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Launch of EU-funded Joint Market Surveillance Action on Harmonised Products - JAHARP18

Cross-border market surveillance action on Recreational Craft and Portable Room Heaters to improve consumer product safety and reduce unfair competition in the European Single Market

On 21 and 22 January 2020, 30 delegates from 10 European Union (EU) Member States, the European Commission and the industry gathered at [PROSAFE's](#) premises in Brussels to discuss the challenges ahead for EU-wide market surveillance and set-up a new project plan. The Conference marked the launch of the Joint Market Surveillance Action on Harmonised Products - JAHARP18, which aims to reduce accidents relating to two risk-prone product categories, **Recreational Craft** and **Portable Room Heaters**, and also decrease unfair competition. The overarching objective of the Action is to help protect the health and safety of European consumers and generate real-life impacts.

JAHARP18 is co-funded by the EU (90% of the total funding). Its duration is 28 months, from November 2019 to February 2022. The 11 participating Market Surveillance Authorities (MSAs) are split in two product-specific work groups – one for Recreational Craft (e.g. inflatable and small open boats) and one for Portable Room Heaters (e.g. convertor heaters, fan heaters, liquid-filled radiators, radiant heaters). The Project Coordinator is [PROSAFE - The Product Safety Forum of Europe](#).

JAHARP18 builds upon the intelligence, knowledge and practical experience gained from previous Joint Actions, in particular the [Joint Market Surveillance Action on Machinery - JAMACH14](#), which was also financed by the EU. It offers a collective mechanism that makes possible the use of common resources and capacities across Europe to inspect and test the compliance level of over 80 models placed on the EU market.

All in all, JAHARP18 shall:

- Survey the state of compliance and safety of Recreational Craft (RCD) and Low Voltage (LVD) Electrical Appliances in the internal market;
- Identify and deal with non-compliant products, ensuring that unsafe products are brought into conformity or withdrawn from the market;



- Reduce the risks of accidents for EU consumers;
- Reduce unfair competition resulting from the presence of non-compliant products on the market;
- Identify and develop best practices for future market surveillance actions;
- Raise awareness and the level of compliance among manufacturers, importers, distributors and other concerned stakeholders about the problems identified on the market;
- Follow-up with European standardisation organisations, conformity assessment and notified bodies; and
- Potentially stimulate post-market surveillance assessment studies and support policy change.

The Launch Conference featured a keynote speech by Hans Ingels, Head of Unit B.1, DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs of the European Commission, who pinpointed the current and future regulatory, policy and financial challenges for EU market surveillance. Mr Ingels underlined the importance of JAHARP18 in helping shape future EU policies and strengthen cross-border cooperation in market surveillance, a view that was resoundingly echoed by the representatives of the RCD and LVD Administrative Cooperation Groups (ADCOs) and all JAHARP18 participants.

The two-day event also incorporated the kick-off meetings of the two work groups for Recreational Craft and Portable Room Heaters. During these meetings, participants had the opportunity to discuss the details of the individual work plans, determine the scope of their market surveillance activities and start setting up the product sampling, inspections (both online and physical) and testing programme.


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