC and IAPMO. In this context Harald Drück also express his astonishment about the fact that such an official letter was send by CEN without any prior information or hints from the CEN representative Hoang Liauw who did receive all the minutes of the Solar Keymark Network meetings and who did also attend some of the meetings personally.

However, Harald Drück and Jan Erik Nielsen also reported about a meeting they had with Brado Schettini Gherardini and Hoang Liauw from CEN in December 2014. During this meeting the subject was discussed in a very constructive way and it was agreed that CEN will propose a modified version of the MoU's being acceptable for CEN. This modified versions were sent from Hoang Liauw to Harald Drück and Jan Erik Nielsen in February 2015.

Item 43: Any other business

No topics were mentioned.

Item 44: Important national developments

No topics were mentioned.

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

The 19th SKN meeting (autumn 2015 meeting) is scheduled for

October 6th, 13:00 hrs to October 7th, 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**th **SKN meeting** (spring 2016 meeting) is scheduled for

March 8th, 13:00 hrs to March 9th, 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

The 21th SKN meeting (autumn 2016 meeting) is scheduled for

October 11th, 13:00 hrs to October 12th, 14:00 hrs, 2016 (end of day one at 19:00 hrs) and will take place in Freiburg based on an invitation of Korbinian Kramer from Fraunhofer **ISE**

Item 45: 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. Furthermore he thanked Vinod Kumar Sharma from ENEA for hosting the meeting.

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

The meeting ended at 13:32 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)

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Annex A: List of participants

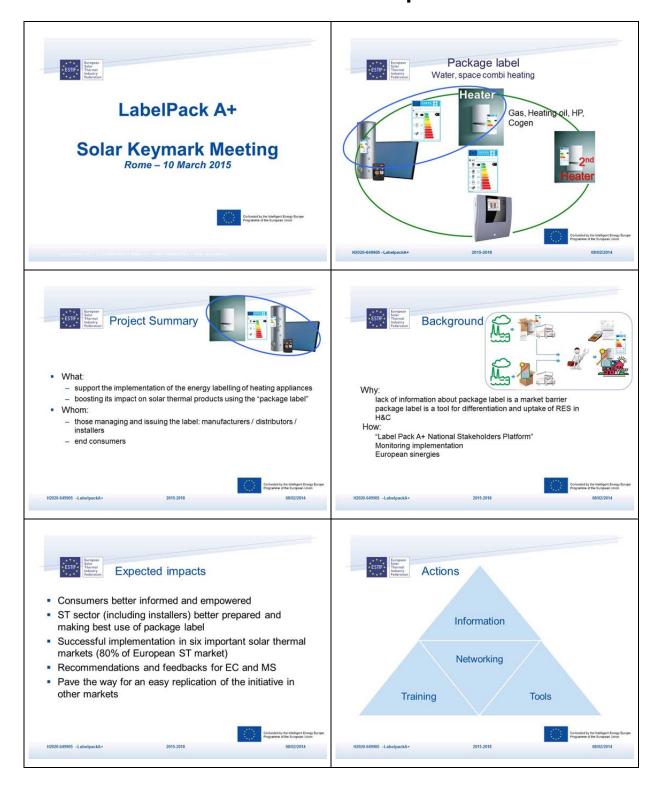
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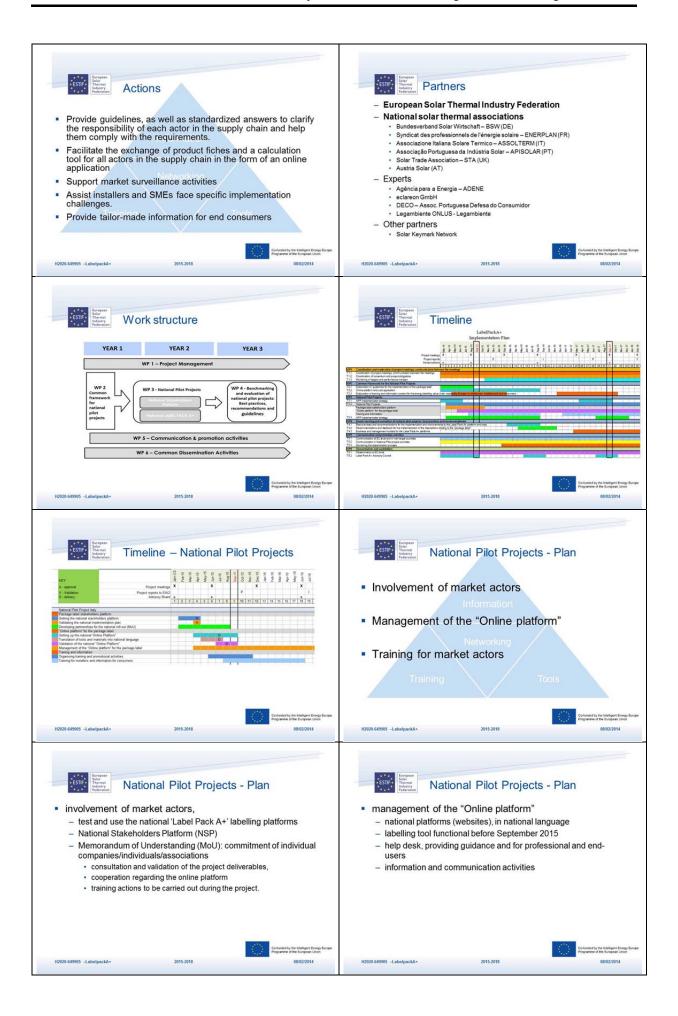
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Participants physically present						
Alberto García de Jalón	CENER					
Andreas Bohren	SPF Solartechnik					
Daniele Bernacchioni	ICIM S.p.A.					
Franck Cheutin	CSTB					
Harald Drück	ITW/TZS					
Jaime Fernandez Gonzalez-Granda	AENOR					
João Santos	CERTIF					
Korbinian Kramer	Fraunhofer ISE					
Maria João Carvalho	LNEG					
Pedro Dias	ESTIF					
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 Certification					
Matteo Sartori	Kiwa Cermet 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					
Malte Kottwitz	TÜV Rheinland (Shanghai)					
Henry Rosik	ITC (CZ)					
Jan Erik Nielsen	SolarKey Int.					
Katharina Meyer	DIN CERTCO GmbH					
Sören Scholz	DIN CERTCO GmbH					
Vassiliki Drosou	CRES EBHE ELOT					
Ioannis Alexiou	DQS HELLAS					
Pedro Cardoso	CTCV Solar					
Susanne Hansson	SP Technical Research Institute of Sweden					
Gerard van Amerongen	Holland Solar vAConsult					

