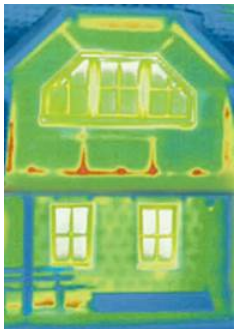


## Focusing the interests of improving the energy efficiency of buildings' envelopes

EuroWindowdoor and the European Association for ETICS (EAE) agreed in June to collaborate on the update of the European Energy Saving Guide to improve the energy efficiency of buildings' envelopes. Europe will be able to switch to renewable energy only if each Member States make every possible effort to reduce energy consumption of the building stock. The savings in this field are many times higher than the output that can currently be achieved using nuclear power. Furthermore, saving energy is probably the most effective way of protecting the resources.



The Energy Saving Guide primarily wants to inform European decision makers when planning objectives, political targets and available options. The Guide draws together current findings from recent studies in a clear and comprehensible guide to giving a sound overview of this very complex topic in a short time. Saving energy, action on climate change and resource protection are trans boundary tasks in a Europe characterized by changes. Energy-saving renovation of the European building stock is a force driving the economy in all countries across Europe. All Europeans can benefit from this forward-looking task, because the capital investment pays off within the shortest time by reduced heating costs and it makes more sense to invest in a profitable future than to fund existing unemployment from tax revenues.

## EuroWindowdoor stands up for the accelerating of standardisation

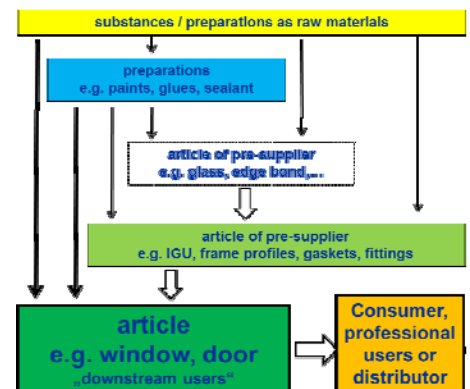
EuroWindowdoor met with DG Enterprise Unit B.1 concerning the speed-up of standardization for windows and doors. Mr Georgios Katsarakis who is in charge of the implementation of the Construction Products Regulation and the coordination of cooperation with CEN and EOTA was accompanied by Tapani Mikkeli and Lutz Köppen. The Convenor of CEN/TC33/WG1 Ulrich Sieberath from ift joined the meeting too. During the meeting EuroWindowdoor gets clarification of open questions on

standardization and the Mandate M/101 which has been delayed for years. Topics like moisture resistance, ability to release, AVCP System, threshold values and the use of templates were discussed. It becomes clear that the interests of EuroWindowdoor are in line with the European Commission to deliver standards in due time. Industry would like to implement requirements effectively.



## EuroWindowdoor solves REACH questions

EuroWindowdoor is in contact with DG Enterprise Unit F.1 REACH, to clarify the different handling of the Member States concerning the REACH declaration for articles made of articles. A minority of the Member States (Belgium, Germany, Denmark, France, Norway and Sweden) think that declarations of the components should be passed through, while the majority insists that the finished product has to be assessed according to REACH Article 33. A declaration becomes necessary, if materials of candidate list are included with a content of > 0.1% (w/w).



REACH: Duty to communicate information

The European Commission represents the majority opinion that the declarations are not passed. For windows, it may be relevant to the use of recycled materials in the individual components. In the meanwhile, France started a case at the European Court concerning this REACH issue. A judgment is expected in about two years.



## When do windows and doors get electrical or electronic equipment ?

EuroWindoor met with Mrs. Stefanescu (DG Enterprise Unit B.1) and Mrs. Banti and Mr. Eberl (both DG Environment Unit A.2) on May 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss the relevance of RoHS II Directive (2011/65/EU) and WEEE Directive (2012/19/EU) for construction products. Main conclusion from the meeting was that windows and doors equipped with any electrical or electronic device will need to fulfil the RoHS II requirements as from 23 July 2019. It is important to notice that it will not only be the electrical or electronic device but the whole product that has to

comply. It was made clear that neither windows nor doors generally speaking can be interpreted as Large Scale Fixed Installations and by that be exempted from the scope.

EuroWindoor was asked to work on a position paper with the aim of changing the requirement in such a way that only the electrical device itself needs to fulfil the requirements. Such exclusion should be assessed in a future dedicated study that the Commission will have to issue.

It was agreed to stay in contact and EuroWindoor promised to come back after detailed examination.

## Recycling of flat glass

EuroWindoor has met with Glass for Europe to discuss the recycling of glass removed from buildings. Window, door and façade installers across Europe do recycle the products removed from existing buildings however, the volumes and how these products are recycled varies between different Member States.



Working with Glass for Europe and the glass recyclers, EuroWindoor will be reviewing good practice with recycling to encourage more flat glass from building to be returned to float lines and used for future glass used in buildings. GfE commissioned Bio by Deloitte for an economic study on building glass recycling. EuroWindoor will be available for discussion, input and exchange of information. If anybody has news on good recycling schemes, please contact the EuroWindoor General Secretary.

## “European Supporting Partner” at Renovate Europe

EuroWindoor became European Supporting Partner of RENOVATE EUROPE in 2014. RENOVATE EUROPE is a political communications campaign with the ambition to reduce the energy demand of the EU building stock by 80% by 2050 compared to 2005 levels through legislation and ambitious renovation programs. The campaign goals are to transform the EU building stock. First to triple the renovation rate for existing buildings by 2020. Second to improve the



energy performance of existing buildings by on average 80% over existing performance levels. And third to recommend effective solutions to key barriers – such as financing, training, etc. For more information please visit [www.renovate-europe.eu](http://www.renovate-europe.eu).

## Appointments 2014

05/11/14 EuroWindoor Board Meeting, Brussels

## Personalia

During the last general assembly of FEMIB in Nuremberg new biennially election for the presidency was on the agenda. With **Mrs Helle Carlsen Nielsen** from Denmark for the first time a woman was elected for president of the association.



H. Carlsen Nielsen

**Eduard Appelhans** from Germany was elected as second vice-president of FEMIB.



E. Appelhans

The former president Anders Isaksson from Sweden will hold according the plan the position of the vice-president by FEMIB for the next two years and stays also in the position of the EuroWindoor chairman.

## Servowood

FEMIB participates in the European project Servowood since January. The strategic objective of the Servowood project is to develop and establish European Standards that will facilitate the prediction of service life for exterior wood coatings. FEMIB is giving direct input to the scope and execution of the different work items, in order to ensure that the expected results are achieved. More information under: [www.servowood.eu](http://www.servowood.eu)

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