

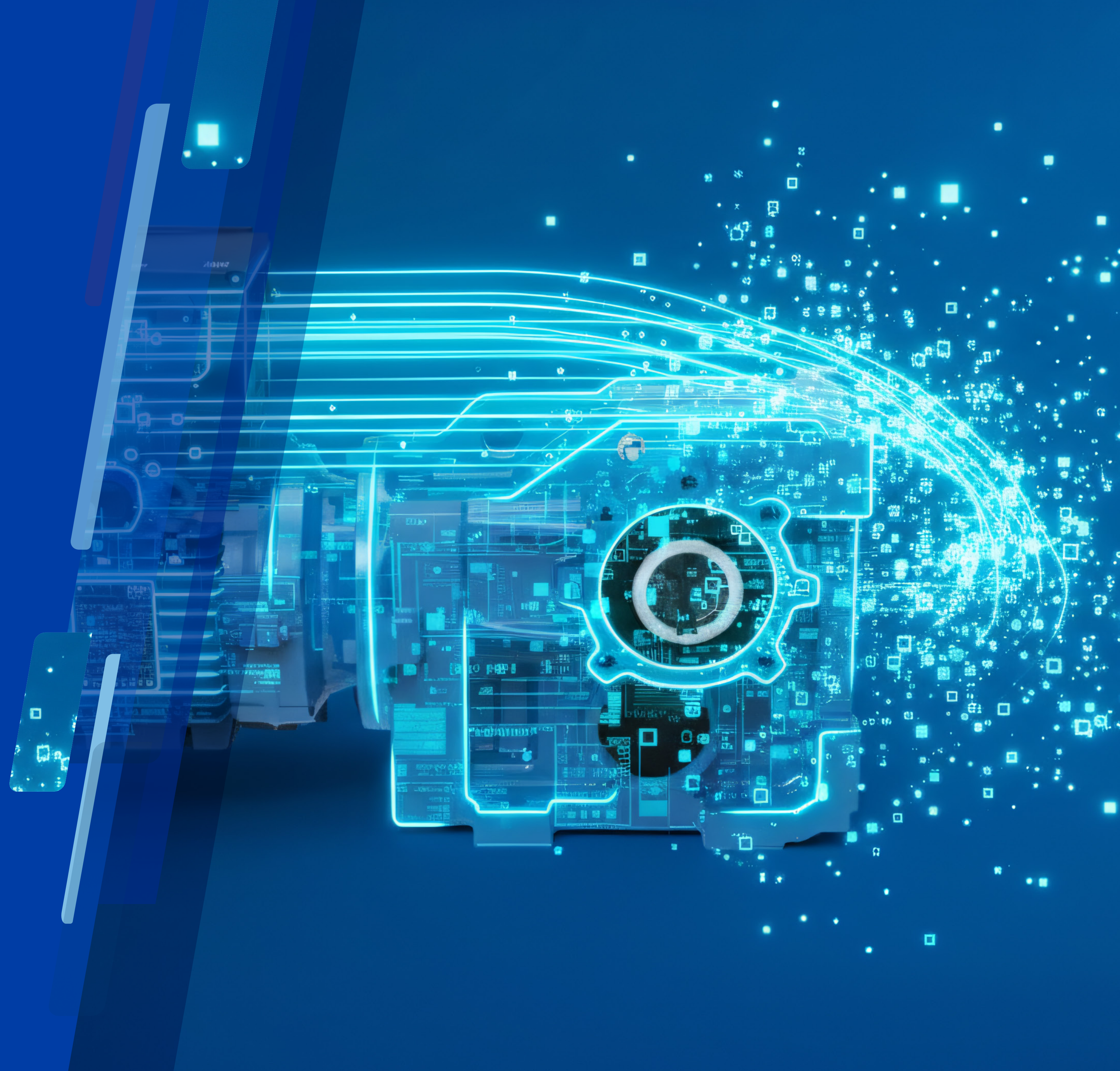
Europump

The Voice of the European Pump Industry

Europump Highlights

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New Europump President

Europump has a new President! During its General Assembly in Prague, members unanimously elected Alexandre Lacour, representative of EVOLIS and President of Gestion & Prospective, as Europump President for 2025-2027.

Lacour succeeds **Lubos Michlik** (Sigma, CPMA), who was warmly thanked for his dedicated leadership and key initiatives, including a strategy review and the launch of Europump's sponsorship programme.

Supported by Vice-Presidents **Markus Holmberg** (Xylem, SWEPUMP) and **Jim Wall** (Sulzer Ireland, BPMA), Alexandre aims to boost Europump's voice at EU level.



