

The Voice of the European Colourant Industry

Status: September 2026



Who we are



Eurocolour e. V. is the umbrella association for the manufacturer of pigments, dyes, fillers, frits, ceramic and glass colours and ceramic glazes in Europe.

- Navigating complex regulation.
- Promoting science-based policymaking.
- Supporting a competitive and sustainable European colourant industry.



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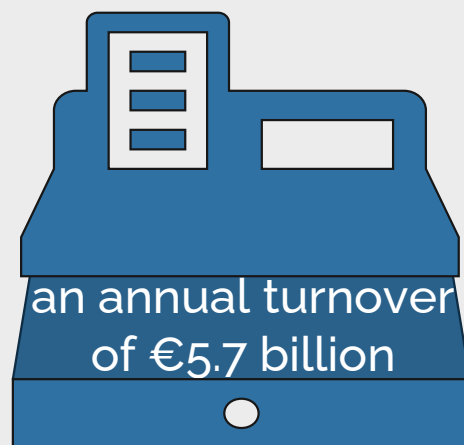
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With **26 member companies**, **5 national associations** and **1 international association**, Eurocolour represents a valuable sector:



generates



accounts for



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Eurocolour members



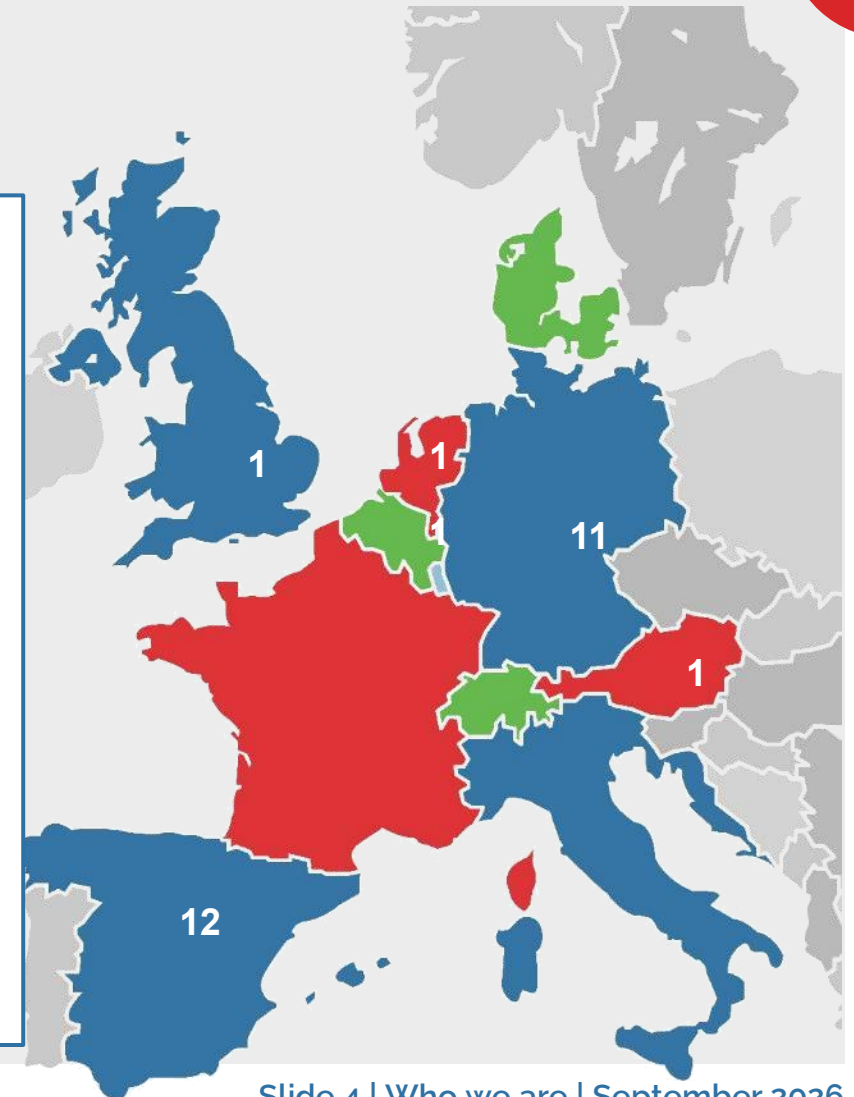
32 Members in total – 26 company members

