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ATIEL 30 years of impact: Highlights from ATIEL Technical Seminar Anniversary Event 2025 20th June 2025

ATIEL hosted its Technical Seminar in Brussels on the 5th of June 2025, marking the 30th Anniversary of the association.

The event brought together over 90 participants from companies, technical experts, EU decision-makers and stakeholders to discuss the strategic role of the lubricants industry to shape a sustainable future addressing circular economy and regulatory compliance.

Marco Digioia, President of ATIEL, provided a concise overview of ATIEL's evolution over the past 30 years, highlighting its origins and steady growth into a key voice for the European lubricants industry. He underscored the association's long-standing commitment to technical excellence, referencing major contributions such as the process of engine oil sequences developments with ACEA, quality frameworks EELQMS, interchange guidelines, engagement on testing methodologies in CEC, the Code of Practice and active collaboration with stakeholders to ensure the quality and performance of lubricants across Europe.

ATIEL has also expanded into new areas related to sustainability and the industry stands today at a pivotal crossroads, facing complex legislation, rapid technological advancements and sustainability imperatives. It is essential to come together to explore innovative and proactive solutions, share insights and best practices, and chart a course that is forward-thinking, he said.

Daniele Ape from the European Commission DG GROW, presented about waste oils. He brought attention to the reforming regulatory framework, reporting obligations and challenges of data gathering.

Triin Kaup, DUCC Manager presented on current EU chemicals regulatory landscape (CLP simplification under omnibus, REACH revision).

Joris Van der List, Sherpa of the joint ATIEL-UEIL Downstream WG, unveiled the Lubricants and Greases End of Life document containing a number of best practices from the industry.

Lorenzo Casullo, European Regional Director at Ricardo, gave an overview of EU legislation on automotive decarbonization and the perspective beyond automotive tailpipe emissions.

Paul van de Heijning ATIEL ILC-Co Chair HD, presented on Euro 7, OEM strategies and impact on engine lubricant requirements

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Panel Sessions

Three panel sessions, moderated by the ATIEL Technical Committee Chairs Mika Kettunen (Sustainability), Elsie Phillips (Health Safety and Environment), Rudi Sanders (Industrial Liaison) delved into the most relevant topics and challenges for the industry.

Session 1 highlighted the added value of circular practices to reduce our environmental footprint and society's expectations, exchanging with the European Commission.

Session 2 explored how the lubricants industry can remain compliant while supporting sustainable growth and maintaining product integrity and performance, teaming up with other industry partners like DUCC and ATC.

Session 3 went through the current EU framework for automotive decarbonization, current and potential future pathways and the implications for the lubricants industry e- g of new Euro VII standard. and how technical advancements in engine oil formulations can support such targets.

ATIEL Technical Committee Session

In the afternoon session the chairs of the ATIEL Technical Committees presented the work of their groups. The ATIEL technical work is progressing well- for fit for purpose Sequences, GCC Global Chemical compliance and work on REACH and CLP, quality and compliance (EELQMS), CoP, ATIEL-UEIL PCF Methodology and ongoing work on technical tools and guidance documents.

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