

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

New EuroWindowdoor Co-operative Agreement Signed in Brussels

EuroWindowdoor have recently signed a new Co-operative Agreement at the last Board meeting on June 6, 2012 in Brussels in order to emphasize the common goal of a European collaboration covering all materials. The new agreement strengthens the co-operation between the four major European Associations of FAECF for metal, FEMIB for wood, EPW for PVC and UEMV for glass which cover Fenestration Products across Europe. The new Agreement brings together a

more co-ordinated approach with the EU and in particular meetings with Directorates-General (DG's) of the various departments of the EU Commission. EuroWindowdoor now have a clear mandate from the member associations, to lobby for change which is in line with the Fenestration industry's expectations to ensure conformity across countries of the EU. High on the list of priorities at the moment is the issue of harmonisation of sustainability and durability issues.

The management of EuroWindowdoor is carried out by a Board which is composed of the elected Presidents and the General Secretaries of the member organisations. Every two years the Board of EuroWindowdoor appoints a Chairman who must be President or Vice President of one of the member organization. He shall assume public representation of EuroWindowdoor and shall be assisted by a General Secretary to coordinate the activities of EuroWindowdoor. This year Serge Allaert, the former President of FAECF was elected Chairman and Mr. Frank Koos, General Secretary of FEMIB and EPW, was elected new General Secretary of EuroWindowdoor.



EuroWindowdoor Board, left to right: Frank Koos (General Secretary EuroWindowdoor), Anders Isaksson (President FEMIB), Adrian Toon (Vice-President FAECF), Serge Allaert (Chairman EuroWindowdoor), Hans-Georg Nielsen (Chairman UEMV)

Serge Allaert, EuroWindowdoor Chairman comments on the signing of the Co-operative Agreement, "I am delighted that we now have an updated working agreement which is fully supported by each national association. I believe that by bringing together the Fenestration Industry in one combined association and by representing the whole of the Fenestration Industry across the EU, we can ensure the best interests of the European Construction Industry are represented."

EuroWindowdoor forms an umbrella organisation with active working groups which represent common issues and affect all four of the member associations. Collectively, EuroWindowdoor meet with DG's in Brussels on a regular program and disseminate data back to member associations for its members.

Further information on EuroWindowdoor can be found on the association's website at www.eurowindowdoor.eu.



EuroWindow Conference a successful Event

On 21 March 2012 during fenestration/frontale in Nuremberg, EuroWindow held a very successful conference with 80 participants "Climate Protection with new Windows".

The event was opened and Chaired by Serge Allaert (Chairman EuroWindow), who introduced a wide range of experts to talk on their specialist subjects.

Juan Moreno Acedo (European Commission, DG Energy, Unit C.3 - Energy Efficiency) talked on The European Energy policy and Energy Labelling Directive (2010/30/EU) and in particular how this will impact on the fenestration industry over the coming years.

Frank Koos (General Secretary EuroWindow) presented an evaluation of energy efficient modernisation on the basis of a VFF Study of the European window market in 2011.

Hans-Georg Nielsen (Chairman UEMV) gave a paper on The EuroWindow vision on Energy efficiency of windows. This was looking at what

has to be done to improve the fenestration products out in the market (both on political as well as practical approach).

Ulrich Sieberath (Convenor CEN/TC33/WG1 „Windows and Doors“) brought the meeting up to date with European standardization for windows and in particular the energy efficient characteristics of windows and how this has been covered by European Standards.

Prof. Anton Maas (ZUB, University Kassel, Germany) then presented a paper on Energy efficiency of windows – Considerations for an energy rating system. This looked at the current schemes in operation and what has been considered for the future to develop a European scheme.

These papers provided a complete oversight for the window and door industry and the importance they play with improving the energy efficiency for the European building stock over the coming years.

Meetings in Brussels

EuroWindow met DG Enterprise, DG Energy and DG Climate from the European Commission in April 2012.



EuroWindow has been in touch with DG Enterprise for a long time and Mr. Mikkeli, Deputy Head of unit construction reported about latest developments of CPR and announced the launch of a study about dangerous substances in construction products in 2012. The report is expected to be finalized by April 2014.

The next meeting with DG Energy started with personnel news: Mr. Moreno-Acedo was introduced as successor of Mrs. Villö Lelkes. One of the main topics of all meetings were Eco Design which is mainly driven and launched by DG Energy, whose mission is to develop a working plan for 2012 – 2014. The final result will be made public. Another task of DG Energy is taking note of the concerns and worries expressed by EuroWindow.

The last meeting was held with DG Climate. This department gives its support and is monitoring and following the process. Moreover, for matters of construction they collaborate with other DGs, e.g. Eco Design, Eco Labelling and others. All meetings were focussed mainly on cooperation within the DGs with increased emphasis on Eco Design. In summary it was emphasized that EuroWindow stays in touch with the DGs and offers its support for any possible matter and cooperation.

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EuroWindow on the move

The next EuroWindow board meeting will be held in Düsseldorf at the Glasstec exhibition on Wednesday October, 24, 2012. The main topic on the agenda will be the strengthening of the EuroWindow profile towards the EU decision makers.

There were several remarks from the audience at EuroWindow Conference as to "The EuroWindow vision on Energy efficiency of windows". The following discussion at EuroWindow Board highlighted the position from 2009 which was: The EuroWindow vision is simply that all windows in Europe in 15 years time will be at least state of the art as we know it today – and even better. The discussion brought a list of ideas which could end up in a working program.



The question should be how to reach the goal to change old windows?

The board decided that the developing market of refurbishment of windows must be debated in October and subsequently integrated into the EuroWindow policy.

EU Action planning could be the solution – proposals are welcome before 24 October!

But the important topics CE marking, Ecodesign and Green public procurement of course must not be forgotten.

Appointments 2012

24.10. EuroWindow Board meeting, Düsseldorf