25 ordinary company members
1 associate company member *

- AL-Farben, S.A.
- Bruchsaler Farbenfabrik GmbH & Co. KG
- Colores Ceramicos de Tortosa, S.A.
- Colorobbia España, S.A.
- Coloronda, S.L.
- DCL Corporation
- ECKART GmbH
- Esmalglass, S.A.U.
- Evonik Operations GmbH
- Fritta, S.L.U.
- Habich GmbH
- Itaca S.A.U.
- KERAFRIT, S.A.
- KRONOS TITAN GmbH
- LANXESS Deutschland GmbH
- Orion Engineered Carbons GmbH
- OXERRA Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG
- Schlenk Metallic Pigments GmbH
- Sudarshan Europe BV
- Sun Chemical
- SUSONITY Services GmbH
- Torrecid S.A.
- Union Colours Limited *
- Vidres S.A.
- Vibrantz
- Younexa Spain, S.L.U.

■ 15 Multinational companies

■ 11 SMEs



Eurocolour members



32 Members in total – 6 association members

National Associations



(FR)



(ES)



(IT)



(DE)



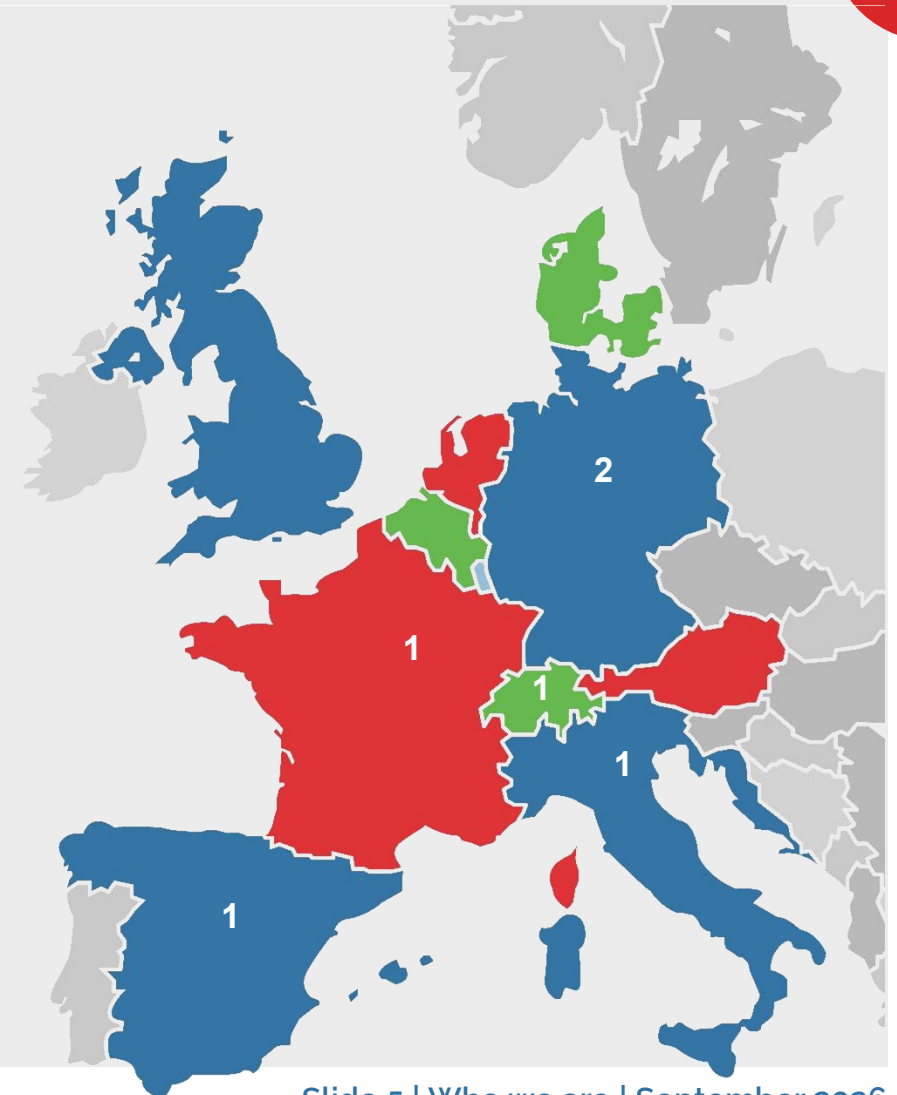
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5 ordinary members

Multinational Association



1 associate association



Eurocolour creates value

Represent industry interests

- We engage with European institutions, regulatory authorities and stakeholders to ensure that the industry's perspective is considered in policy development.

