

Proactive Alliance

FAQs for new members

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Who are the PA members?

- Members are mainly European trade associations from different sectors

Sectors represented in the group:

- Automotive
- Chemical
- Construction
- Electrical and electronic
- Furniture
- Home textiles
- Textiles and sporting goods
- Metalworking and metal articles
- Medical devices

Have a look at our members [here](#)
(Status June 2019)

- Formation at *Chemical Watch's Global Business Summit in Amsterdam in March 2018*

What is the PA's motivation?

Our motivation is

- ...to be compliant, today and tomorrow, concerning future legal requirements
- ...to meet existing supply chain and consumer information requirements under Art. 33 (1)/(2) REACH,
- ...to save costs from effective communication systems,
- ...is to reduce burden on supply chain actors by means of an inter-sector cooperation based on common agreement

The motivation and goal, the outcomes and the outlook of the Proactive Alliance group are laid down in the commonly agreed [Mission Charter](#)

→ **All in all: enhance manageability**

What are the PA's objectives?

We are striving to reach a cross sectoral **harmonization** on **how** to report on Substances in Articles along the supply chain on a global level.

Therefore, we create a

- policy document with **recommendations** for
- criteria and technical details in terms of data generation, data collection and the development and maintenance of *Substance Reporting Lists* (SRL).

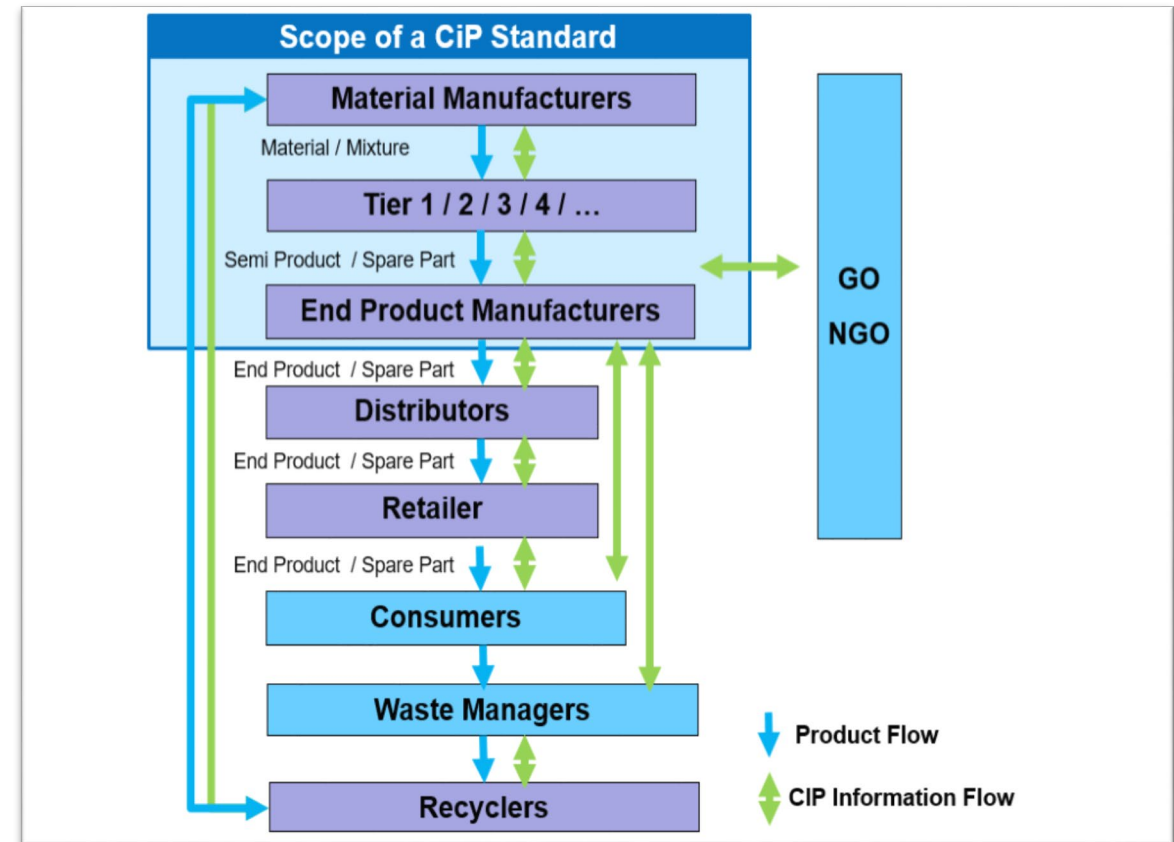
The Steering Group, as originators of the Proactive Alliance, safeguards the Proactive Alliance objectives.