The candidates for President and Vice Presidents come from the Executive Council (at its proposal). They are elected for a two year mandate.

“ My goal is to establish requirements that extend the lifecycle of materials and products within the EU economy, while also reducing costs and administrative efforts for consumers and businesses alike.”

Alexandre Lacour



INTERNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Europump has a new address!! Since 1 August our office are located in **Avenue des Arts 56, 1000 Brussels**. Thank you for amending your references accordingly!



Highlights from the European Commission

The EU Circular Economy Act

The European Commission is preparing the [Circular Economy Act](#), to accelerate Europe's transition to a circular economy. It builds on previous efforts (Circular Economy Action Plan) and will introduce binding rules and frameworks — moving beyond voluntary measures implemented so far. Adoption is planned for 2026, with a [public consultation and call for evidence](#) now underway.

Key Goals & What it Will Do

- **Create a Single Market for Secondary Raw Materials:** major aim is to make it simpler and more efficient to trade in waste, recycled materials, and reusable inputs across EU states.
- **By reducing dependence on virgin raw materials,** lowering environmental impact, and integrating circularity into industrial policy.
- **Tighten / Harmonise Regulations:** Revision of existing directives (e.g., waste, packaging, ecodesign), clarify the 'end of waste' criteria, strengthen extended producer responsibility, etc.
- **Boost Supply & Demand of High-Quality Recycled Materials:** Encourage higher quality in recycled inputs and ensure there is demand (and regulatory support) for goods using them. Stimulate EU Competitiveness and Resilience.
- **Double the EU's Circularity Rate by 2030:** The circular material use rate is currently low (~12 %) and the goal is to substantially increase it.



We need your support!

Key elements (for pumps) like durability, reparability, and recyclability are increasingly addressed across several EU initiatives such as CSRD, CRMA, and ESPR.

Our Circular Economy Working Group intends to develop a roadmap to coordinate and align industry input to help shape standards and definitions, ensuring that sustainability requirements remain both ambitious and practical.

For this project, we are calling for new working group members to help us draft our input papers. If you are interested to join this ambitious and rewarding project, please get in touch:

Highlights from our Europump Commissions & Working Groups

Drinking Water Working Group - Update on Drinking Water Directive Implementation

The Draft Guidance Document was finalized in March and reviewed by the Commission until mid-September. Minor clarifications by the Member States Guidance Group are pending, with publication expected by end 2025 (non-binding guidance).

Given the document's complexity, EDW (European Drinking Water Consortium) is preparing an Industry Implementation Guide focusing on issues relevant for industry, using the product certification process as a starting point. Publication is targeted for end 2025 / early 2026.

Application of the harmonized system remains uncertain: only partial information from Member States on transition rules is currently available.

Europump as part of EDW has raised the following key issues with the European Commission:

- Insufficient implementation time
- Missing substances on the EU Positive List
- Lack of data and cost-sharing system
- Limited harmonized testing and certification capacity
- No solution yet for on-site applied materials

The Commission acknowledged these challenges and aims to find a robust solution rather than a quick one.

Deadlines:

- Start of EU harmonized system: Jan 2027
- End of transition / expiry of national certificates: Dec 2032

Background / Reminder:

- Drinking Water Directive published in 2020
- Delegated Acts for materials in contact with drinking water adopted in 2024
- Europump is part of the *European Drinking Water Consortium (EDW)*—an industry alliance engaging with EU and national regulators to build a harmonized certification framework.



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Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) & Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) WG

Europump Advances Its Life Cycle Assessment Guide

Since February, we've shifted focus from a PCR-style document to developing a Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) Guide for pumps. After a second consultation over the summer, the drafting group has been refining the text based on feedback. We aim to have a new draft ready for the January meetings — ambitious, but on track!

Chemicals Working Group

Focus on PFAS Developments

Our main activity this year has been monitoring the proposed PFAS ban. We're currently analyzing the new exemption proposal for sealing and industrial machinery applications and preparing for the public consultation expected in Q2 2026.

Position papers published this year:

- [Europump position on the restriction of PFAS \(update of the position of 2023\)](#)
- [Europump position on the Essentiality of Fluoropolymers in Industrial Applications](#)

Substances of Concern

This summer, Europump and 30 other trade federations sent a Joint Industry Letter to the European Commission President, calling for a harmonised and workable approach to Substances of Concern under the ESPR.

The letter specifically urged the deletion of paragraph f) bis in Annex C (Taxonomy), which currently hinders EU Taxonomy uptake and undermines the competitiveness of compliant European industries, which are unable to report product alignment under activity-specific criteria.