Develop science-based positions

- Members work together to evaluate proposals, share expertise and develop common industry positions.
 - Eurocolour draws on its technical and regulatory expertise and industry experience to address issues affecting the sector.
 - It brings together the knowledge of Multinational companies, specialized manufacturers and national industry associations.

Support regulatory compliance

- Eurocolour develops guidance and facilitates exchange on the practical implementation of legislation.

Anticipate emerging issues

- Through active monitoring and expert discussions, members gain early insight into developments that may affect their business.



Eurocolour topics



Overarching political initiatives

Issue: The Green Deal and ever-increasing bureaucracy are holding industry back

- Additional requirements, reporting obligations, scientifically unfounded bans
- Competitiveness has been ignored, whilst European industry is regulated to tight → loss of competitiveness

What we do: Eurocolour prepared multiple papers on the results of the Green Deal and what has to be improved

- Article in a trade journal
- Proposal to reduce red tape
- Help industry to understand the context of all the regulations
- Raise awareness that alternative policy options are needed



Particle related discussions: PSLT and CLH classification

Issue: Particles have come under scrutiny due to purely physical effects in the lung detected in animal test

- Several CLH of substances due to particle effects
- How to regulate health effects seen at animal tests with inert particles?
- OEL discussion regarding PSLT

What we do: Eurocolour discusses the issue in our Scientific Working group and participates in consultations as well as stakeholder meetings

- Cefic Particle Platform
- CLH Proposals in CARACAL
- Advocate for adjusting testing protocols for particles



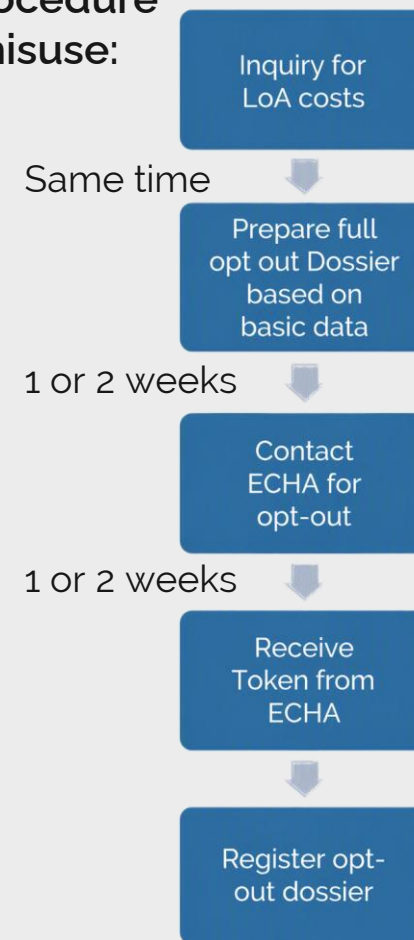
Selected examples

REACH implementation: Opt-out

Issue: Opt-out is used to circumvent the cost sharing under REACH and gain access in the European market without providing sufficient data

- Opt-out is a normal procedure which should only be used as an exception
- Misuse leads to financial burdens for the affected companies as well as a potential loss of competitiveness
- Control from authorities is lacking, leading to more cases and companies using it

Common procedure of opt-out misuse:



Selected examples



REACH implementation: Opt-out



What we do: Eurocolour contacted several authorities and held meetings seeking a solution

- Meetings were held with the Commission, ECHA and the Dutch national enforcement authorities
- ECHA project on opt-out was started
- Issue is being discussed in Enforcement Forum
- Awareness has been raised in several other associations like VCI and Cefic

Project: *Ensuring level playing field for registration dossiers with opt-outs*

- **Planning phase:** 2026
- **Legal basis for opt-outs:** Article 11(3) and 19(2) of REACH
- **Action:**
 - Compliance checks on pilot cases to verify adequacy of information submitted
 - Awareness raising to registrants and suppliers
 - Collaboration with enforcement authorities
- **Background:** Companies must justify when they submit information separately from the joint submission. The appropriateness of these justifications cannot be determined by ECHA. Other measures needed for ensuring level playing field.

