

Statement from the EU RO MR Group 4th Technical Review meeting held on 29 November 2018

On 29 November 2018, the EU RO MR Group held its 4th Technical Review meeting (MR TRM) at The Madison Hotel in Hamburg.

The MR TRM was initiated to provide a platform for exchange with interested industry partners on the current status of the MR Technical Requirements (MR TR) development and maintenance process and to discuss the feedback on relevant technical issues.

The presentation given by the EU RO MR Group focused on the recent developments achieved, such as the Group's new revised website, which was developed taking on board the feedback received from industry and stakeholders, and now includes all current, future and historic versions of TRs with an easy-to use search engine, a new subscription service for news and newsletters, and a comprehensive and clear guidance on the certification process right on the landing page.

In addition, the Group provided the participants with an update on activities since the last TRM, detailing the current Tier 7 TR development, summarizing the results of the industry consultation phase, and providing an overview of the current status of the TR maintenance process. Future activities of the Group will include the finalization of the Tier 7 TR development, initiation of a maintenance cycle on the 62 existing TRs, and the continuation of the TR development process based on an itemized approach.

Of special interest was the state of development of the Product Evaluation Process (PEP), which was presented to the interested audience for the first time. It marks a further development of the existing assessment model by utilizing a more technical focussed product assessment methodology. However, the Group recognizes that due to the complexity of task, the PEP model is being further refined. After further development, it will be sent to industry for consultation.

Besides the presentation by the EU RO MR Group, presentations were given by a manufacturer who provided substantial input on technical and procedural issues. Fruitful discussions were held on issues of specific interest to certain industry representatives. In the technical discussions, constructive actions were identified, which will be followed up by the MR Group. The collaborative approach was appreciated.

Overall the feeling expressed by those attending the MR TRM was that it had been a useful and successful meeting.