What would be the scope of policy recommendations?

- Global scope
- Support reporting requirements on Substances in **Articles** (in terms of REACH) provided by law, by company requirements or by sectoral associations
 - 1st module: **Globally** regulated problematic substances [like POPs].
 - 2nd module: **Horizontal** legislations [like REACH or Waste Framework Directive Art. 9(1)], relevant for **all sectors**.
 - 3rd module: **Vertical** legislations [like restriction of the use of certain Hazardous Substances in electrical and electronic equipment (RoHs) or End of Life Vehicles Directive (ELV)],
- Apply and promote transparent criteria on the structure of *SRL* and for adding substances to the list of declarable or restricted substances.

Which reporting processes does the PA focus on?

- **B2B** reporting between
- **supply chain** actors
(incl. material manufacturers and the various tiers)
- until “**end product**”



Source: Hyundai Motor Europe Tech. Center GmbH

What policy recommendations do you have in mind?

Reporting on

- a bill of material (BOM) structure
- as well as Full Material Declaration (FMD)

should be possible where desired, but not required

Support compliance declarations with respect to regulated substance lists and industry lists of prohibited and declarable substances.

Outline a (stepwise) FMD approach.

Standard should support CBI protection, reliability, data quality, interoperability with different IT tools.

How does the PA organize?

...Plenary Meetings

- Annual physical meeting with all members
- Took place in May and September 2018

...Technical Coordination Meetings

- Web-Conference with all members (every 6-8 weeks)

...Working Group Meetings

- Web-Conference with members and guests contributing to a commonly agreed workpackage
- Weekly/biweekly meetings, as appropriate

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Organized by Working group
lead (PA Member)

Proactive Alliance works together in the group and will in a second phase connect with other (global) associations

What are the different forms of participation?

Full members	Full members are members having voting rights and are included in the mailing list.
Observer	Observers are members of the group without voting rights. Observers are included in the mailing list.
Guest	Guests are not members of the group and have no voting rights. Guests are entitled to participate in working group meetings.

➔ Please have a look at the [ToR](#) (not updated yet)

What are the working groups?

WG 1

Harmonisation of
Criteria for
Substance
Reporting List (SRL)

