



Working Group 7: BioMaterials

Terms of Reference 2017-2018

Purpose / role of the group:

- To give a contribution to create the conditions for an effective coordination and integration of different stakeholders, views and resources in the field of Biomaterials R&D at the EU level.
- To achieve the best and most effective coordination between different sectors, maintaining their relative autonomy, interests and strategies, driving the expected synergy through a common path which integrates actors, resources and strategies from the fundamental aspects of biomaterials science up to the industrial system which produce and/or transform the materials into valuable products.
- To make effective contributions to the Societal Grand Challenges.

Membership:

- The membership is open to any person involved in the process of increasing knowledge on materials, producing materials, processing and/or transforming materials, using materials and any form of their aggregation for biomedical applications, with any restrictions on numbers.
- To be a member of the Working Group 7: Biomaterials it is sufficient to make a request by e-mail to the WG chairperson and contextually ask to be part of the EuMat Platform.

Review:

The Group will review the relevance and value of its work and the Terms of Reference every two years.

Working methods:

- The actions of the Group will be discussed and planned during conference calls and e-mail messages.



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- The WG chairmen role is to coordinate the WG 7 activities listed in the present document. The chairmen will monitor the activities of the referential persons and will be responsible of the periodic update of the information published on the web page concerning the results of the WG7 activities.
- Some strategic areas have been individuated and will be eventually updated, for each of a referential person have been individuated inside the WG. Each referential person was asked to actively participate to the WG actions, give contributions during the preparation of documents, give suggestions for new actions, give help in answering to the Steering Committee requests.
- Official meetings are not foreseen.

Sharing of information and resources (including confidential materials):

- The Group members will share information and resources by e-mail. They will be requested to evidence in any written communications the confidential issues with a written note “confidential” and they are requested to respect the confidentiality of shared information.
- In the EuMat website, there is a web space dedicated for the group reporting the description of activities and the ToR which will be updated periodically.

Activities 2017 - 2018

During the next 24 months, the WG 7 will try to achieve the following objectives:

- Strategic areas in the biomaterials arena: update of the existing areas and eventually creation of new ones (identifying the referential person inside the WG).
- Dissemination of the working group activities/existence in order to augment the number of the members.
- Looking for industrial partners (SMEs and/or large industries) potentially interested to join the EuMat Platform and particularly the WG7.
- Organization/Participation of workshops/events.
- Networking activities with other working group active in the biomaterial arena.
- Update of the web page with documents and report concerning the results of WG7 activities.