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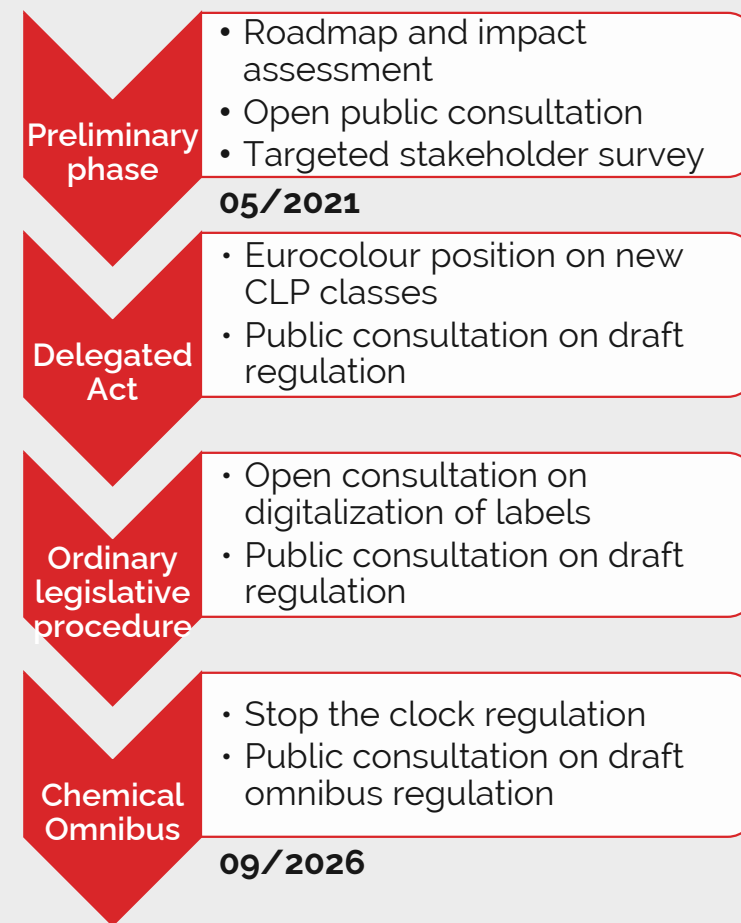
CLP implementation: CLP revision

Issue: 3-fold revision involving three different legislative processes, tightening classification and labelling obligation

- Delegated Act introducing new hazard classes
- Ordinary legislative procedure concerning, amongst others, multi-component substances, harmonised classification of substance groups, hazard communication, and labelling
- Chemical Omnibus withdrawing some labelling and advertising regulations

What we do: Eurocolour monitored and participated in the whole process

- Committees kept informed and involved in meetings and circulars
- Submissions to 8 public consultations
- Overview given in continuously updated guidance documents



Selected examples

Product specific issues: PCBs limit value in POPs regulation

Issue: Industry-authority disagreement on PCB UTC limit under the revised POPs regulation

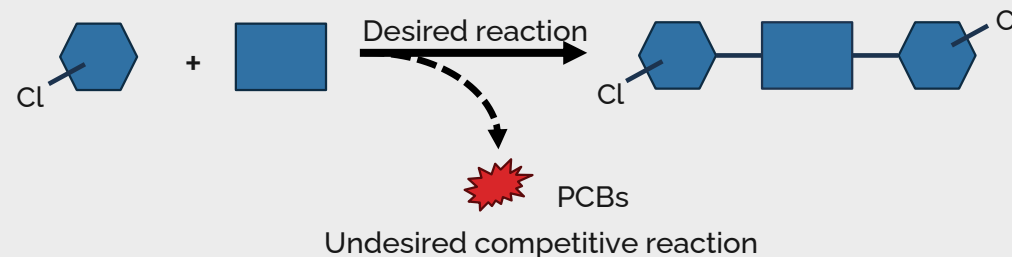
- PCBs can occur as unintended and unavoidable impurity in some organic pigments' production
- Intended limit of zero would be impossible to meet for European manufacturers and downstream users
- Value chains would be relocated outside Europe with no means or capacities to control imports