WG 2

Towards
harmonization of
reporting formats

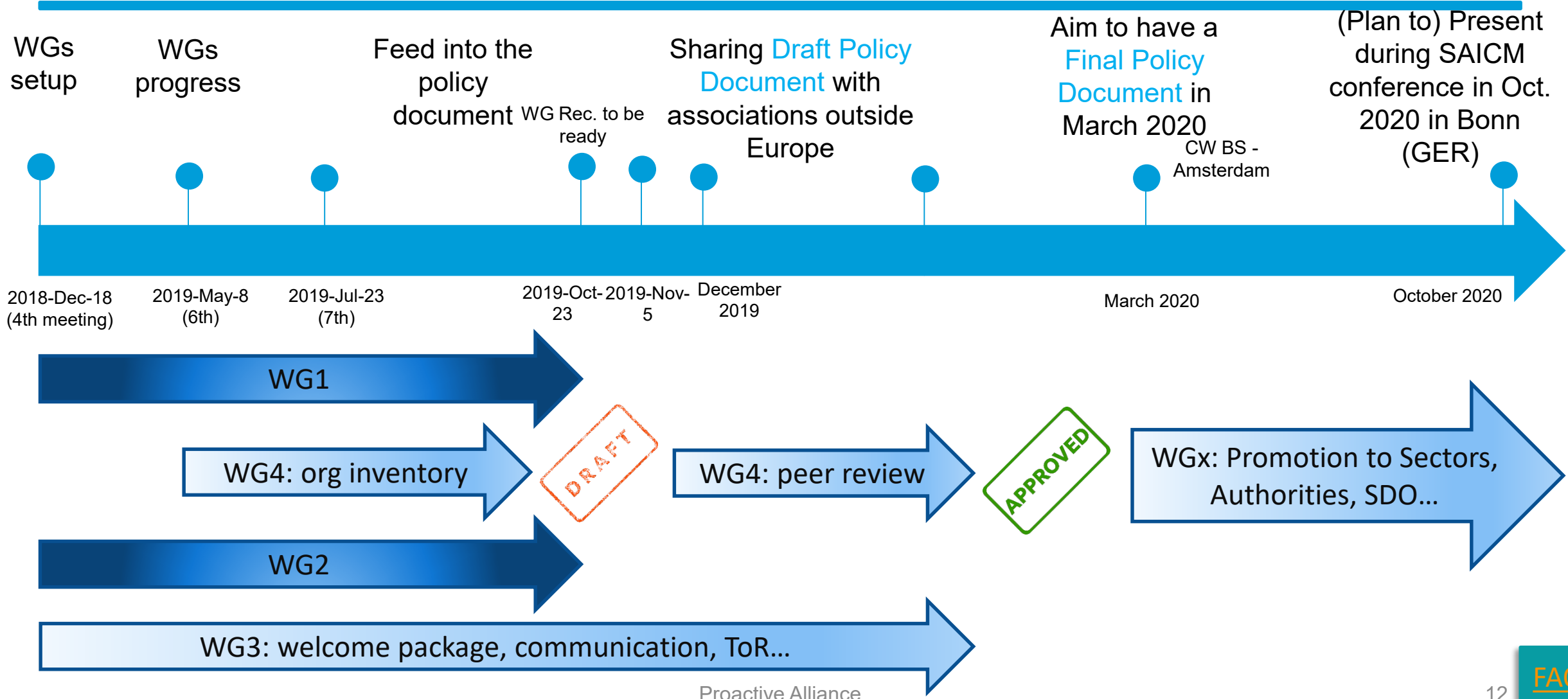
WG 3

Terms of Reference
(rules of procedure)

WG 4

Connecting the dots

What is the Proactive Alliance's timeline?



How can my organization participate?

Participate as Member

1. Self – Eligibility – Assessment

Candidate organisation

- Reads the PA [ToR](#) and checks and verifies accordance with Art 4.1 by explaining eligibility. This might involve coordination with the candidate's sector associations
 - Approves [Mission Charter](#)
 - Chooses preferred participation status (ToR Art. 2.3/2.4)
 - Contacts PA organisation (sofia)
- (all documents available on website)

sofia

- organizes admission and communication process

Steering group

- checks eligibility of candidate and decides about admission (ToR Art. 5)

sofia

- Gives candidate access to all PA documents and includes new member to mailing lists

2. Send Request for Membership to proactive.alliance@sofia-research.com

3. Approval

4. Admission

Participate as Guest

Participation

- Contact sofia and name the working group where you would like to participate
- sofia approaches working group leads who will send meeting invitations

What do you expect from my organization joining the PA?

- (ToR Art. 3) Group members are expected to:
 - be active in the discussions and in providing feedback to documents and issues before the Group meeting
 - be proactive within their constituencies in promoting awareness of, and engaging and participating in the implementation of the SiA project
 - provide advice and approve updates on the Proactive Alliance work on SiA
- (ToR Art. 4.3) A probation phase of 6 months is implemented for new participants. Lack of commitment, including lack of participation in the group's meetings, can result in the exclusion from the group
- (ToR Art.4.5) There is no membership fee