

## Contact to members of European Parliament

EuroWindowdoor presented his position paper on Consumer Product Safety Regulation (CPSR) to the European Parliament rapporteurs of the committee in charge (IMCO).

EuroWindowdoor has the opinion that neither additional marking with "indication of the origin" nor "CE+" with extra certification will increase consumer product safety and undermine the credibility of the CE marking system of construction products. They should be excluded from the CPSR,

because sufficient rules are given with the Construction Products Regulation (CPR). IMCO committee supports the EuroWindowdoor position paper and asked to exclude construction products.

Next step will be the decision of the member states (MS), which are not able to find a consensus soon. That will cause a delay and it is possible that the process will start again after the elections of the European Parliament (EP) in Summer 2014.

## EuroWindowdoor meeting with EC DG Enterprise



EuroWindowdoor met with Mr Mikkeli, Head of Sector [Sustainable construction] and Mr Paparella, Socio-Economic Analyst [Task manager construction competitiveness and enterprises] from the DG Enterprise on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in Brussels.

Several topics were discussed, such as EuroWindowdoor Action Plan for EU market push by replacing old windows with new ones, Tripartite High Level Forum – thematic group 1 "Stimulating investment in Renovation & Innovation", delegated acts for Construction Product Regulation (CPR), REACH and Consumer Product Safety Regulation (CPSR).

EuroWindowdoor provides input to all relevant themes like consider the idea of a funding mechanism for window replacement in a step by step renovation for having less financing needs at once. EuroWindowdoor highlights also

that it is important to include and motivate other drivers than energy in order to trigger renovation. To save energy is not the only reason for starting a renovation project at individual level. Other drivers such as to achieve better comfort and daylight, accessibility or alike are important motivating factors for starting renovation of a house.

During the discussion on REACH (**Once an article – Always an article**" = 1O5A), EuroWindowdoor mentioned the different interpretation of several countries could led to misinterpretation and illegally acting, this has to be clarified. DG Enterprise promised to investigate with the REACH unit and gain practical solutions.

DG Enterprise thanks EuroWindowdoor for the initiative and is very satisfied with the activities concerning the delegated acts and the efforts for the CE marking. They ask to stay in contact to all relevant items and to intensify the collaboration.

## Delegated Acts (CPR)

The EU Commission (EC) works on different delegated acts to clarify the Construction Products Regulation.

The delegated act on the conditions for making a declaration of performance (DoP) on construction products available on a website was adopted by the EC after consultation of experts from all member states. EP and MS have the possibility for objection to the delegated act with a qualified majority. The EP raised no objection in December. In the European Council one member state (Italy) want to object to the delegated act which causes prolongation. The rationale for the objection seems to be based on incorrect basis. If the council do not approve (due to objection) a delay would be possible until 2015. EuroWindowdoor will support the EC over the national member associations.

In December a draft delegated act for Annex III (model of DoP) was circulated by DG Enterprise. The EuroWindowdoor approach for a simplified format of DoP was taken into account. The result is a simplified model of Annex III, including with shorter headings and by removing unnecessary information. DoPs for more than one product are possible. DG Enterprise promised to adopt the draft delegated act on Annex III in January. Then the text will be forwarded to the European Parliament and to the Council for exercising their right laid down under Article 63 of the CPR. It is possible to have the delegated in force before summer 2014.



## Meeting with EC DG Research and Innovation

EuroWindowor met with representatives of DG Research and Innovation. Focus of the discussion with Marco Gemmer, Research Programme Officer [Unit I.4 - Climate Change and natural hazards], Mr Vincenzo Gente, Research Programme Officer [Unit I.2 - Environmental Technologies] and colleagues was among EuroWindowor items also the current projects in the unit "environmental technologies" and "climate change and natural hazards". And also the draft work programme 2014-2015 under Horizon2020 for climate action, Environment, resource



efficiency and raw materials. One of the projects under Horizon2020 is **Har**vesting solar energy with multi-functional Glass-Polymer-Composite **Win**dows where EuroWindowor participate as industrial advisory board. More information on HarWin comes in the next EuroWindowor newsletter.

## EuroWindowor meets DG Energy



EuroWindowor met with Mrs Claudia Canevari, Deputy Head of Unit Energy Efficiency, Mr Laurent Deleersnyder, Seconded National Expert, Policy Officer – Energy Performance of Buildings, Energy Efficiency and Mr Juan Moreno Acedo, Policy Officer, Energy Efficiency of Products for DG Energy on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in Brussels.

Topics were the EuroWindowor Action Plan, the "Integrated Roadmap" for energy efficiency, the Horizon2020 Energy Challenge, the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) and National Energy Efficiency Action Plans (NEEAP) of MS, Cost effective examples of modernization of windows and Scenarios of technical development of windows for 2030-2050.

Mrs Canevari and colleagues welcome the proposal of the EuroWindowor Action Plan and see also needs for enhance energy efficient modernisation and renovation of buildings in Europe. Renovation of buildings in Europe is highly prioritised by DG Energy.

DG Energy welcomes the input from EuroWindowor about cost effective examples of modernization of windows and is interested in receiving the survey and studies. EuroWindowor is asked to forward the information to DG Energy.

DG Energy saw the items linked to the European 2030 discussions. A report to look at the 2020 targets and likelihood to meet these targets will be published 22 January 2014. An evaluation at the European Commission will follow on how to proceed. If the report will result not meeting the target, information is need to enable the industry to meet the targets. Any further input from EuroWindowor is very welcome.

The EuroWindowor participants:



From left to right: Mr Oberrauch, President EPW, Mr Willson, General Secretary FAECF, Mr Isaksson, Chairman EuroWindowor & President FEMIB, Mr Koos, General Secretary EuroWindowor, EPW & FEMIB, Mrs Carlsen Nielsen, Vice-President FEMIB, Mrs Döbel, Assistant to EuroWindowor General Secretary (photographer).

## Personalia

During the meeting of EuroWindowor Board in November 2013 the members elected Anders Isaksson from FEMIB as new EuroWindowor Chairman. The past President Serge Allaert from FAECF will support Mr Isaksson during the transition period.



A. Isaksson

At the last FAECF MC meeting in October the new officers for 2014 were appointed, with effective from the beginning of 2014. Taking up the presidency is Adrian Toon from the CAB in the UK, the new Vice President is Christian Anders of VFF of Germany. Stepping down and becoming the Immediate Past President is Niko Kremers of VMRG from Netherlands. The MC reappointed also Giles Wilson as General Secretary and Patrick England as the Technical Secretary, both nominated by GGF UK.



C. Anders

## New address



EuroWindowor has a new address effective from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. The Brussels address moved to: Schuman Business Center, 40, Rue Breydel, 1040 Bruxelles. The phone number stays the same.

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## Appointments 2014

26/03/14 EuroWindowor Board Meeting @ fensterbau/frontale Fair, Nuremberg  
12/06/14 EuroWindowor Board Meeting, Brussels  
05/11/14 EuroWindowor Board Meeting, Frankfurt