PCBs: Polychlorinated Biphenyls | **POPs regulation:** Persistent organic pollutants regulation (EU) 2019/1021 | **UTC:** unwanted trace contaminant

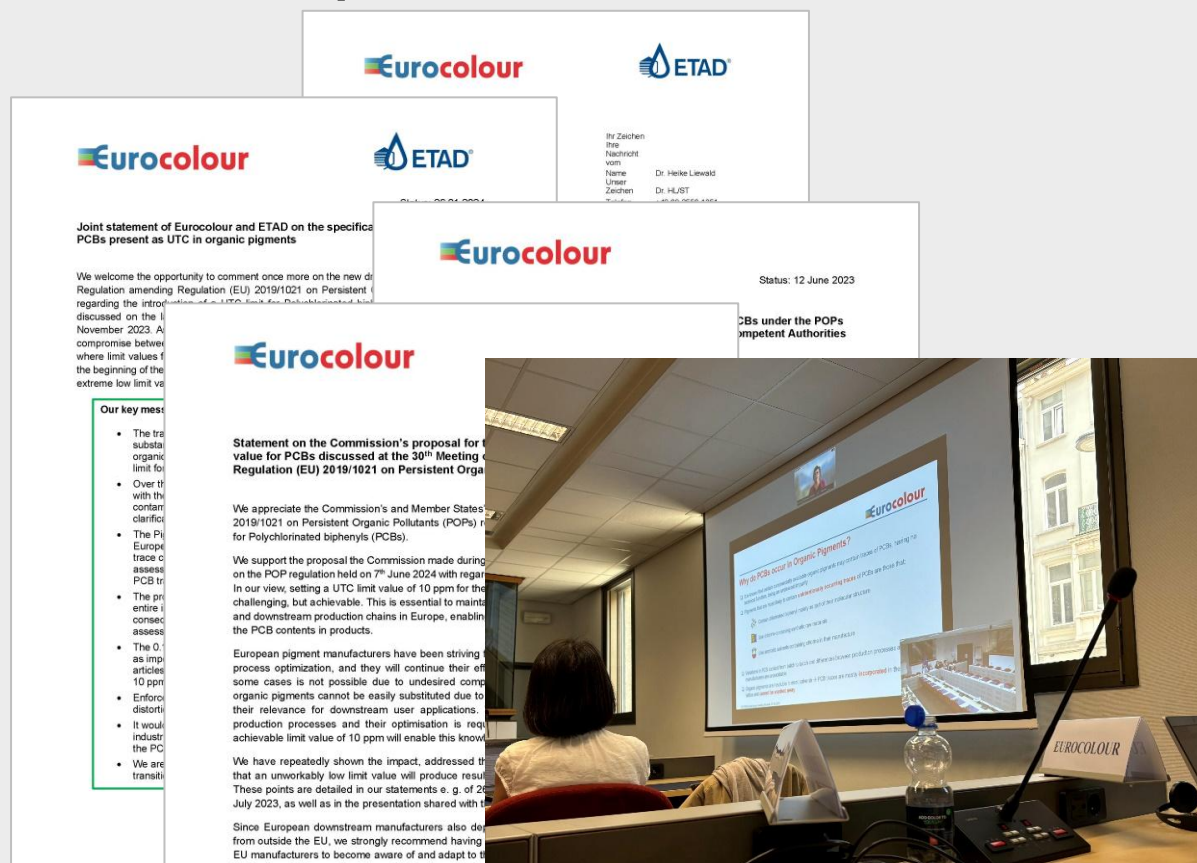
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Synthesis of chlorinated organic pigments



