

## **PetCo working group 16<sup>th</sup> meeting notes (Helsinki – WebEx meeting, 15 April 2021)**

The 16<sup>th</sup> PETCO WG webex meeting took place on 15 April 2021.

31 external participants attended the meeting remotely representing 5 Member States (DE, DK, ES, PL, NL), the European Commission (DG ENV, DG GROW) and 6 industry organisations (Concawe, CEFIC Coal Chemicals Sector Group (CCSG), Lower Olefins and Aromatics (LOA), HydroCarbon Solvents (HCS), AECM and the European Re-refining Industry Association (GEIR) as observers).

The focus of the meeting was to discuss how to progress on the **environmental assessment of petroleum substances**. The human health assessment is progressing in the context of the ongoing testing proposals for the different consortia involved.

For the environment the need to progress was emphasised by authorities. Plans have been introduced by the different consortia, however more concrete actions (e.g. concrete testing plans) need to be discussed with those individually to ensure progress.

Other points brought on the agenda were a presentation by Jan Christensen (University of Copenhagen) on the work they have been doing on behalf of Germany on “**Identification and quantification of PetCo substances/substance groups in petroleum- and coal tar fractions**”. The identification work focused on products rather than substances and brings more understanding of what can be achieved in terms of identification and quantification of constituents in petroleum substances. The presentation was very well received by PetCo participants.

The coal sector group introduced some learnings from their side on the process of authorisation for coal tar pitch high temperature and Concawe informed on a workshop, to be held remotely at the end of June, to exchange on learnings on how to address petroleum substances.