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Xuguang Li	Beijing Tsinghua Solar Ltd.				
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Jean-Baptiste Beyssac	CESP/UPVD				
Stamatious Babalis	NCSR "DEMOKRITOS"				
Alessia Carta	Albarubens SRL				
Paolo Ricci	Istituto Giordano				
Luca Votta	Kiwa Cermet Italia SpA				
Karim Bakari	Imanor				
Jana Levicka	TSU Priestany				
Jose Jamon Hernandez	AENOR/PRYSMA				
Jesus Narbona	INTA				
Patrik Ollas	SP Technical Research Institute of Sweden				
Ben Chaabement Mohamed Anouar	CTMCCV				
Christopher Karpurk	TÜV Rheinland PTL				
Les Nelson	IAPMO				
Eileen Prado	SRCC				
Zinian He	Beijing Solar Energy Research Institute Group Co. Ltd.				
Ruicheng Zheng	China Academy of Building Research				
Qingtai Jiao	Jiangsu Sunrain Solar Energy Co., Lrd.				
Giacobbe Braccio	ENEA				
Vincenzo Sabatelli	ENEA				
Ashraf Kraidy	LAS / RCREEE				
Participants el	ectronically present				
Daniel Eggert	ISFH (only on March 10, 2015)				
No participants were attending the since the web-transmission did, ac	e meeting electronically on March 11, ecording to an email from Carsten				

Lampe, ISFH (Germany), not work.