Product specific issues: PCBs limit value in POPs regulation



What we do: Eurocolour achieved feasible exemption for organic pigments

- Eurocolour sought dialogue with relevant authorities and the EU Commission
- Close cooperation with downstream user associations such as CEPE
- Finally, the Commission accepted the need for an exemption
- Draft regulation contains low, but still feasible UTC limit value for PCBs in organic pigments and dyes

Food contact material legislation: Revision

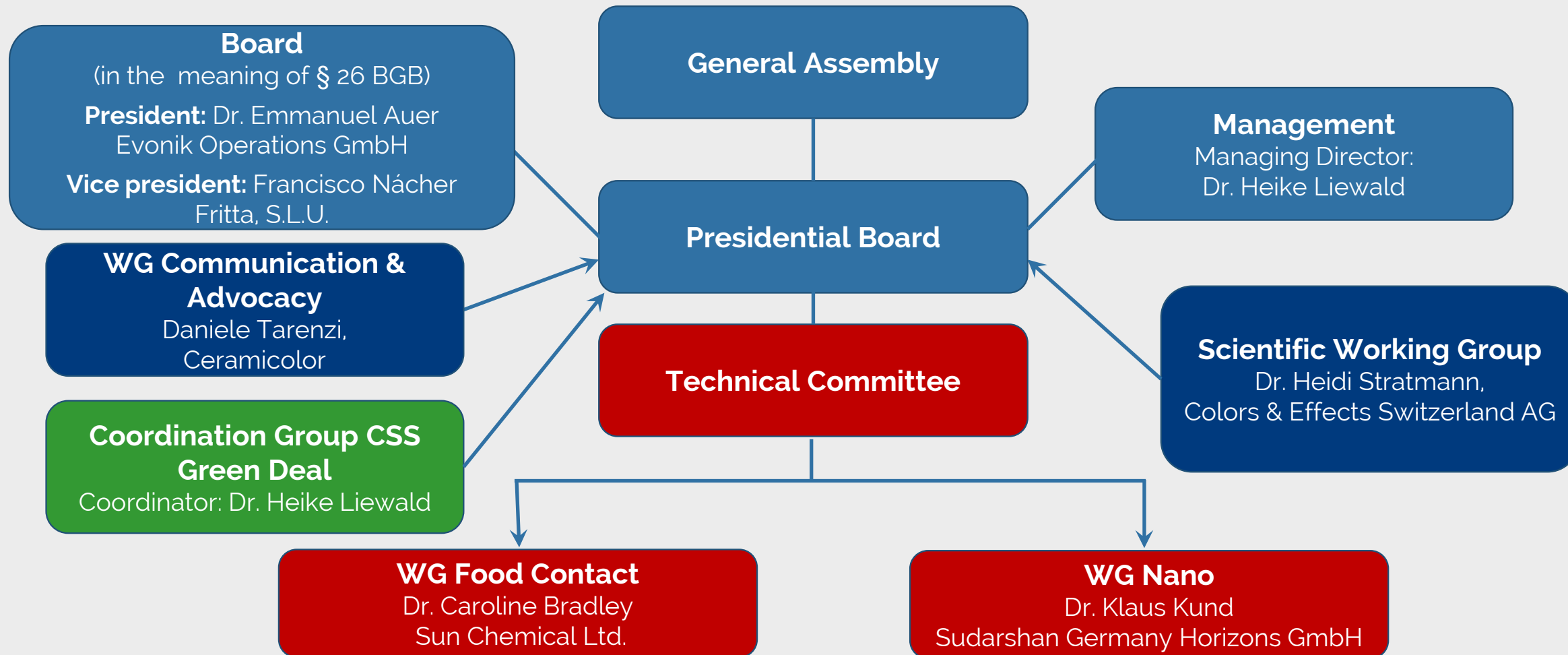
- **Issue:** Revision of the food contact material legislation aimed at unworkable obligations
 - Planned revision of the EU Ceramics Directive aimed at significantly lowering migration limits for lead, cadmium, and other metals
 - Planned revision of the Framework Regulation 1935/2004 aiming for harmonised and stricter rules
- **What we do:** Eurocolour prevented the adoption of unworkable regulatory proposals so far
 - Participation in public consultations and stakeholder interviews with consultant
 - Demonstrating how migration limits would minimise colour design options



Eurocolour structure



Bodies and Committees



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