



EPW: European Plastic Window Association
 FAECF: Federation of European Window and Curtain Wall Manufacturers' Association
 FEMIB: Federation of the European Building Joinery Associations
 UEMV: European Glaziers Association

FAECF Conference - Incubating the Future

FAECF organized together with well-known universities and organisations a successful conference on 27 May 2011 in Athens. The future Building envelope 2011 and the importance of energy saving were in the focus of the program. The conference was an opportunity for enlightening information by the experts and creators of the era, who are serving with respect the bidirectional relationship between environment and man in the construction of bioclimatic buildings with an emphasis on the importance of the envelope and new technologies, the design and the materials which are integrated in the reduction of energy losses, with respect for the environment and the landscape.

Contact with DG Environment

The next meeting of EuroWindoor with Mr. Pavel Misiga, Head of unit Economic Recovery and Sustainable Production from DG Environment is scheduled for October 2011. It will offer an opportunity for discussing the latest developments on GPP, Eco design and Eco labelling.

Working Group on Energy Rating

The EU WINners project has been refused by EACI, the agency delegated by the European Commission to evaluate proposals under the IEE scheme (Intelligent Energy – Europe). Though a lot of efforts had been put in the documents, it could not convince the agency to accept the working group's approach.

Another meeting took place on March 2nd for a presentation and discussion on an Energy rating system for windows developed by the ift Rosenheim. It is based on a simple room and window model, simple climate data and rating for 1 cooling and 1 heating day. A discussion following the presentation revealed some issues to be



cleared, so that a revised version will be presented shortly. The discussion is still going on.

Contact with DG Enterprise

Mr. Vicente Leoz-Arguelles, Head of Unit Construction, joined the EuroWindoor board meeting on March 23rd in Brussels. He reported on the CPR, which is adopted after more than 2,5 years of discussion and will come into full force from July 1st, 2013.

This date allows all actors on the market enough time for preparation. Mr. Leoz hopes for a common understanding of the CPR. EuroWindoor offered its cooperation for the dissemination of information in the EU member states.

EuroWindoor conference at fensterbau/frontale 2012

As the board of EuroWindoor is convinced that the European window-, façade- and glazing industry has an important role to play on an European level, EuroWindoor is together with the fensterbau/frontale management planning a half day conference at the fair fensterbau/frontale in 2012.

The overall idea is to promote the activities of EuroWindoor and to send the clear signal that the EU commission should cooperate with EuroWindoor in order to shape the best conditions for one of the most important industries when it comes to energy savings in buildings.

Fensterbau/frontale fair 2012 is held at the Nuremberg fairground from March 21st to March 24th, 2012. More detailed information about this important event will be published in the next newsletter.



FEMIB Study Tour 2011 to Switzerland

The next study tour of FEMIB goes to Switzerland. Starting on August 31st in Zürich, participants will visit local companies of the fenestration industry. After successful trips in recent years to Sweden and Austria, FEMIB is again offering an opportunity to gain insight into the fenestration industry of another country. The complete itinerary and the registration form is available on www.femib.org.

Organization of the study tour was supported by SZFF, the Swiss association for windows and facades and new member of FEMIB. During the meeting in Copenhagen on June 22nd SZFF was introduced to other members of the association and the representative Mr. Walter Baumgartner welcomed by the Management Council.

EuroWindowor partnership with Build Up - The European portal for energy efficiency in buildings



EuroWindowor joined the BUILD UP initiative as a Partner, following an invitation from the European Commission. www.buildup.eu is an interactive web portal for building professionals, public authorities and building occupants who want to share their experience on how best save energy in buildings.

The key aim of this European initiative is to reduce the energy consumption of buildings across Europe by transferring best practices to the market and fostering their uptake. BUILD UP also keeps EuroWindowor updated about EU energy policy for buildings.

On www.buildup.eu, EuroWindowor is enabled to interact with others and to access:

- The latest news and events in the field
- A database of resources, guidelines and tools
- A database of case histories

The interactive BUILD UP web portal catalyses and releases Europe's collective intelligence for an effective implementation of energy-saving measures in buildings.

BUILD UP increases EuroWindowor's visibility as it allows us to:

- Announce news
- Share library resources – such as guidelines and best practices
- Propose events
- Submit successful cases

Moreover, BUILD UP enables us to launch a thematic virtual community. The members of this open forum will then be able to view the most relevant cases, news, documents or events that EuroWindowor will have selected for them.

No money is involved in the BUILD UP Partnership, but it requires effort, especially to actively submit proposals of good practice examples and resources on the BUILD UP web portal. The BUILD UP Partners are expected to bring a substantial contribution to the promotion and dissemination of BUILD UP. In this way, it fits perfectly into the communications needs that were expressed so far.

As a BUILD UP Partner, EuroWindowor shares its existing knowledge, guidelines, tools and best practices for energy-saving measures in buildings across Europe.

Personalia

Anders Isaksson, Vice-President of FEMIB, has been elected in the Board of Directors of the Active House Alliance during the General Assembly on April 14th in Brussels. He will represent FEMIB and thus keep EuroWindowor updated on the activities of the Alliance.



A. Isaksson

The activities of Active House Alliance in 2011/2012 will be prepared within the three working groups:

- Knowledge sharing
- Demonstration and specification
- Communication

The secretariat will be established according to the new statutes. The specification of active houses will be developed and expand to non-residential buildings. Demonstration projects are to be identified and initiated. A catalogue of design patterns and cases will be prepared. Events and conferences will be followed and organized to disseminate facts for politicians and legislators as well as information to end users and specifiers.

The UEMV board in its meeting in Copenhagen on June 21st decided that the UEMV secretariat stays at Glarmesterlauget in Copenhagen with the CEO of Glarmesterlauget Hans-Georg Nielsen as UEMV president.



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