

Creation and growth of the European industry association

JOINED EU



1957



1969 1973



1981



1986



1995



2004



2007



2013

EUROPE

Creation of Benelux Economic Union
1948

Treaty of Paris signed by the Benelux, Germany, France and Italy establishes the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC)

1951

Treaty of Rome signed by the Benelux, Germany, France and Italy establishes the European Economic Community (EEC)

1958

Establishment of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA)

1960

Harmonisation of taxes duties for soap raw materials

1963

Introduction of hygiene programme for schools

1963

1952
International Association of Soaps and Detergents (AIS) founded, with office in Paris

Progressive voluntary introduction of biodegradable surfactants for laundry products

1964

Industry guidelines for testing textile washing products

1973

AIS moves closer to the EU institutions in Brussels

1974

AIS/FIFE develop and promote safety pictograms for industrial and institutional products

1984

EEC directive on classification, packaging & labelling of dangerous substances

Creation of FIFE

1967

EEC Directives on biodegradability of anionic and non-ionic surfactants

Introduction of European monetary system

1973

Creation of the European Council

1974

First direct election of the European Parliament

1979

Creation of the Directorate-General for Environment within the European Commission

1981

AIS granted consultative status within U.N. and its agencies

1981



Adoption of the flag as the emblem of the Union

1986

Brundtland report "Our common future" introduces sustainability concept

Entry into force of the European Single Act

1987

EEC directive on classification, packaging & labelling of dangerous preparations

1988

AIS organised the first European workshop on the "Principles for Environmental Risk Assessment of Detergent Chemicals"
AIS / FIFE members sign voluntary agreement on ingredient labelling, officialised by EC Recommendation

1989

EEC Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive

1991

Signing of Maastricht Treaty launching the European Union (EU)

1992

Treaty of Amsterdam transfers certain powers from national governments to the European Parliament

1997

EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive

1994

Merger of AIS and FIFE to form A.I.S.E.

1996

Creation of ERASM, a joint initiative with the surfactants industry (CESIO) for risk assessment of surfactants

1992

Organisation of the 2nd and 3rd (1995) industry workshops on risk assessment

1991

Voluntary Code of Good Environmental Practice for household laundry detergents

1998

EU Biocidal Products Directive

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EU Water Framework Directive

2000

EU White Paper on Chemical Substances

2001

Creation of DUCC (Downstream Users of Chemicals Coordination Group)

2001

A.I.S.E. and chemical manufacturers, through CEFIC, develop the HERA project on Human & Environmental Risk Assessment

1999

Completion of GREAT-ER project

1998



Did you know that a Belgian SME supplies a specialty surfactant to clean machinery which prints banknotes, a high security business enabled with our industry's know-how.

The Euro (€) becomes the common currency in 12 EU countries

2002

Launch of international cooperation via INCPA

2003

A.I.S.E. launches Charter for Sustainable Cleaning

2004

A.I.S.E. vision and strategy is revised to ensure the association is agile, proactive and solution oriented

2005

Launch of European partnership between EU Commission and industry for alternatives to animal testing (EPAA)

2005

EU Detergents Regulation

2005

A.I.S.E. became an official stakeholder of newly founded ECHA

2006

Launch of DetNet, an industry platform for classification and labeling according to CLP

2013

A.I.S.E. relaunched Charter 2020+

2017

A.I.S.E. takes up seat on EU CSS High-Level Round Table

2020

A.I.S.E. celebrates its 70th anniversary

2021

European Green Deal launched, including CEAP, CSS, Zero Pollution, Industrial Strategy

2017

Great Britain leaves the EU (Brexit)

2020

UN GHS integrates 'Keep away from children' icon

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EU Biocidal Products Regulation

2012

EU CLP Regulation

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The Treaty of Lisbon for the first time clarifies the powers of the Union

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The European Commission published its SCP/SIP Action Plan

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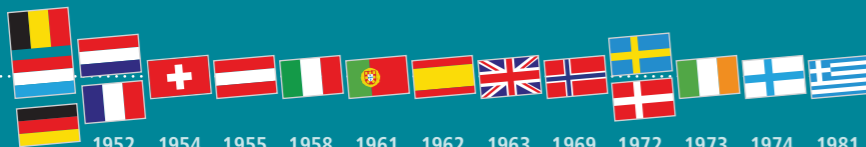
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INDUSTRY

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2023

The following countries have also been association members over the years: Australia, Cyprus, Iceland, Russia & Tunisia