

# **ENA – The European NORM Association: History, Strategy, Statutes, and Q&A**

**European NORM Association**

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# Outline

- History (and future); Rob Wiegers
- Strategy: Christian Kunze
- Statutes, practical info for those who are interested to become a member: Stéphane Pepin
- Q&A

# History

History of EU and EAN NORM meetings and backgrounds

- Scientific exchange
- Platform for industry
- Scientific and pragmatic solutions

# NORM Symposia

Year	Title	Site	Country
1997	NORM I	Amsterdam	Netherlands
1998	NORM II	Krefeld	Germany
2001	NORM III	Brussels	Belgium
2004	NORM IV	Szczyrk	Poland
2007	NORM V	Seville	Spain
2010	NORM VI	Marrakesh	Morocco
2012	EU-NORM I	Tallinn	Estonia
2014	EU-NORM II	Prague	Czech Republic
2017	EU-NORM III	Teddington	Great Britain

# EAN NORM Workshops

Year	Site	Topics
2007	Dresden	
2009	Dresden	
2010	Dresden	On Scenarios for dose assessment in the NORM industry
2011	Hasselt (Belgium)	Transportation of NORM, NORM Measurements and Strategies, Building Materials
2012	Dresden	Measurement strategies in NORM
2013	Madrid (Spain)	Alternatives in NORM waste management: Dilution, valorisation, recycling, reuse, and other innovative alternatives; Radon and NORM
2014	Vlissingen (Netherlands)	Disposal of NORM in EU Member States
2016	Stockholm (Sweden)	Three years into the new EU BSS: How far have we come with the transportation and what is the impact on NORM industrial activities?

## Why ENA



ENA European NORM Association

- Formalizing from a “bunch of guys” to a formal association
- Strengthen the community
- Efficiency
- Being able to supply more “service” to the community

## ENA statutes

### Executive committee

**President:** Rob Wiegers

**Vice-president:** Christian Kunze

**Secretary:** Christian Ahrens

**Treasurer:** Stéphane Pepin

**Provisional board members:** J. Dilling, R. Garcia-Tenorio, R. Gellermann, G. Jonkers, B. Michalik, J.-C. Mora, C. Nuccetelli, A. Schellenberger, W. Schroeyers, E.-M. Steffan, H. Vandenhove, P. Varskog, I. Zenata

# Strategy

- Conferences: format similar to EU NORM Symposia
- Workshops: format similar to EAN-NORM workshops,
  - Next one in 2018 in Poland under the auspices of ENA
- Network of specialist throughout EU
  - Possibly continuing the Contact Points of EAN-NORM
- Unbiased counterpart at EU level for regulations and guidelines
- Close links to “NORM industry” associations
- Strong relationship with IRPA and national RP associations
- Links with ERA and other networks
  - Natural cross-links by memberships in multiple networks
- Interest of IAEA to continue close collaboration, e.g., through the ENVIRONET NORM Project

# Proposed structure and working groups

- Technical committees, e.g.,
  - Legislation/regulations
  - Risk and dose assessment
  - Monitoring
  - Building materials
- Events: workshops and symposia/conferences
- Training and continued professional development
- Information repository and discussion forum
- Projects
- Partners, links: IAEA (incl. Environet NORM), IRPA, EC, ERA, ...
- *All initiatives are driven by people. Join ENA & make it a success.*

## Provisional new website

- Currently reachable via [www.ean-norm.eu/ENA](http://www.ean-norm.eu/ENA)
- Contains information on:
  - Main objectives and planned activities
  - Membership types
  - Foundation status
  - Contacts (Christian, Rob, Stéphane)
- Until new domain is registered, provisional website will be updated as required
- Available domain names:
  - european-norm-association.eu/
  - ena-norm.eu/
  - Other proposals?

## ENA statutes

- Inspired from *European Radon Association* statutes

## Mission statement (art. 3)

ENA = platform of experts from:

- industry operators and industry associations;
- governmental and regulatory authorities;
- service providers;
- research and scientific organisations.

## ENA statutes

### Overarching goal :

- *“promote and advance radiation protection in the context of exposure to NORM by operating as a European platform and forum for discussion, dissemination and exchange of information, training and education and by supporting scientific knowledge and new directions of research related to NORM issues.”*
- *“support the management of NORM in compliance with European standards and Member State legislation and according to best practice so that legal and regulatory uncertainty is minimised, and humans and the environment are protected in an optimised way that is acceptable to society.”*

## ENA statutes

### Objectives (art. 4):

- *to promote research and development of knowledge in all aspects of NORM,*
- *to promote awareness on NORM aspects and radiation protection in the industries,*
- *to be a platform of exchange and discussion for scientists, industries and regulators involved in NORM;*
- *to serve as a consultative body to international organisations with regards to laws and regulations concerning NORM and with regards to quality standards in NORM measurements;*
- *to promote and organise training in NORM;*
- *to organize an annual NORM conference or workshop combining scientific and technical presentations and technical exhibitions from companies working with NORM.*

# ENA statutes

## Management (section 4)

- Executive committee: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer + 4 to 8 board members;
- General Assembly (once a year):
  - a. acceptance of the Executive Committee's annual reports
  - b. election and approval of the Executive Committee
  - c. dismissal of Executive Committee members
  - d. approval of the budget and financial report
  - e. modification to the Statutes
  - f. modification to the Code of Ethics
  - g. dissolution of the Association

# ENA Code of Ethics

- Scientific approach to NORM issues;
- correct misleading or unwarranted statements by others concerning radiation, radiation protection in general and NORM in particular;
- increase public understanding and awareness on NORM;
- Rules for using ENA logo;

# ENA Membership

- **Ordinary membership** (art. 10): Individual (natural persons) from Europe: voting right at the general Assembly
- **Corporate membership** (art. 11): companies, institutes, organisations (legal persons) active in NORM field: two delegates;
- **Associated membership** (art. 12): for individual and organisations outside Europe (no voting right);
- **Student membership** (art. 14) : on recommendation of supervisor;
- **Honorary membership** (art. 13): elected by Executive committee;

# ENA Membership

## *How to become a member ? (art. 9)*

- Submission of application form
- Supported by one member of the association
- Accepted by Executive committee

## ***Fees:***

Individual membership	50 EUR
Student membership	10 EUR
Company membership (< 10 employees)	500 EUR
Company membership (10 - 50 employees)	1000 EUR
Company membership ( > 50 employees)	1500 EUR

# Practical

- ***ENA foundation Act*** has been signed in Brussels on September 27, 2017
- Must still be published in Belgium Official Journal (~ November) => Opening bank account ENA
- **Interested in becoming a member ?**

Please ***pre-register*** by sending an email to ENA secretary !

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## Q&A

- Any further questions?
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