

## Development of EU Energy Label and Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD)



The European Commission presented in September working documents on a draft Delegated Regulation for EU Energy Labelling of Windows and invited EuroWindowor and other stakeholders to a Consultation Forum with the Member States. EuroWindowor replied to the proposals focussing on the point of view of the European window manufactures. Additional comments to EuroWindowor position paper from July were given. Some key concerns of the sector are:

- An EU Energy label for windows will not result in increased energy savings
- An EU Energy label for windows will not provide meaningful guidance to consumers, but misguide consumers to more expensive and material extensive solutions.
- An EU energy label for windows will not be in line with the “Better Regulation principle”.

President Joachim Oberrauch and Vice President Helle Carlsen Nielsen

with expert Ulrich Bang represented EuroWindowor at the Consultation Forum in Brussels on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Many of the representatives of the Member States and stakeholders shared the doubts as EuroWindowor and did not support the proposals.

After the Consultation Forum EuroWindowor presented a “follow up” and confirmed the arguments with additional data including information given in the Ecofys Study “Brief Analysis of Pros and Cons” from September 2015 where the achieved successful legislative and market development without EU energy label is stated.

EuroWindowor suggests as alternative for EU Energy Labelling of Windows a better energy balance approach of the EPBD and the national legislation. In the reply to the EPBD Public Consultation questionnaire EuroWindowor made corresponding proposals for improvement of the EPBD.

EuroWindowor will keep following the EU Energy related development.

All cited EuroWindowor documents are available at the EuroWindowor website: [www.eurowindowor.eu](http://www.eurowindowor.eu)

## Application of exemption to RoHS II



EuroWindowor AISBL applied in cooperation with EPPA an exemption to the RoHS II directive for using recycled PVC for windows and doors profiles. Lead and Cadmium in post-consumer PVC-U profiles of windows and doors cannot be mechanically disjointed; therefore, the exemption will not weaken environment and health protection afforded by RoHS. The exemption can be justified by the fact, that PVC is a material well suited to recycling.

Benefits: Recycling PVC-U reduces the amount of energy and natural resources (such as water, petroleum and natural salt) needed to create virgin PVC. Recycling PVC-U-profiles of windows and doors also keeps them out of landfills and allows the PVC to be reused in manufacturing new profiles (Life Cycle and socio-economic advantages), as intended by the communication COM(2014) 398 “Towards a circular economy: A zero waste programme for Europe”.

## CE marking of Fire Resistant Products



After the first citation of EN 16034 in the Official Journal of the EU the European Commission send a letter to CEN requesting changes in scopes of the product standards EN 14351-1, prEN 14351-2, EN 16361 and EN 13241-1 before the start of the co-existing period of EN 16034. Despite very quick action from CEN TC 33 the schedule could not be achieved and a joint letter sent from EuroWindowor, European Aluminium and EDSF did not change the opinion.

The result is a postponement of both the start of co-existing period to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and the end of co-existing period to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 cited on the 13<sup>th</sup> November in OJEU. The letter also contained a requirement for merging of each of the before mentioned product standards with EN 16034, so only a single harmonized standard shall apply to e.g. an exterior pedestrian doorset with fire characteristics. EuroWindowor does not agree to merge the standards – an opinion which is shared by the majority of TC33 and European associations, as European Aluminium and EDSF.

EuroWindowor has together with these two associations written another letter to the European Commission with arguments against a merging of standards. One argument is that already today products exist that needs to comply with more than one harmonized product standard and this is done without any problems. EuroWindowor has in cooperation with European Aluminium and ift Rosenheim developed a guide which gives general guidance on how to comply with EN 16034 and shows examples of CE marking and DoPs with reference to two harmonized standards.



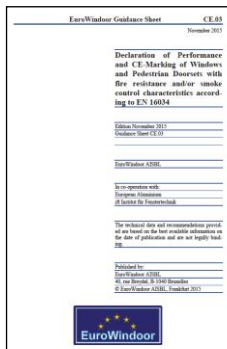
## EuroWindow Guidance Sheet CE.03

EuroWindow published in cooperation with European Aluminium and ift Rosenheim the Guidance Sheet CE.03: 2015-12 "Declaration of Performance and CE-Marking of Windows and Pedestrian Doorsets with fire resistance and/or smoke control characteristics according to EN 16034".

This new Guidance Sheet provides information regarding the obligations of the manufacturers for "Fire Resistant Products" in connection with the requirements of the Construction Products Regulation. CE.03 amends

Guidance Sheet CE.02: 2014-12 which explains the Declaration of Performance and CE-Marking without fire resistance and/or smoke control characteristics.

The Guidance sheet CE.03 will be available for free download in English at the website of EuroWindow [www.eurowindow.eu](http://www.eurowindow.eu)



## EuroWindow Timber Study Tour 2016 on May 18- 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Finland



It is one of EuroWindow tasks according to the statute and the own demand to impart knowledge to develop the sector of window, doors and curtain wall facades. Therefore the Directing Council decided to keep the tradition of FEMIB to organize study tours in the frame of the division "wood". Finland will be the destination of the **1<sup>st</sup> EuroWindow Timber Study Tour** in May 2016.

Interesting company visits (window manufacturers, saw mill, window installation etc.) and factful information events will allow deeper views in the process and progress inside the Finnish industry. Discussions with the people of responsibility and the other participants will increase the impact of the visits. An attractive social program will extend and improve the Timber Study Tour 2016 to an unforgettable experience. It is completely organized and the basis activities (Bus trips, two

accommodations at the hotel Scanddic Rosendahl, the meals and visits) are included in the price.

The Study Tour 2016 will start in Tampere on May 18<sup>th</sup> and end in Helsinki on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The itinerary with all information and the registration form will be available for download at the website of EuroWindow [www.eurowindow.eu](http://www.eurowindow.eu)

EuroWindow is looking forward to welcome many interested participants who like to get to knowledge of the Finnish structure of the window, door and façade sector and to enjoy the beautiful landscape of this country.



## Appointments 2016:

- 15/3/2016: EuroWindow Directing Council and General Assembly, Nuremberg/Germany
- 16-19/3/2016: Fair Fensterbau Frontale 2016, Nuremberg/Germany
- 18-20/5/2016: EuroWindow Timber Study Tour 2016, Finland
- 6+7/7/2016: EuroWindow Directing Council meeting, Location to be fixed
- 3/11/2016: EuroWindow Directing Council meeting, Location to be fixed



## Collaboration with BPIE

The EuroWindow Directing Council meeting in November took place in the premises of Buildings Performance Institute Europe (BPIE) in Brussels. EuroWindow agreed to collaborate with BPIE and to face together the challenges of the energy efficiency in Europe. EuroWindow supports BPIE in a first step with:

- Input from the members to the EU Building Stock statistics and the Envelope performance
- Information by using the ZEBRA online tool to take part to the European survey.

## EuroWindow grows - New Members

EuroWindow admitted two new members in the in November meeting.

The Directing Council welcomes **Glass og Fasadeforeningen** from Norway and **Česká komora LOP** (Czech Chamber of light envelope of buildings) from Czech Republic.

After the first six months EuroWindow AISBL already counts 14 national member associations.

In the meanwhile **Assovetro** from Italy sent the application for membership. The Directing Council will decide during the next meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Nuremberg.

**More national Associations** are interested in the membership and promised to send their application.

### Changes:

The representing association for Finnish window and door manufacturers changed the status and name caused by restructuring process. The membership of RT Confederation of Finnish Construction Industries is maintained by the new **Federation of Finnish Woodworking Industries**.

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