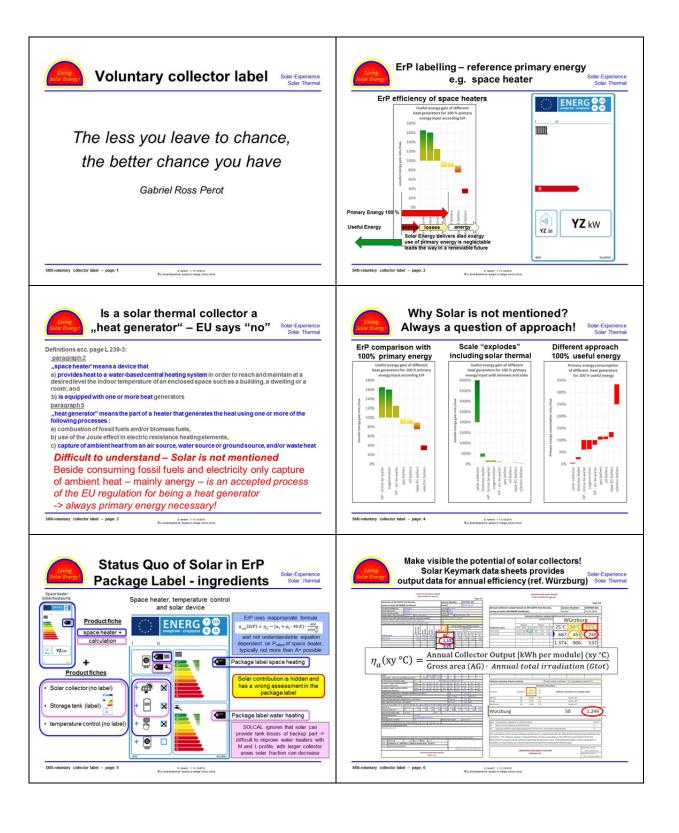
Annex B Presentation of LabelpackA+

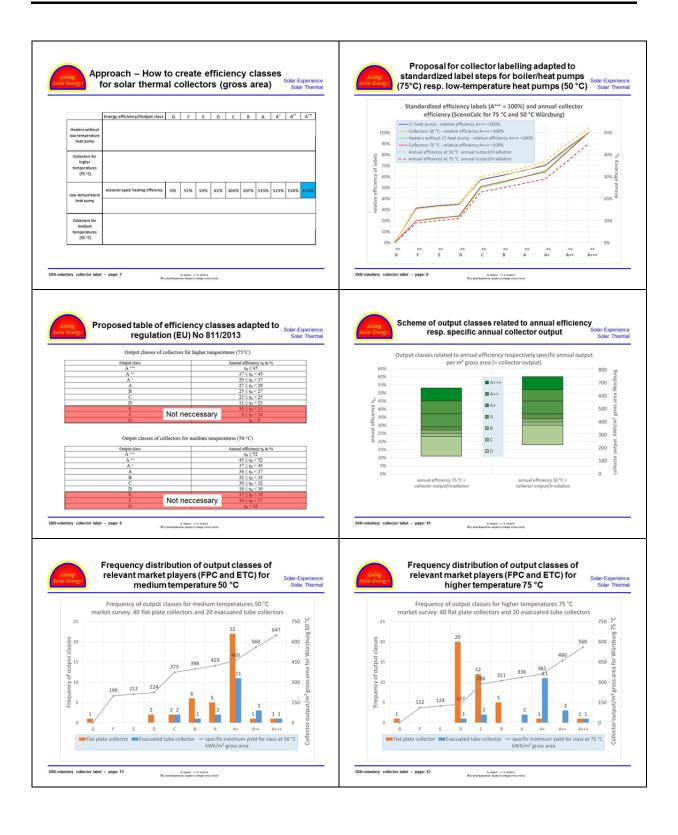


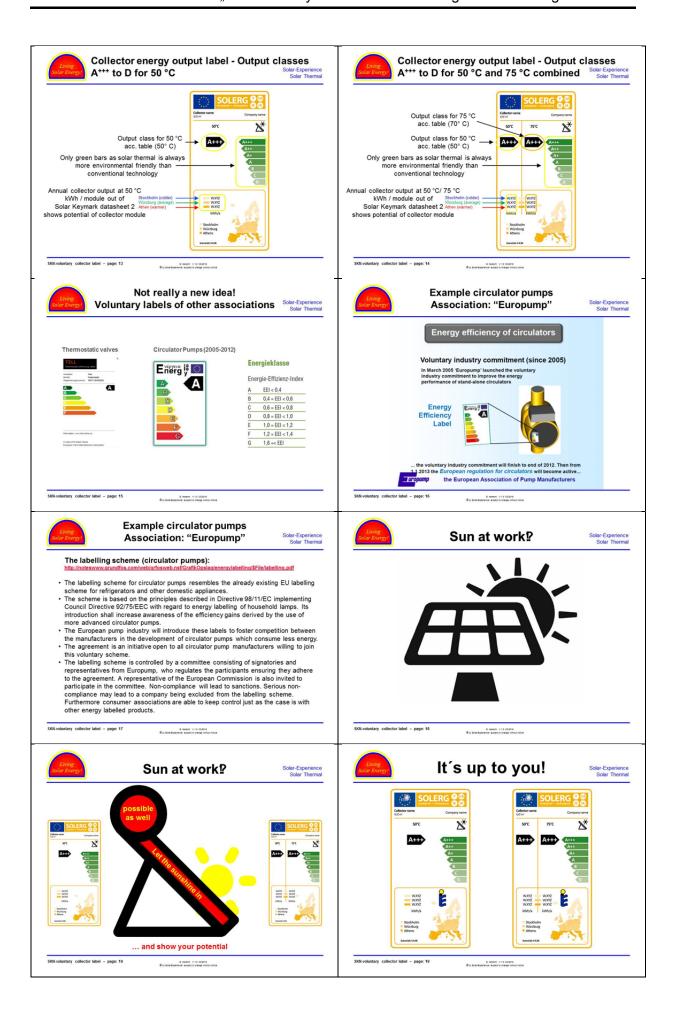




Annex C Voluntary collector energy output label







Annex D ScenoCalc – Additions and updates / new data sheet

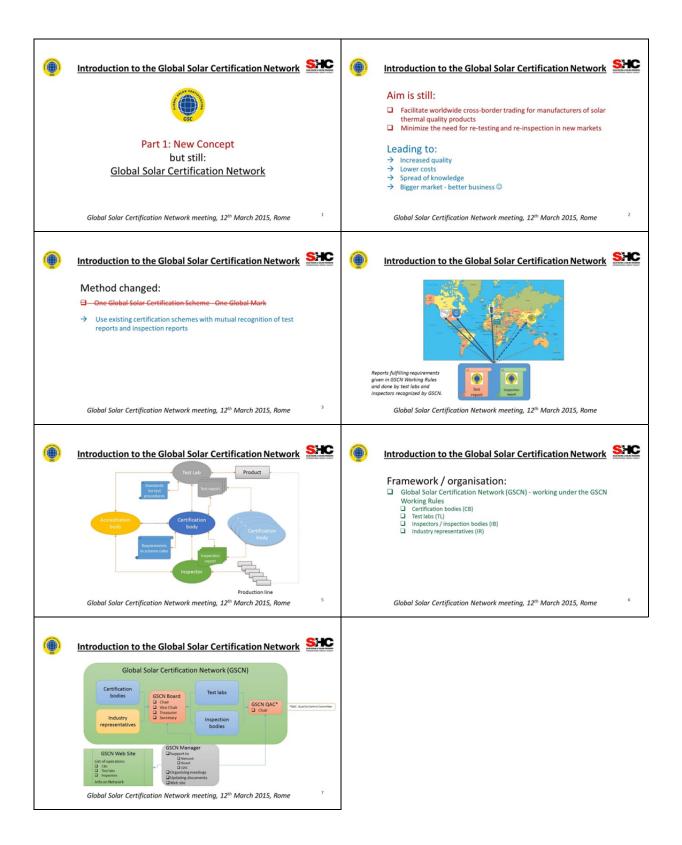




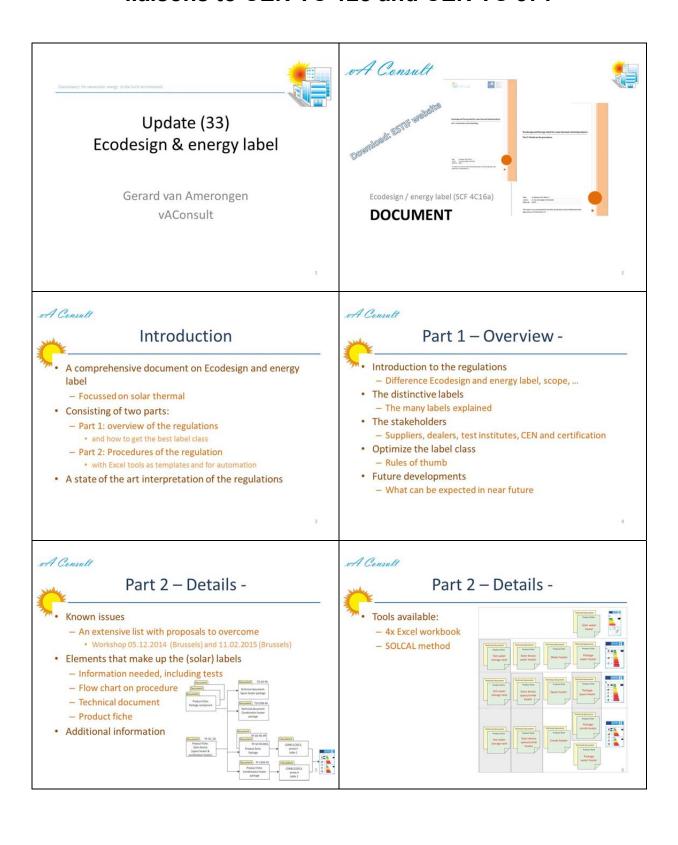
Annex E AirCow-CAO calculation for solar air heating collectors



Annex F Global solar certification



Annex G Energy labelling and liaisons to CEN TC 128 and CEN TC 371





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TC 228 (SCF 5C4.3)

Heating systems and water based cooling systems in buildings

- WG4: Calculation methods and system performance and evaluation
