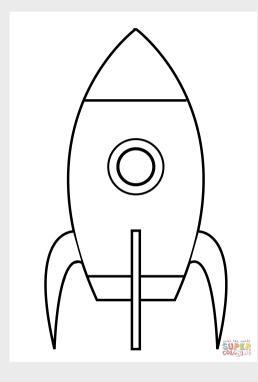
Is it time for a European market surveillance coordination body? Redefining monitoring, verification, and enforcement of European product policy

Alun Lewis Jones – ECEEE Summer study 2017

The tyranny of the rocket equation



Testing of products = weight of the rocket

Support and infrastructure = rocket fuel



How do we lower the weight, or increase the fuel efficiency?

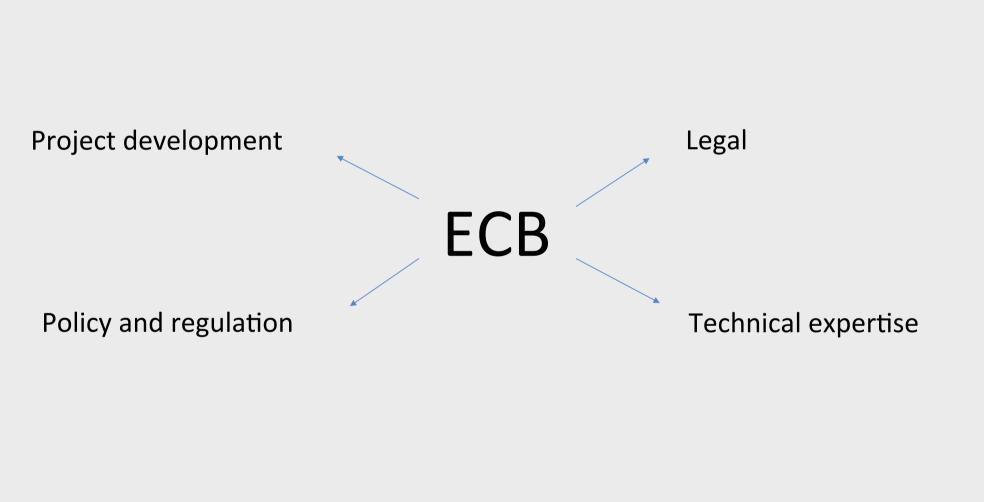
- Joint actions
- Encouraging cooperation
- Removing technical barriers
- Financing tests
- Building capacity



## European Coordination Body (ECB)

Firstly, what it isn't:

- An EU MSA
- Replacement for national responsibilities
- Will not provide conformity assessment and impose sanctions on market operators
- Be an obligatory service for national authorities



### Coordination of joint testing activities

- Coordinating function
- Review of national MSA testing plans
- Contracting of certified labs
- Compiling and disseminating data and findings
- Coordinating legal actions in cases of noncompliance

### Coordination with stakeholders

- European laboratories: Identification and classification
- Location and Language barriers
- Suppliers and dealers

### Legal assistance to Member States

- Possible coordination of class actions
- In-house legal assistance
- Database of cases

# Research and development

- Customs relations and cross-border procurement – 3<sup>rd</sup> Countries, B2B
- Non-compliance rates
- Round-robin testing
- Product-specific verification testing methodologies e.g. INTAS
- Knowledge centre and training

# The difference?

- Permanent
- Enables long-term planning
- Can continually develop research and work in sync with regulatory developments
- Can diversify funding sources
- Can leverage EU-wide experiences
- Clear avenue of enquiry for stakeholders

# Back to the rocket!

- Will an ECB reduce the weight?
- Can we make the fuel more efficient? Or do we use a new type?

# Thank you for you attention!

- Alun Jones
- <u>Alun.jones.lewis@gmail.com</u>