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Ad hoc Meeting of the European Consumer Consultative Group (ECCG)

22 February 2017
09:00-17:00

Van Maerlant 2 Building, Meeting room No.2
Address: 2 rue Van Maerlant-1049 Brussels

Chair: Carina Törnblom, Advisor, Directorate for Consumers, DG Justice and Consumers

Agenda point ¹	Time	Subject
	09:00-09:30	Registration and welcome coffee
1.	09:30-09:40	Welcome by the Chair - Adoption of the Draft Agenda - Adoption of the minutes of the ECCG meeting of 1 December 2016
2.	09:40-10:00	Adoption of the ECCG Rules of Procedure <i>On the basis of the circulated draft by the Commission, the ECCG members will be invited to agree on the Rules and Procedures of the Group</i>
3.	10:00-10:40	Clean Energy Package a. Presentation of the Clean Energy Package <i>Georgios Kiriazis, Consumer Policy Unit, DG JUST, European Commission)</i> b. Proposal by BEUC to ECCG to issue an Opinion on the Clean Energy Package and presentation of the draft mandate <i>Monique Goyens, BEUC</i> <i>Discussion on an agreement of the ECCG concerning the mandate for the Energy subgroup to formulate an opinion on the Clean Energy Package</i>
	10:40-11:00	Coffee break

¹ Order of items may change subject to availability of speakers and any unforeseen circumstances

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4.	11:00-13:00	Empowerment of Consumer Organisations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Capacity-building efforts of consumer associations in Member States in the CESEE² <i>Breda Kutin, ECCG Member, Slovenia</i> b. Current challenges to financial sustainability of consumer organisations and how to address them <i>Monique Goyens, BEUC</i> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p><i>Guiding question: What is the best way to build a strong and sustainable consumer organisation?</i></p> <p><i>13:00-14:00</i> <i>Working lunch</i></p>
5.	14:00-17:00	The role of Consumer Policy in the EU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. EU consumer policy as a tool to bridge the gap between the EU and its citizens – the contribution of consumer organisations <i>Monique Goyens, BEUC</i> b. Achievements & prospects of EU Consumer Law <i>Bob Schmitz, ECCG Member, Luxembourg</i> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Would your country have national consumer laws had it not been for consumer legislation at EU level?</i> – <i>What would be the most symbolic element/achievement in your national consumer law?</i> – <i>Does consumer protection, as a Policy, need “protection”?</i>

² “CESEE” EU member states: Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Malta and Cyprus.