



Developments within **WELMEC**

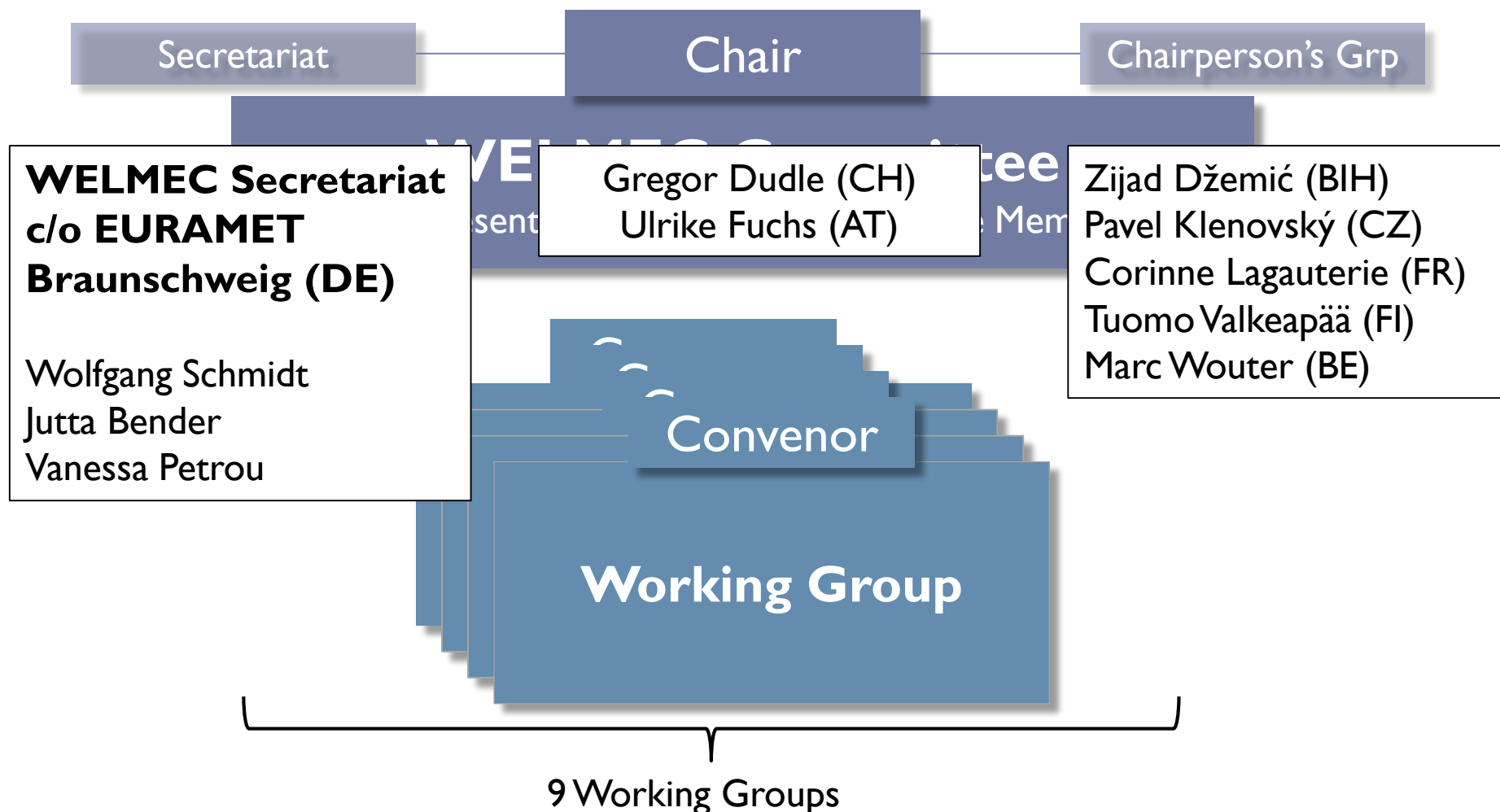
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Membership WELMEC

- ▶ Representatives of national legal metrology authorities
- ▶ 31 Members (EU / EFTA)
8 Associate Members
(candidates for EU *)



* Stabilisation and Association Agreement





Committee Meeting 2018

- ▶ 33rd Committee Meeting
25th to 27th April, Sarajevo, BIH
- ▶ Main topics
 - Technical work
 - Organisational work
 - Legal status
 - Closer collaboration with EURAMET



Technical work

Preliminary remarks

- ▶ Most of the technical work takes place in the Working Groups
- ▶ Role of Committee Meeting
 - Approve Work Programme
 - Final approval of prepared guides
- ▶ WELMEC considers meetings of WG as Training / Knowledge Transfer

Technical work (2)

Guides

- ▶ Guides are the main product of WELMEC
EU-Regulation (MID / NAWI-Directive)
- ▶ Close link to European Commission
- ▶ Role of WELMEC recognised by EC
- ▶ MID / NAWI-Directives have both been revised
→ many WELMEC guides must be adapted



Technical work (3)

Market Surveillance

- ▶ Cross border projects
 - Non-automatic weighing instruments (NAWIs)
 - Utility meters



Organisational Work

Procedures

- ▶ Current procedures established over the years
- ▶ General revision of the procedures decided by the Committee
- ▶ Themes
 - Financial regulations
 - Election of Chairperson
 - Election of Chairperson's Group
 - Prepare for more frequent e-votes



Legal status

- ▶ WELMEC is based on Memorandum of Understanding
- ▶ Legal status unchanged since beginning
- ▶ Current challenges of the organisation related to legal status

→ Project to study potential legal forms for WELMEC

Collaboration with EURAMET

Background

- ▶ WELMEC Committee instructed Chair in 2017 to:
“... *explore and investigate the possibilities of closer collaboration with EURAMET...*”
- ▶ Joint task group (WELMEC – EURAMET)
 - Identify possible scenarios
 - Develop roadmap

Current status

- ▶ Joint task group met on 29th Nov 2017
- ▶ Developed common paper with different scenarios
- ▶ Result was presented to WELMEC Committee Meeting

Collaboration with EURAMET (2)

Scenarios

- A. Based on memorandum
- B. Two organisations, Common support structure
- C. Creation of single organisation

Discussion at CM 2018

- ▶ Many supporters of scenario B
("Seems most promising path")
- ▶ Some voices in favour of scenario C
("Do not yet drop C")

Collaboration with EURAMET (3)

Conclusions

- ▶ Work out more details for each the scenario
- ▶ Work out different options for each scenario
- ▶ Take into account opinion of CM2018
- ▶ Prepare for decision to be taken at CM2019



Outlook

Challenging year 2019 ahead

Internal issues

- ▶ Legal status of WELMEC to be solved
- ▶ Procedures to be revised

External issues

- ▶ Collaboration with EURAMET to be defined