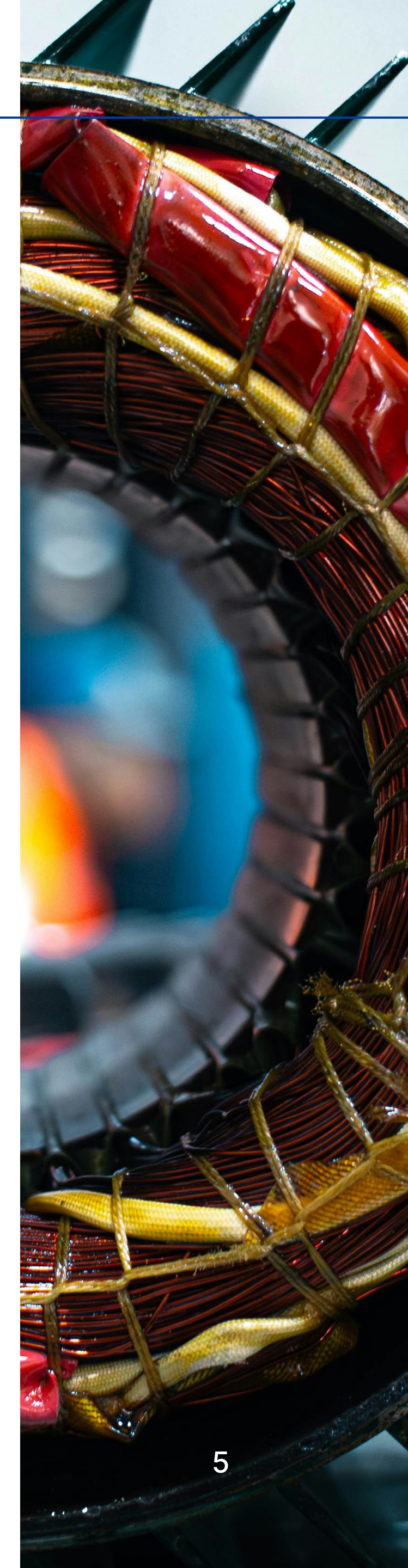
Further topics currently on the agenda are:

- Prop65
- RoHS
- Lead regulations
- Environmental Omnibuses (Taxonomy Appendix C, CSRD E2 Pollution)

Call for members: If you are interested to contribute to the work of our chemicals working group, please get in touch with:
lferrero@evolis.org

Taxonomy Working Group

A status update meeting is scheduled for 14 November at 2pm. If you are interested to join, please get in touch with:
previtera@animaconfindustria.eu



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The Joint Working Group on Ecodesign (JWG) is supporting all the topics related to Ecodesign, Extended Product Approach and “Energy related topics” of the upcoming ESPR for various product groups. It is operating under and reporting to the Standards Commission.

Europump provides input to the revision of the EU Water Pump Regulation (EU 547/2012)

Our JWG provided input to DG Energy on open points related to the water pump regulation revision. Ronald Piers de Raveschoot from DG Energy gave positive feedback to our remarks during our autumn meetings in Helsinki, which he joined online.

Ecodesign Regulation for Circulators (EC 641/2009) – Revision Update

The European Commission is revising the Ecodesign Regulation for circulators. Europump is actively engaging with the Commission following the submission of our position during the Call for Evidence, advocating for adoption of the revised rules before the ESPR exemption period expires to ensure a seamless implementation within the Ecodesign framework.

Key priorities include:

- bringing drinking water circulators within the regulation’s scope to achieve further energy savings and close existing loopholes
- minimising or removing exemption periods for drinking water circulators and their spare parts
- helping shape the EEI calculation methodology and future efficiency targets.

EN 17038-3 for Boosters submitted for vote

Europump’s Joint Working Group provided essential input to CEN TC 197 WG1, enabling them to finalise and submit EN 17038-3 (Pumps – Methods of qualification of the Energy Efficiency Index for rotodynamic pump units – Part 3: Testing and calculation of EEI of booster sets) for formal vote on schedule.

Europump Drives New IEC Standard for Submersible Motor Testing

Europump has initiated the development of a new international test standard for submersible electric motors. Following a positive vote, the IEC launched the project in Q4 2025. The new standard will harmonize efficiency testing for submersible designs—addressing factors like full fluid immersion, axial loads, and thermal behavior not covered by existing IEC 60034-2-x standards. Europump’s leadership underscores the importance of this step in boosting global competitiveness, supporting future regulations, and promoting energy-efficient innovation.



Steigenberger Hotel Frankfurter Hof, Frankfurt,
Germany, 27th-29th May 2026

EUROPUMP GA & Conference 2026

After our highly successful event in Prague this year, we are excited to bring the 2026 EUROPUMP General Assembly & Conference to Frankfurt, Germany.

