

EuroWindowor fights for harmonisation of internal fire doors



EuroWindowor together with EDSF - European Door & Shutter Federation and SBS - Small Business Standards pointed out in a [joint position on fire doors and internal pedestrian doorsets](#) in October that the European internal market is constrained by contrary requests of CEN and European Commission. Not synchronized developments of the standards and their “non-citation” like for EN 14351-2 will lead to difficulties and confusion on the market. The European Commission was asked to act immediately by implementing the below three-step approach to minimise the impact on the sector:

- extend the co-existence period for EN 16034 beyond 01 November 2019
- ensure that it is aligned with the co-existence period for EN 14351-2

- cite EN 14351-2 in the Official Journal of the European Union without any further delay

As long as the harmonisation does not happen internal pedestrian doorsets according to EN 14351-2 and related fire doors cannot be CE marked and do still have to apply to national certification schemes.



EuroWindowor-EDSF-SBS joint position

Unfortunately the European Commission did not follow this approach and justified this in a letter from end of October with several legal reasons based on current judgments and too little time required for the formal process. At a meeting with the CEN/TC 33 Convenors Group and Liaison organisations like EuroWindowor on November 19th, 2019 in Brussels the European Commission confirmed this procedure.

EuroWindowor is of the opinion that the decision of the European Commission not to cite EN 14351-2 is the first step towards a distortion of the internal market for internal fire doors which will also undermine the trust in the European project.

Therefore EuroWindowor would like to encourage the European Commission again to reconsider their decision not to cite EN 14351-2 by a new position proposing to make CE marking possible for all manufacturers on equal terms in European market.

EuroWindowor position on the “Review of CPR”



EuroWindowor as a strong supporter of the principles of the Construction Products Regulation (CPR) has been actively contributing to the review process of the CPR by submitting improvement proposals during each public consultation and active participation to the technical platform meetings. EuroWindowor highlights that the effective enforcement and observation of the regulation will only be enabled through:

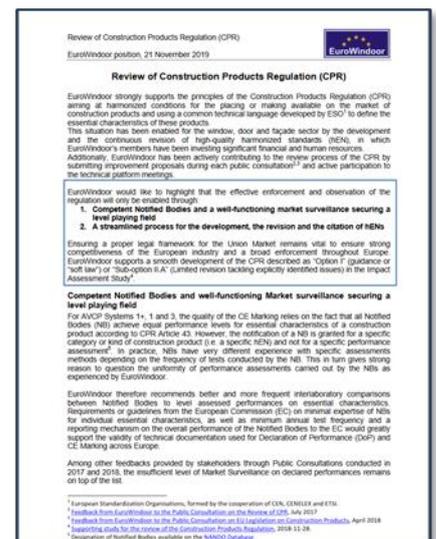
- **Competent Notified Bodies and a well-functioning market surveillance securing a level playing field**

- **A streamlined process for the development, the revision and the citation of hENs**

Ensuring a proper legal framework for the Union Market remains vital to ensure strong competitiveness of the European industry and a broad enforcement throughout Europe.

EuroWindowor supports a smooth development of the CPR described as “Option I” (guidance or “soft law”) or “Sub-option II.A” (Limited revision tackling explicitly identified issues) in the Impact Assessment Study of the European Commission in 2018.

All the EuroWindowor position papers and publications are available [here](#).



Position on the “Review of CPR”



EuroWindoor supports as member of Active House comfortable, sustainable buildings



The new Active House Specifications 3.0 outlines the specifications for designing an Active House, as a generic tool to assess how buildings integrate health and comfort with energy efficiency and environmental performance. It can be used to help people get an understanding of the vision and principles of an Active House, and how to apply them to new designs or renovations. The Active House Specifications explain the vision that is Active House and outline the technical specifications that determine the quality and performance of an Active House, anywhere in the world.

This definition and description of an Active House is intended as a guideline at an international level. It seeks innovative technical approaches whilst introducing goals of

architectural quality and environmental design, at the same time as providing energy efficiency. The specifications offer insight and knowledge for technical specifications and design concept for an Active House, which can be qualitative as well as quantitative issues.



Please download the booklet of Active House Alliance for more information [here](#).

EuroWindoor feedback on Public Consultation on the RoHS Evaluation



EuroWindoor did request to the European Commission that electrical devices attached to windows, doors and facades shall be regulated by RoHS, but not the construction product itself, which is covered sufficiently by CPR and REACH.

As the online questionnaire of the EC consultation was not suitable for construction products like windows, doors and facades with electrical devices falling under category 11 ("Other EEE not covered by any of the categories") EuroWindoor sent a separate [feedback on Public Consultation on the RoHS Evaluation](#).



Electrical devices will have a much shorter lifetime than windows and doors they are fitted to. They will always be easily replaceable and by that possible to buy and dispose separately. By the high innovation rate within appliances for smart homes, the electrical device will most likely be replaced by another type than originally provided with the construction product which is sufficiently regulated.

Appointments 2020

- 17/03/2020 EuroWindoor DC and GA meetings, Nuremberg / Germany
- 18-21/03/2020 Fair "[Fensterbau Frontale](#)", Nuremberg / Germany
- 25-26/06/2020 EuroWindoor Conference and DC meeting, Vienna / Austria
- 21/10/2020 EuroWindoor Conference "Daylight by EuroWindoor" at
- 20-23/10/2020 Fair "[glasstec](#)", Dusseldorf / Germany
- 17/11/2020 EuroWindoor Directing Council, Brussels / Belgium



New member from Slovakia welcomed



The EuroWindoor Directing Council met on November 20th, 2019 in Paris by invitation of the French member association UFME. Work items concerning **energy efficiency, health and environment, CE-Marking and standardisation as well as research and education** were on the agenda. Especially the actual situation concerning **the CEN/TC 33 standardisation, the RoHS directive and the REACH restrictions** needed some space for discussion and resulted in decisions of the Directing Council.

Furthermore important items were gotten off the ground like a new **EuroWindoor Flyer** and the kick off for a **Study Tour with conference in June in Vienna** and a **conference** in October 2020 during the fair glasstec in Dusseldorf.

During the meeting EuroWindoor welcomes the new member from Slovakia: **SLOVENERGOokno**



EuroWindoor members are looking forward to the collaboration with SLOVENERGOokno and the new input from eastern Europe. With the new member EuroWindoor represents associations of the European window, door and facade sector in **14 European countries**.

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