

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

Window Energy rating: a plea from the fenestration industry

EuroWindowdoor initiated the working group on Energy Rating in 2010 consisting of all stake-holders from the fenestration industry, such as glass makers, framing materials, glaziers and solar-shading manufacturers.

Six meetings took place in the efforts of developing a position on a possible European Windows Energy Rating scheme under the Energy Labelling Directive (2010/30/EU). EuroWindowdoor welcomes the European Commission's will to work towards an energy rating and subsequent labelling of window and emphasizes that one single rating scheme is needed across Europe and has to take into account the different climate conditions and building design all over the continent.

A set of parameters, e.g. reference buildings to reflect the building design of standard climatic conditions, needs to be adopted and will enable the rating. Windows are complex products and many variables affect their very precise performance. For this reason, it must be acknowledged that a label will need to find the right balance between perfect accurate science and practicability.

A European Windows Energy Rating should be evolutive to allow for re-evaluation to reflect market developments in the different market situations.

EAA and EuroWindowdoor therefore support some additional research with the EU WINners project.



Members of the WG on Energy Rating

The working group released a position paper in June 2010 with an example for an Energy Rating scheme which can be found on the EuroWindowdoor homepage www.eurowindowdoor.org.

Position on ECO-LABEL



EuroWindowdoor is against the principle of ECO labelling and is supporting Environmental Product Declarations (EPD). More info in the position paper on ECO Label released in March.

Contact with DG Environment for eco labelling and Green Public Procurement (GPP)

A delegation from EuroWindowdoor met Mr. Pavel Misiga, Head of unit Economic Recovery and Sustainable Production and Mrs. Alenka Burja from DG Environment on July 1st. Their main intent is to stimulate the industry to use more environment friendly methods and achieve a better performance.

Instruments are the Eco design directive, GPP criteria and Eco labelling. The EuroWindowdoor positions have been presented and a discussion on key factors of cooperation took place. Mrs. Burja invited the participants to contribute to the revision of the GPP windows product sheet which is likely to come in about 2 years.

EuroWindowdoor meeting with EC DG Enterprise

CE EuroWindowdoor met Mr. Tapani Mikkeli, Deputy Head of Unit Construction, DG Enterprise on October 27th. He informed about the revised proposal for construction Products Regulation (CPR) adopted by the EC.

The basic idea for revising CPR was the simplification of rules and having a harmonised technical language with comparable results on a voluntarily basis.

However, the situation became more complex as EP and EC agreed on a mandatory approach.

EuroWindowdoor presented the position on CPR – STD as well as the position on energy rating.

CPR has now been agreed in the second reading and will be voted on in the plenary meeting of the European Parliament on January 18th, 2011.



EuroWindowor meeting with EC DG Energy

A Energy related labelling
B of household
C appliances is a very
D successful story and
E it is likely that it will
F also be effective
G for other products – such as windows. On October 27th an appointment with Mrs. Villö Lelkes, Policy Officer DG Energy took place. It proved to be a chance to explain the complexity of windows and the will of EuroWindowor to contribute to the development of a label. Mrs. Lelkes informed that DG Energy is mainly working on the implementation

of the Energy Labelling Directive and the Eco Design Directive. It is expected that windows are among the first energy related products that will be labelled.

EuroWindowor offers to use the EU WINners project to develop the rating scheme. This will be checked by DG Energy.

Mrs. Lelkes agreed that a speaker from DG Energy will be available for the EuroWindowor Conference in March 2011 and inform on the Energy Labelling Directive and its expansion to energy relevant building components.

Personalia

Walter Had (President EPW) was appointed unanimously as the Chairman of EuroWindowor in 2011 in November. He follows Hans-Georg Nielsen who successfully led EuroWindowor in 2010.



W. Had

In October FAECF elected Nico Kremers from the Netherlands as new Vice-President. He will assist the actual President George Mylonakis from Greece and the other Vice-President Serge Allaert from Belgium.

FEMIB elected in November Alfons Schneider for another term as President and Anders Isaksson from Sweden as Vice-President. Henrik Bjerregaard from Denmark followed Kurt-Emil Eriksen as the other Vice-President.



A. Schneider

Hans-Georg Nielsen remains Chairman of UEMV for another term and also the UEMV Secretariat will stay in Copenhagen. EuroWindowor thanks him for his activities as EuroWindowor Chairman in 2010.



H-G. Nielsen

EuroWindowor Conference 2011 - "Climate Protection with new Windows"



window and facade industry and representatives of relevant associations. Speakers from University, the EC, CEN and other European associations offer a unique opportunity to get first hand information on the latest legal, technical and normative developments of the European window and facade market. The conference venue is at 47, Rue Montoyer in the European quarter

EuroWindowor is the organizer of the conference on "Climate Protection with new Windows" on March 23rd, 2011 in Brussels. The aim of the event is to create a contact and information platform for window, door and curtain wall manufacturers acting in Europe as well as representatives of associations on national and European level and politicians involved in decision making within the European Union.

The contents of the conference are aimed primarily at MEPs and members of the EC, managers from the



The program and the registration form are available on eurowindowor.org.

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Appointments 2011

- 17. – 22. January BAU fair in Munich
- 22.03. EuroWindowor Board Meeting / Brussels
- 23.03. EuroWindowor Conference / Brussels
- 22.06. EuroWindowor Board Meeting / Copenhagen
- 16.11. EuroWindowor Board Meeting / Frankfurt am Main

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