

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

## EuroWindowdoor Conference 2012 - “Climate Protection with new Windows“



EuroWindowdoor is the organizer of the conference on “Climate Protection with new Windows” on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 in Nuremberg. The conference offers a unique opportunity to get information on the latest legal, technical and normative developments of Energy efficiency in the European window and facade market.

The contents of the conference are aimed primarily at

- Architects and energy consultants
- Managers from the window and facade industry
- Representatives of public authorities and relevant associations

Speakers from the EC, CEN, research bodies and European associations ensure high quality information.

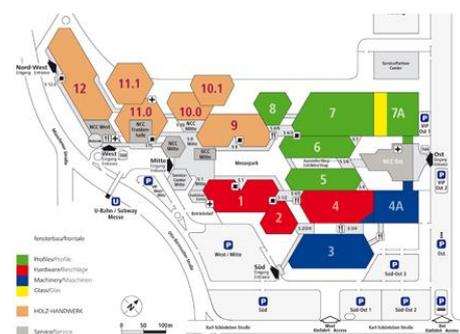
The conference venue is at Nürnberg Convention Center Mitte, Saal München 2, Ebene 1 (1<sup>st</sup> Floor), 90471 Nuremberg / Germany

The detailed program and the registration form are available on [www.eurowindowdoor.org](http://www.eurowindowdoor.org).



The language of the conference is English and German by simultaneous translation. The number of participants is limited.

The registration form must be replied latest by February 21<sup>st</sup>.



## EuroWindowdoor meeting with EC DG Enterprise



EuroWindowdoor met Mr Vincente Leoz-Argüelles, Head of Unit Construction, DG Enterprise on

October 18<sup>th</sup> in Brussels. The intention of the meeting was to discuss on the Construction Products Regulation (CPR) and Eco Design Directive which causes Energy labelling and Eco-Labeling.

Mr Leoz pointed out that it is not possible for the member states to implement CPR in different ways: the CPR rules have to be fulfilled. This is different to CPD where a differentiation was possible.

There is an exception to this rule. In the CPR a different implementation between Member States is possible in one case: the designation of the notified bodies. Member states may choose to do that via a compulsory accreditation or directly against the criteria of Art. 43. The European Commission prefers accreditation and thinks that this will be the case of the majority in the EU member states.

The timetable for implementing the CPR for manufacturers allows time until July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. After this date the full CPR is mandatory and for example the *declaration of performance* will become compulsory.

Mr Leoz pointed out that associations may contribute to the implementation of the CPR by acting as a contact point for manufacturers. It is evident that a lot of additional information is necessary for them to become prepared until the deadline.

EuroWindowdoor offered to stay in touch with DG Enterprise and to contribute with its possibilities to ensure a smooth implementation of the CPR.

Also a better coordination of CE marking, Energy labelling and Eco-Labeling was requested. It was stated that industry is in favour of CE marking and the declared values must be the basis for additional requirements.



## EuroWindoor meeting with DG Environment

On October 18<sup>th</sup> another meeting took place with DG Environment. Participants from EuroWindoor had met with this DG before and were happy to meet again the Head of Unit Mr Pavel Misiga and the Policy Officers Mrs Alenka Burja and Mrs Josephina Lindblom.

A discussion started on the concerns of many manufacturers about additional burdens coming from CE marking and the plans for Ecodesign and Ecolabel measures. Mr Misiga pointed out that the European Commission by no means wants to install more pressure on the fenestration industry, especially as it is dominated by SMEs. But the construction sector is very important within the EU and thus a key sector for policies. On the other hand, in general more bureaucracy is created when European rules are transformed into national rules.

There is a strong relation between windows, buildings and environment.

The Commission is pushing in this direction: Strong requirements for buildings will gain demand for fenestration products. Ecolabel and Ecodesign are seen as a complimentary instrument to differentiate between products. The Commission is now exploring with JRC from Seville how criteria can be set. EuroWindoor agrees to participate as stakeholder to the study delivering data from the industry. The preliminary study shall be ready by early 2012 and another meeting between the DG Environment and EuroWindoor will be held then to discuss the results.

EuroWindoor stated that industry needs more time to implement new rules. We are in favour of CE marking, but many countries are still not finished with implementation. Additional labelling struggle especially SME unnecessary. All requirements should be implemented in one label, e.g. the CE marking.

## The Chairman of EuroWindoor for 2012



**S. Allaert** Serge Allaert, former President of FAECF was appointed as the EuroWindoor Chairman in 2012 during the board meeting in November. He follows

Walter Had (EPW) who successfully led EuroWindoor in 2011. Serge Allaert is the General Manager of Allaert Aluminium N.V. His son Thomas, who is working in the company since 3 years, is the 7<sup>th</sup> generation (father-son) in building-related activity. Two generations were active in the wood-construction, two have been producing tiles, and the son is the third generation in aluminium construction. The father of Serge Allaert started aluminium construction in 1955, the year he was born. He took over in 1980, with new premises in the industrial zone of Stasegem (close to Kortrijk, Belgium).

Allaert Aluminium has two departments: one is the project-department (facades), the other one being the private-housing-department.

The company is known with architects and general contractors for its specialised and more complicated constructions, and has become a leading producer in Flanders.

For many years Serge Allaert have been a president of his national aluminium federation (TUMS, now Agoria Joinery Platform), and for the last 6 years as a vice-president and president of FAECF.

Besides the aluminium branch, he was also involved in Agoria (federation for technological industry), VBO/FEB (federation of Belgian Entreprises), VKW (federation of Christian entrepreneurs) and Uniapac (European federation of Christian entrepreneurs).

## Personalia

EPW confirmed in November Walter Had as president for another year and elected Frank Koos from Germany as new General Secretary following Ulrich Tschorn.



F. Koos

During the meeting in Milan in October FAECF elected Nico Kremers from the Netherlands as new President and Adrian Toon from UK as new Vice-President from 2012. The past President George Mylonakis from Greece was elected as the other Vice-President.



N. Kremers

As new General Secretary Giles Willson and Technical Secretary Patrick England from UK are elected.



G. Willson

FEMIB elected in its meeting in November Anders Isaksson as President and Alfons Schneider from Germany as Vice-President. Bo Eske Nielsen from Denmark was elected as the other Vice-President.



A. Isaksson

Hans-Georg Nielsen remains Chairman of UEMV for another term in 2012 and also the General Secretariat will stay in Copenhagen.

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Serge Allaert, FAECF  
Administration Secretariat  
Frank Koos, EPW

## Appointments 2012

- 21.03. EuroWindoor Board meeting, Nuremberg
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- 12.06. EuroWindoor Board meeting, Brussels
- 21.11. EuroWindoor Board meeting, Frankfurt

