

Business-Plan European Precious Metals Federation (EPMF)

1.Starting- Point

The Precious Metals (PM) industry makes key-products available for industries with considerable economical relevance like automotive, electronics, health care, jewellery, dental. The European PM industry boasts the most comprehensive and technologically advanced refining facilities in the world.

PM contribute to global welfare and technical progress with growing importance.

The PM industry primarily operates in an international environment. Its operating conditions are influenced by national legislation, but increasingly by European legislation. The Brussels authorities are more and more playing an essential role in the political and economical environment for the PM industry.

It is necessary that the PM industry will be in a strong position to contribute to political administrative processes and

- bring in its expertise
- put forward its PM requests to keep Europe as a native region for a PM industry.

Political demands have increased during the last years - from national authorities of EU Member States and from the European Commission. They affect the economical life of the PM industry in a considerable manner.

To avoid misconceptions or any damage or even to make use of the chances of political projects a strong industry association is necessary.

So the PM industry decided in 2006 to found the EPMF as the European umbrella organization for PM companies and federations. Concentrating in its initial phase mainly on REACH activities the EPMF nowadays is developing itself towards an association covering all advocating interests of its members. Its importance is growing!

European Legislation has reached a completely different level compared to the nineties, both regarding the number of Directives communications and studies and there qualities:

- a) Most of the legislation initiatives in the environmental sector are originating in Brussels.
- b) In the field of energy and climate change the EU has growing influence and often predominates competences.

- c) In trade policy issues the Commission determines the political direction and represents the EU in international organizations f.e. the WTO.
- d) In raw material supply the Commission took the initiative and now plays a key role in international discussions.

As a result operating conditions for the PM industry are mainly laid down in Brussels. The Commission has its active part in the transfer into national legislation.

2. Objectives of EPMF

- to be eager to strengthen PM influence in Brussels (Commission, European Parliament) and in international policy
- to put Brussels center stage to the attention of PM companies in Europe
- cooperation with European Organizations (f.e. EUROMETAUX, CEFIC, EUROFER)
- cooperation with international Organizations (f. e. IPA, IPMI, WGC)
- to get proactive for alliances of similar industry positions on a case-by-case basis
- to raise public awareness of PM
- result: EPMF becomes a part of a European and international network

3. Special Tasks of EPMF

- information of members about political, economical and scientific topics
- overall organization of PM advocating
- networking
- forum of exchange of views

4. Organization

4.1. Responsibility and Strategy

The President and the Board are responsible for the organization as such and for the advocating strategies. (Final approval by the members!).

4.2. Management

a) The Secretary General runs the office of EPMF and is in charge of the day-to-day management (to run the office, advocating, information, networking) of EPMF. In addition the Secretary General runs the management of the REACH-Consortium.

A (part-time) advisor and the secretariat support the daily work. Actually a full-time advisor is working only for the REACH-Consortium. The support of the EPMF - management may consist of: The Board may appoint one (or more) of its members to support the management on a case-by-case basis.

b) The secretariat (assistance) might be provided by EUROMETAUX (determine part-time share and fee).

5. Cost

Financing EPMF on the basis of an annual budget (to be discussed); the budget depends on the work-share between EPMF topics and the REACH-Consortium.

Objective: to rise the share of personal capacities for EPMF from 20 % onwards (in comparison to REACH-Consortium); establish a time schedule!