

Editorial Group of the Guide to the application of the Machinery Regulation (EU) 2023/1230

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**NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE EXPERT GROUP ON MACHINERY,
AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS AND EXPERTS**

Subject:

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

for participation to the work on revising the Guide to the application of the Machinery Directive by addressing the new and updated requirements of the Machinery Regulation, and the review of the state-of-the-art as regards the categories of machinery and related products, as covered in the current Guide

The first preparatory meeting of the Editorial Group, hosted by the Commission services, DG GROW Machinery and Equipment unit, with invitations to the representatives of EU Member States, EFTA countries and Türkiye, took place on 28 January 2025.

In that meeting, Mr Alwin Verdaasdonk of the Dutch national authority was elected as chair of the main Editorial Group. He has subsequently nominated Ms Wendy Van Aerschot of the Belgian national authority as co-chair, and Mr Marcel Dutrieux of EGMF as secretary, subject to the endorsement by delegates taking part in the second meeting of the Editorial Group planned on 4 April.

Configuration of the main Editorial Group

The main Editorial Group is envisioned to consist of the country delegates stated above, plus one delegate each representing Orgalim, ETUC, ANEC, European co-ordination of Notified Bodies, and CEN-CENELEC, via direct invitation by the chairman.

The Editorial Group will provide the steering and monitoring of a proposed number of 5 sub-groups that will support the work on the revision of the Guide by preparing all input materials (i.e. new and revised text) which, in turn, will be subject to agreement by the main Editorial Group.

Once approved in the main Editorial Group, the batches of text will be presented to the Commission Expert Group on Machinery for formal endorsement. Note that the Editorial Group and its sub-groups should aim for endorsement without the need for a substantial discussion in the Expert Group, as in depth considerations and discussions should, in principle, have taken place in the sub-groups and, if necessary, in the main Editorial Group prior to submittal to the Expert Group.

Configuration of the sub-groups

It is envisioned that the sub-groups will fully organise themselves in terms of i.a. representation, participation, meetings and agendas, on the level of Members of the Machinery Expert Group. The participation of non-members and individual experts in the respective fields, from EU and other like-minded countries, should also be allowed. Their inclusion should be considered on the basis of reasonable and legitimate interests and scope for constructive engagement and contribution to the work on the deliverables by the sub-groups.

The proposed 5 sub-groups will work in the following areas, and should aim to deliver on the following identified topics:

Group A

- Overall fitness-check of the current Guide, in light of updated essential health and safety requirements (EHSRs)
- Substantial modification
- Guidance on machinery-specific New Legislative Framework (“NLF”) provisions

Group B

- AI-powered safety functions
- Software as a safety component

Group C

- Autonomous mobile machinery
- Risk of contact with overhead powerlines
- Seating (e.g. safety belt)

Group D

- Cyber-safety

Group E

- Digital instructions and information

It is expected that the sub-groups will appoint their respective lead persons, up to two for each sub-group, who will be responsible for engaging in the main Editorial Group on behalf of the sub-group in question. Sub-group C on mobile machinery will be led by delegates from France, as agreed in the first preparatory meeting of the Editorial Group. The remaining sub-group leads have not yet been identified, nor do they have to be country representatives.

Additional sub-groups may be formed or topics may be added to existing sub-groups, depending on the subject submitted, after approval by the main Editorial Group.

Responses to the call for expression of interest

Any applications should be substantiated with a short motivation letter and CV, with the identification of areas of expertise and other relevant information, such as contact details. Member States and market surveillance authorities have direct access to the sub-groups.

Given that sub-groups have yet to be formed and organised, the applications should in the first instance be sent to the secretary, foreseen to be under the responsibility of Mr Marcel Dutrieux, via e-mail address machineryeditorialgroup@gmail.com.

Once the sub-groups are in the process of being formed, the secretary will pass on the received applications to the lead persons of the relevant sub-groups.

The applications must be treated in compliance with the GDPR¹ and any application is considered as an explicit agreement to the following terms:

We are committed to protecting your privacy and ensuring that your personal data is handled securely. The Editorial Group and its sub-groups are processing your personal data in compliance with the GDPR for the purpose of carrying out its tasks in the interest of the public.

By applying, you consent to the collection, storage, and use of your personal data by the Editorial Group and its sub-groups. The personal data may include information such as your name, address, past and present employment, and ID card/passport number. You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time.

The initial deadline for responses to the call for expression of interest is foreseen on 25 April 2025, however, the call will remain open until further notice.

Yours sincerely,

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¹ <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/679/oj>