

GAME CONSOLES VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT (GCVA) FIFTH STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, 18 January 2018
Teleconference (14h00-16h00 CET)

PARTICIPANTS

Name	Company
1. Tim Calland	Microsoft
2. Julie Cheung-Rueckert	Nintendo
3. Kasia Colombani	Interel Group, consultant to Sony
4. Jane Lee	Intertek, Independent Inspector
5. Adriana Mattei	Zetacast, consultant to Microsoft
6. Kieren Mayers	Sony
7. Anna Negrini	Interel Group, consultant to Sony
8. Teodora Raychinova	Cambre Associates, VA Administrator
9. Cesar Santos	European Commission (EC)
10. Feriel Saouli	Cambre Associates, VA Administrator
11. Emil Schweiger	Nintendo

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions
2. 4th Steering Committee meeting (13 July 2017)
 - Approval of minutes
 - Review of actions
3. Steering Committee Chair election
4. Update from the Signatories
5. Adoption of revised SRI
6. Update from the European Commission
7. AOB and date of next Steering Committee meeting
8. End of meeting

MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome and introductions

As Chairman of the Steering Committee (SC), Tim Calland (Microsoft) opened the meeting at 14h00 and reviewed the agenda. There were no additional items brought forward. Participants then introduced themselves.

2. Fourth Steering Committee meeting (July 2017) approval of minutes and review of actions

Feriel Saouli (Cambre/VA Administrator) recounted that the minutes were circulated, approved, and uploaded on the Game Consoles (GC) website after receiving comments from all stakeholders (<http://efficientgaming.eu/meetings-and-activities/>).

3. Steering Committee (SC) Chair election

Feriel Saouli (Cambre/VA Administrator) reminded all attendees that the term of the current Chairman of the SC – Tim Calland (Microsoft) - has come to an end after a two year mandate which started on 3 December 2015. She also clarified that according to page 14 of the Game Consoles Voluntary Agreement (GCVA), the Chairman of the SC can be re-elected once. Tim Calland (Microsoft) was re-elected unanimously by the SC, and his mandate was renewed for a period of two years. The next election will take place at the SC meeting in December 2019/January 2020 (exact date tbc).

4. Update from Signatories

Recap of revised SRI commitments

Tim Calland (Microsoft) presented briefly the new commitments in the revised SRI which can be found on the GC [website](#) (slide 7). He explained that it includes the new categories for Ultra-High-Definition (UHD) consoles, which are a reflection of the developments on the market.

In accordance with Annex VIII of the Ecodesign Directive and in an effort to set quantified and staged objectives, the Signatories included in the revised SRI new tier 4 (2019) requirements (pages 11/12), new removability requirements and new recyclability/durability rules (pages 12/13). He further mentioned that the Signatories also agreed on a number of new responsibilities for the Independent Inspector (II) and implementation of new timescales in order to align with the Commission SRI [guidelines](#).

Next steps and timescale

Tim Calland (Microsoft) explained that all actions have been completed as per the agreed revision timeline (slides 8 and 9). He emphasized that in addition to the five SC meetings to date, Signatories also meet on a regular basis to discuss future action items relating to timely implementation of their VA, such as renewal of their contract with the Independent Inspector, Intertek.

5. Adoption of the revised SRI

Cesar Santos (EC) clarified that in order for adoption of the revised SRI to be complete, the final version of the revised SRI that was circulated to the Consultation Forum should be signed by all Signatories. This signed version should then be submitted to the Commission.

Actions

- Cambre/ VA Administrator will coordinate submission of the revised SRI to the Commission (email and signed originals).

6. Update from the European Commission

Impact Assessment Study on Voluntary Agreements

Following the July 2017 announcement¹ of the European Commission that it will perform an Impact Assessment study on GC Voluntary Agreement, Cesar Santos (EC) said that the study may take between 12 to 18 months, possibly starting around September 2018. Cesar Santos mentioned that he is still considering the scope of the Impact Assessment study and its timing so this presents a good opportunity to try to synchronise the process with the next major review of the SRI, which will take place in 2019.

With regard to the scope, he explained that he will draft a number of research questions for the study team, which will likely include:

1. is the VA policy option still the best one for games consoles?
2. is the SRI fully aligned with the Commission's guidelines for self-regulation measures under the Ecodesign Directive²;
3. is industry setting ambitious enough targets?

The study needs to demonstrate that the VA continues to offer better results than other policy options. Ideally, the study team should have access to the next version of the revised VA, which is why it makes sense to align the timing of both.

Cesar Santos (EC) asked the Signatories to reflect on the timeline of the next revision and ideally let him know before summer 2018.

Consultation Forum meeting follow-up

Cesar Santos (EC) explained that following the Consultation Forum meeting in November 2017, the Commission received comments from stakeholders and Member States. He informed Signatories that comments were received from Germany, Denmark and ECOS/EEB³.

¹ Please refer to the GCVA SC meeting minutes of 13 July 2017:

http://efficientgaming.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/Minutes_GCVA_Steering_Committee_Meeting_13_July.pdf

² Commission recommendation on guidelines for self-regulation measures concluded by industry under Directive 2009/125/EC: https://ec.europa.eu/energy/sites/ener/files/documents/c_2016_7770.en_.pdf and Annex:

https://ec.europa.eu/energy/sites/ener/files/documents/c_2016_7770.annexe.en_.pdf

³ European Environmental Citizen's Organization/ The European Environmental Bureau

Actions

- Cesar Santos (EC) to circulate stakeholder's comments via the Interest group of the Eco-consultation Forum.
- Signatories to prepare response to the received comments.
- Signatories to propose a timeline for the next revision of the SRI.

7. AOB and date of next Steering Committee meeting

As there was no AOB put forward, Tim Calland (Microsoft) said that the next Steering Committee meeting will be held before 30 June 2018 (exact date TBD).

Actions

- VA Administrator to prepare and share the minutes of the current meeting.

8. End of meeting

Tim Calland (Microsoft) thanked all participants and closed the meeting at 15h00.