

Public Summary – Board Meeting 37 Stichting DBC

Board Meeting 37 was held on October 14, 2021 as an online meeting. Representatives of RWE, PPR, Uniper and Vattenfall participated. Also, a representative of Dentons was present as observer. All participants to the meeting confirmed that they had read and understood the Anti-Trust Compliance Policy Statement.

Stichting DBC (or DBC Foundation; hereafter referred to as DBC) was established under the Covenant 'Duurzaamheid Biomassa' (Biomass Sustainability) of the Dutch Energy Agreement. The objective of DBC is to promote and accomplish certification of small forest owners (defined as smaller than 500 ha) in North-America to support the agreed growth path in the Covenant for reaching 100% FSC- or equivalent certification of woody biomass.

Publication of the independent peer review of the SOMO report was well received and will be discussed in an upcoming meeting of the signatories to the Covenant. The Board agreed to invite CE Delft to act again as the Rapporteur for 2021.

Concerning the Stimulation Program the Board decided on a project audit, focusing on the effectiveness of the activities deployed in 2021 to promote certification growth of small forest owners. The DBC fall Workshop for US and Canada stakeholders took place on October 6, 2021. The Board concluded that the program content and quality of the presentations was good. Some positive feedback had also been received. The Board reconfirms the need and added value to continue organizing these meetings.

The third party observer concluded that during the meeting all board members were equally involved in the discussions and decision-making and confirmed that none of the discussions, decisions or actions during the DBC board meeting of 14 October 2021 were in deviation from the anti-trust compliance policy statement.

The next Board meeting is scheduled to take place on December 07, 2021.