VDMA will host us in a city, which is not only super easy to access, but very much underestimated in terms of its cultural richness and its conviviality!

The 2026 Annual conference will take place from 27-29 May in the hotel Steigenberger Icon Frankfurter Hof, a stunning venue.

Further news about registration details and keynote presentations will follow in the coming weeks (by email). For any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch!

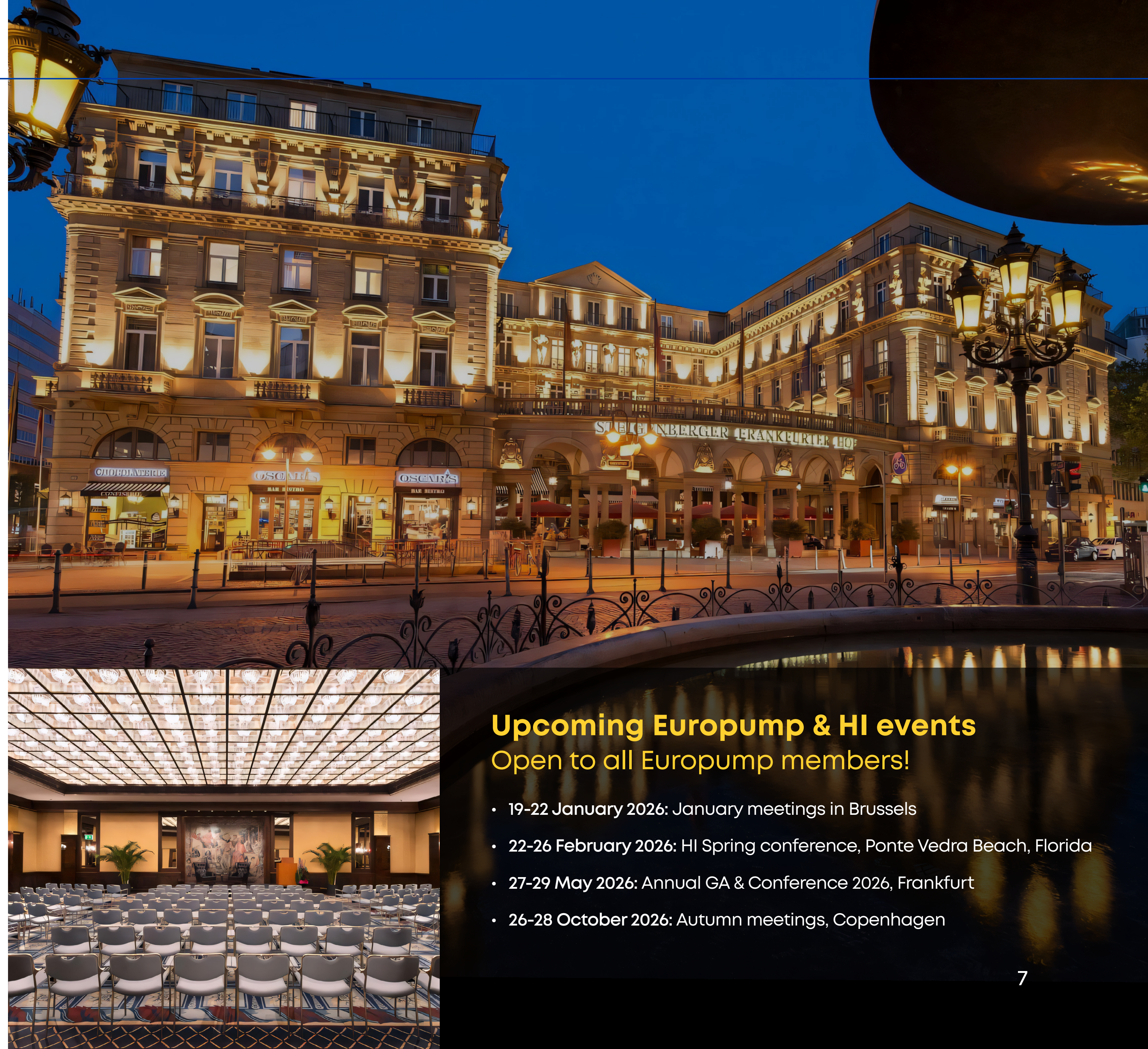
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Upcoming Europump & HI events Open to all Europump members!

- 19-22 January 2026: January meetings in Brussels
- 22-26 February 2026: HI Spring conference, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida
- 27-29 May 2026: Annual GA & Conference 2026, Frankfurt
- 26-28 October 2026: Autumn meetings, Copenhagen

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