 - prEN 15316-4-3, method 1, 2 and 3 on solar thermal
- Status
 - Public enquiry closed recently
 - Process comments

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prEN 15316-4-3

- Three solar thermal methods:
- 1. Monthly / annual method, using system test data
 - Input data according EN 12976-2 (e.g. DST)
 - Editorial changes + common output → heat needed from backup
- 2. Monthly method, using component test data ("Fchart")
 - Input data according to EN 12975-2 and EN 12977-3/4
 - · Editorial changes + some major changes
- 3. Hourly method, using component test data
 - Input data according to EN 12975-2
 - Collector loop only!
 - New method
- · Three solar PV methods added

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prEN 15316-4-3, method 2

- Main changes:
 - Full support for integrated backup heating
 - . Main output from Quanto Quant
 - Storage heat losses are taken into account
 - Correction factor introduced ($f_{\rm app}$)
 - . Compensation storage heat losses
 - Can be uses otherwise also
 - Added: temperature level space heating
 - (almost) in compliance with Ecodesign/energy labelling (SOLCAL)
- · Output should be the same (on average), but
 - effect of heat losses and temperature space heating

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Hourly method in combi with prEN15316-5

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Evaluation (SCF 4C12c)



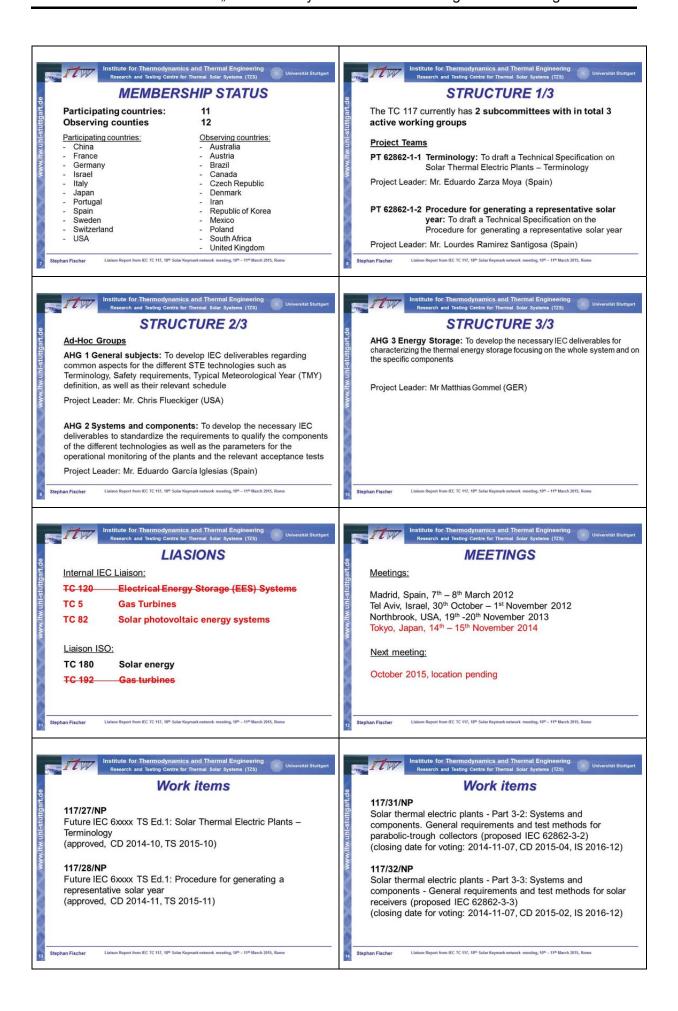
· Tools:

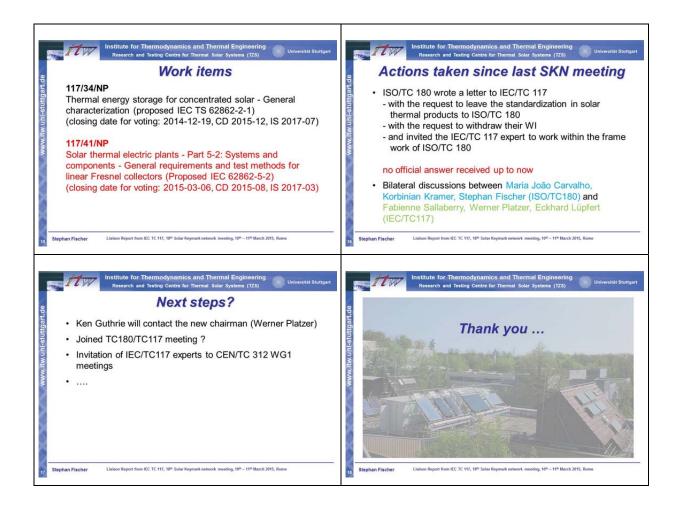
- To assist evaluation in inquirery phase
- Excel applications:
 - Method 2, monthly method
 - Method 3, combining prEN15316-4-3 and prEN15316-5
- Evaluation of prEN15316-5 (storage)
 - Standard is not finished
 - Comments for improvement added
 - · CEN format and text proposals
- Hourly method is of great importance for solar thermal

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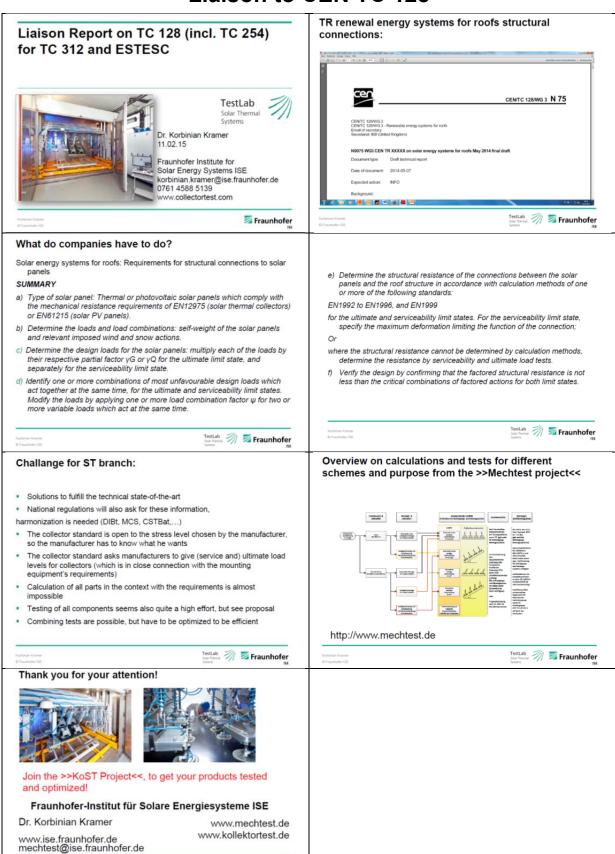
Annex H Liaison to IEC TC 117







Annex I Liaison to CEN TC 128



TestLab Fraunhofer

Annex J SCF Projects – General status report



