SQAS 2022, A PROGRESS REPORT

Successful SQAS General Assembly in Brussels 20 June 2023

Update SQAS/ESAD system

2023 (01/01-01/09)

Outcome SQAS Meetings
T&A Comm 16-05-23

- Creation of a Container Depot sub-module standalone - ONGOING
- DGSA qualification to become/keep the SQAS assessor's accreditation: should we change the requirement? - TO BE REDISCUSSED
- SQAS promotional webinar on 23 May 23 - COMPLETED

Outcome SQAS Meetings
Ex Comm (8/06/23) and GA (20/06/23)

- Approval of budget 2023-2026
- Re-election of Governance team

SQAS recognized as an alternative system to the OCS certification scheme

- **16 November 2022:** The OCS Supervisory accepted SQAS as an alternative assessment system to the OCS certification scheme to show compliance with OCS mandatory requirements
- **1st March 2023**: Start of SQAS assessments with the new system

How SQAS assessed companies will show compliance with OCS requirements

1. If during a SQAS assessment, 100 % of the OCS mandatory requirements are accomplished, an attestation/report showing this compliance will be issued to the assessed company. Cefic will communicate the name of the company to PE/EuPC for inclusion in the OCS Public Register.
2. The OCS Public Register will show OCS certified companies (plastics producers and plastics converters) and SQAS assessed companies fulfilling 100% of OCS mandatory requirements
3. If the assessment mentioned in 1 shows that the company is not fulfilling 100% the OCS mandatory requirements, the company will have to carry out intermediate(s) assessment(s) till this status is reached

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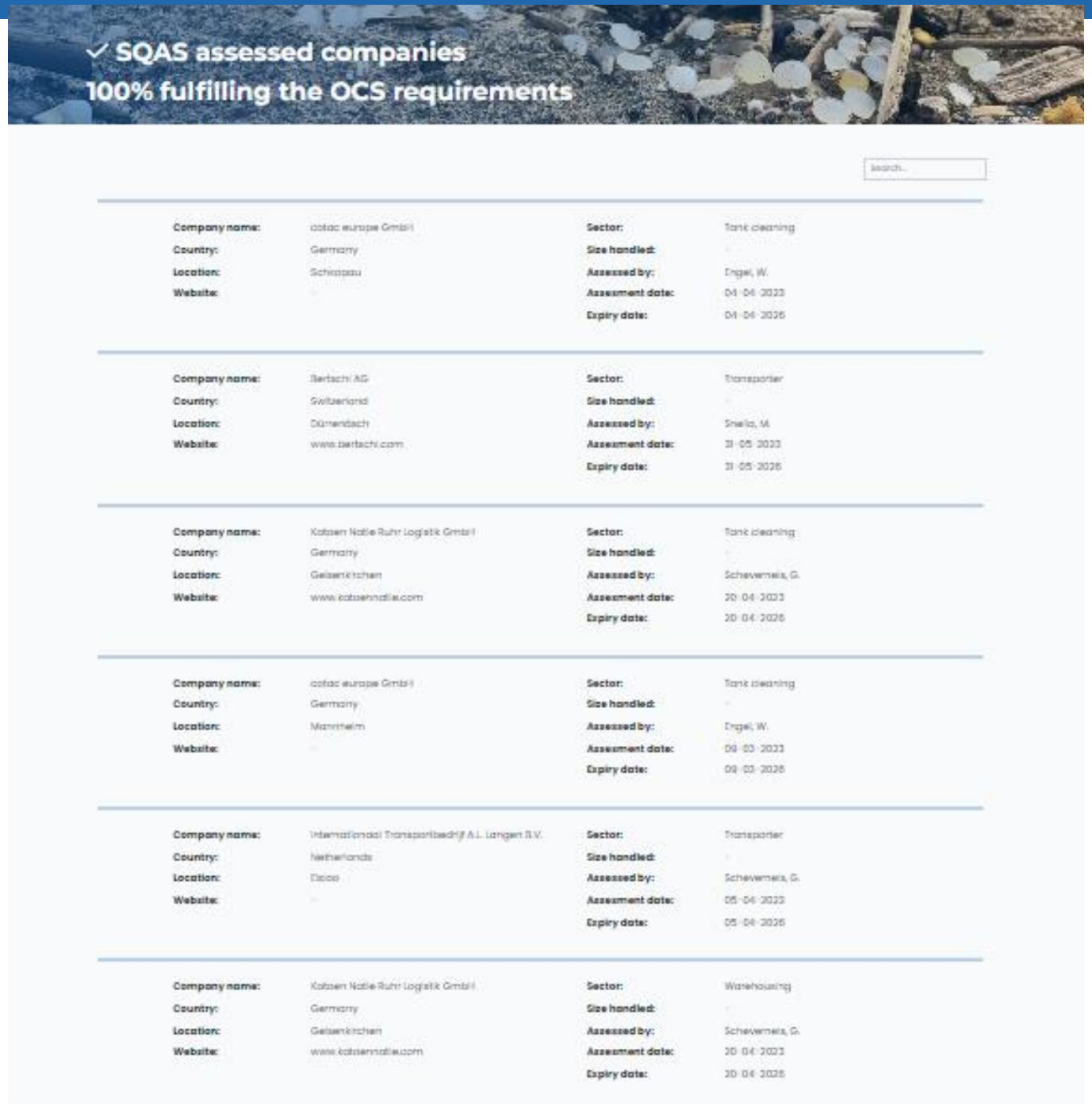


