Press Release research project "Ecologistics":

"Ecologistics Brussels' conference"

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The partners of Ecologistics project met at a conference in Brussels on October 14th, 2014. Throughout the conference, Ecologistics aimed at presenting the added value of IT tools and GS1 standards for implementingtraceability in logistics and introducing to the audience the demonstration of the first scenario integrated in thedemonstrator, which is one of the main outputs of the project. The conference attracted more than 60 participants. The project partners expressed their gratitude to the external speakers from many companies using GS1 codesand shared their precious experience with the audience.

The coordinator of the project, Bertrand Tiberghien from Umons gave a general presentation about the project and the agenda of the day. The next presentation was performed by Nicolas Pauvre from GS1 France. He gave a short presentation about GS1 standards promoted by Ecologistics. The next session was dedicated to the testimonies of companies. 3 companies were invited to share their experience in projects related toEPCIS and GS1 standards.

The first testimony was fromAstre/Palet System and 4SNetwork about their project "Open Tracing Container", aimed at improving the managementof returnable logistic assets.

Etilux, a solutions provider, gave a presentation about a case study intraceability based on RFID/EPC for Delhaize (a supermarket chain inBelgium) and its supplier Père Olive.

The last testimony was the one of Aucxis, a solutions provider. This project uses EPCIS standards for fish traceability enabled by RFID tags with EPCcodes inserted in each fish box.

Joffrey Zamba from Euralogistic gave a presentation about the first scenario integrated into the demonstrator to prove all the benefits from this new technology. He showed the interaction of each playerin the supply chain, from an egg supplier, a mayonnaise factory, itscompetitor, a retailer warehouse and a retailer. The demonstration identified clearly the advantages of an EPCIS Network. It showed how tracking and tracing is easy if the information used is standardized and can beshared by different players of the chain.

Finally, Yves de Blic from Multitel gave a presentation about how companieswho are interested in Ecologistics can join the project.

A live demonstration was performed by Yves de Blic from Multitel and Jean-François Piche from Umons showing how the demonstrator works in real time. The demonstration put in evidence how servers using EPCIS Network in different places can communicate and how, in case of a problem with the quality of the goods, contaminated goods can be identified quickly and removed from the supply chain.

The project "Ecologistics" is a cooperation of 12 institutions and companies from Belgium, Germany, France, Great Britain, Luxembourg and the Netherlands to demonstrate the benefits of increased transparency in supply chains for the companies involved by consistent use of existing international and cross-industry standards. Co-funded by the EU (InterregIVb) the research project specifically aims at providing concepts, methods and solutions for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Lead partner is the University of Mons (Belgium), from Germany the Institute for production and logistics systems - Prof. Schmidt is involved as project partner.

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