Update on SQAS 2.0

Development of SQAS 2.0

CODESIGN PHASE

Outcome: Scope document

DEVELOPMENT PHASE

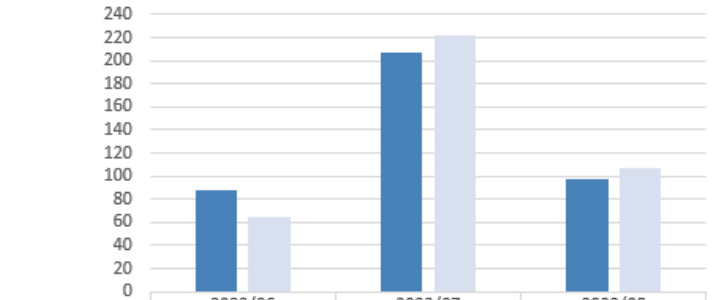
3 sprints and several testings by Cefic and experienced users:

- **Sprint 1:** Full assessment cycle with the exception of the items planned for sprint 2 and 3
- **Sprint 2:** Templates, access to reports, add comments to reports
- **Sprint 3:** Improvement program, download SQAS logo, invoicing, ticketing system

LAUNCH

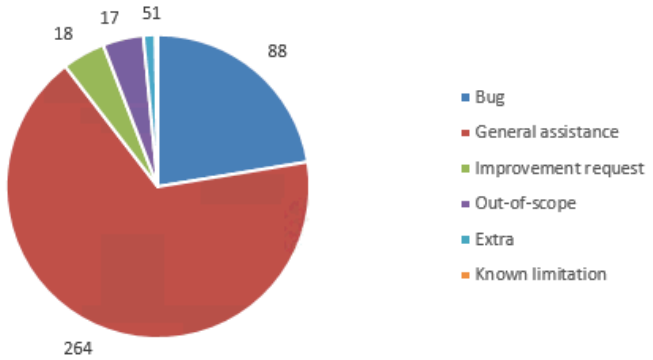
JUNE 2023

Tickets opened/closed



	2023/06	2023/07	2023/08
Tickets opened	88	207	98
Tickets closed	64	222	107

Qualification



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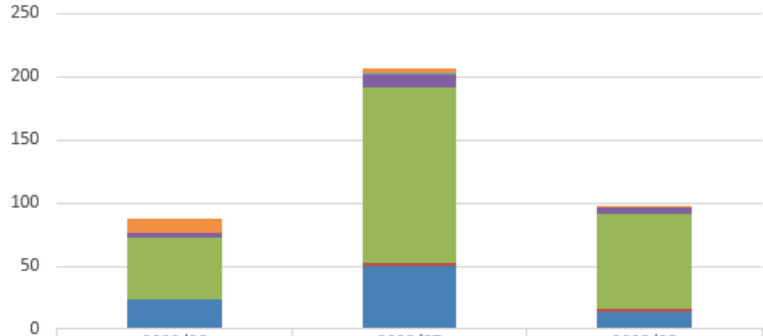
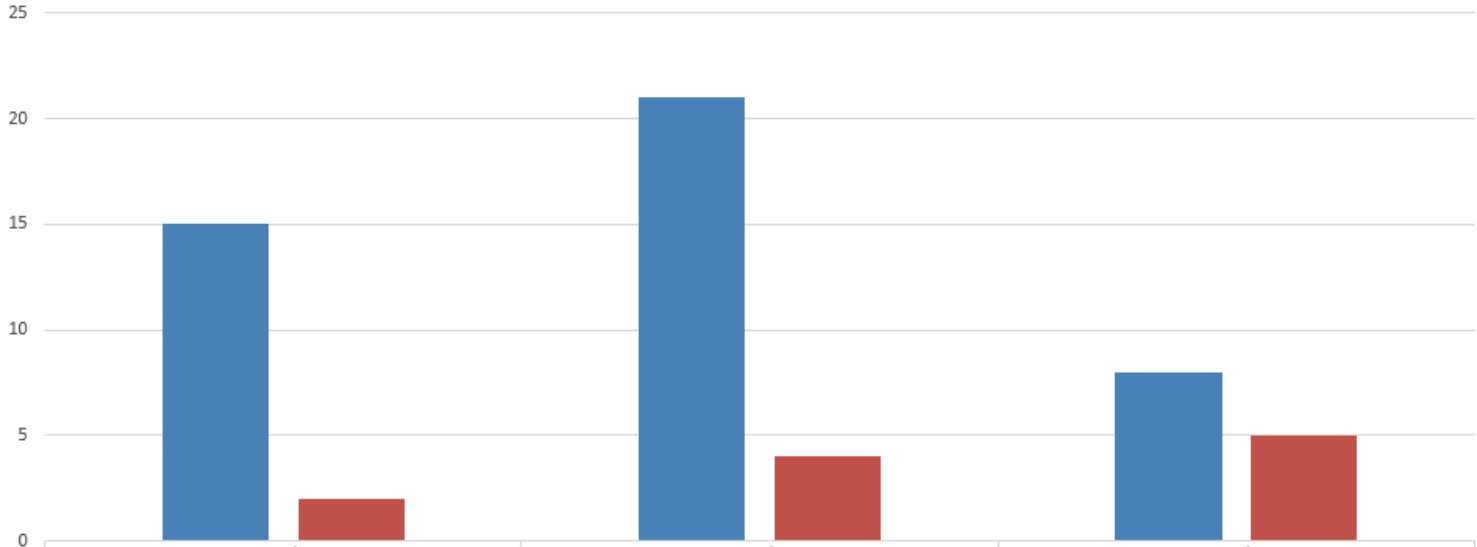


	2023/06	2023/07	2023/08
Out-of-scope	12	4	1
Known limitation		1	
Improvement request	3	10	5
General assistance	49	139	76
Extra		3	2
Bug	24	50	14

Category "Assessor software"



	2023/06	2023/07	2023/08
Closed	15	21	8
Open	2	4	5

ESAD ASSESSMENT FEEDBACK

- Some remark system wise given for the assessment calculation of days/hours, especially for Site & Chlorinated Solvents questionnaires);
- 696 questions to answer in 20 hours (1200 minutes), 2 minutes for each question.
- Verified with different Assessors and it depends also on the working methodology of the Assessor herself/himself.

SQAS: THE OCS EXPERIENCE

➢ OCS Techn. Comm.	PlasticsEurope members, EuPC members, Cefic/FECC/EFTCO/ECTA representatives
➢ OCS Advisory Comm.	Euro-parliament, ec.europa.eu, nat. Govt reps, NGO's, PlasticsEurope, EuPC, logistics rep., certification rep., accreditation rep.

- Development of standard requirements (certification standard)
- Translation of standard requirements into SQAS questions (CORE/TS/CS/WH)
- Acceptance of SQAS as equivalent to OCS certification (but only if 100% score on the defined 'OCS questions' (ref. 1 roundtable subject later this morning)