

29 Member State representatives to attend the EuroWindowor session on Energy Balance during Concerted Action EPBD meeting in Riga



On June 5th and 6th, EU Member States met in Riga for an annual progress status and knowledge sharing on EPBD called Concerted Action. These two days are used by Member States to report difficulties in EPBD implementation and to solve these issues via an informal dialog.

Thanks to several discussions with the European Commission on the need to move towards an Energy Balance approach, EuroWindowor was invited to chair a 1-hour session on the specific topic.



Vice President Helle Carlsen Nielsen, introducing EuroWindowor and the concept of Energy Balance

The session was an opportunity to invite 2 special guests with deep knowledge on Energy Balance and its implementation in national legislations optimizing the benefits of window replacement:

- **Stephan Schlitzberger from IBH Ingenieurbüro Hauser**, who conducted a EuroWindowor study on window replacement in 2018 (See EuroWindowor Newsletter 08/2018).

Mr. Schlitzberger urged the shift to Energy Balance in replacement policies, highlighted its benefits, and illustrated it with a simple implementation method

currently promoted by the German industry.

- **Niels Bruus Varming from Danish Ministry of Transport**, who worked a few years ago on the implementation of Energy Balance requirement in Denmark.

Mr. Varming explained how the Danish Ministry moved towards the concept of Energy Balance and described the implementation process.

EuroWindowor invited representatives from the whole industry of which Glass for Europe and ES-SO (European Solar Shading Association) were able to join and speak as experts.

The session was moderated by EuroWindowor Vice-President Helle Carlsen Nielsen. She introduced by presenting the key issues of the [joint position on EPBD](#) supporting Energy Balance of windows.



Stephan Schlitzberger, on the benefits of Energy Balance in renovation policies



Niels Bruus Varming, on the implementation of Energy Balance in Denmark



RoHS II: Draft Delegated Act for exemption of Cadmium and Lead in PVC window profiles



The European Commission prepared in July the **draft Delegated Act to amend Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU** as regards an exemption for the use of cadmium and lead in PVC profiles in electrical windows and doors. EuroWindowor in collaboration with EPPA reminded beforehand in a meeting with DG ENV and with a joint position to the concerns when RoHS II Directive enters into force for electric windows and doors in 2019. Both association requested together

clarification according to their exemption request for use of recycling material in PVC profiles of electric windows and doors from 2016. EuroWindowor suggests additionally **corresponding measures under REACH and ROHS II** with consistent regulatory limits and comprehensible rules for all involved parties to avoid confusion for industry, manufacturer and users.

A **public consultation** of the draft Delegated Act is expected in August / September where EuroWindowor will participate with comments in a common answer.

EuroWindowor meeting with DG GROW



On the 25 April EuroWindowor had a meeting with Mr. Mikkeli from DG GROW. It was a very fruitful meeting where EuroWindowor had an opportunity to get first-hand information about important issues for the sector and also to share views and concerns about these topics. Three main topics were on the agenda:

- Possible revision of the CPR
- Development of a new standardization request for our products
- Status on relevant harmonized standards in pipeline for citation

Besides of these topics the representatives from EuroWindowor also took the opportunity to bring to Mr. Mikkeli's attention the challenges for manufacturers due to missing compliance between RoHS and CPR rules as long as some harmonized standards are not cited and the conclusions on exemption rules for recycled PVC material are not available. This was new to Mr. Mikkeli who promised to look into this together with his colleagues at DG ENV.

EuroWindowor Directing Council Meeting on June 6th and 7th, 2019 in Lisbon



EuroWindowor Directing Council meeting on June 7th, 2019 in Lisbon

EuroWindowor Directing Council met on June 6th and 7th, 2019 in Lisbon to deal with work items concerning energy efficiency, health/ environment, CE-Marking / standardisation and research / education. **The implementation of the EPBD, the revision of CEN/TC 33 Mandate(s), the RoHS II directive and the REACH restrictions** were on the main focus. The DC decided as well to organise again the **Conference "Daylight by EuroWindowor"** during the fair "glass-tec" in Dusseldorf on October 21st, 2020.

Additional EuroWindowor member associations reported on important issues from a national perspective, such as market figures, important national

New EuroWindowor members

EuroWindowor welcomes at the Directing Council meeting on March 21st in Zurich two new members:



PVC FORUM ITALIA



VMRG

Both associations from Italy and the Netherlands are joining now EuroWindowor to face together the growing challenges in Europe for the sector. EuroWindowor has actually 18 association members and one company member.

regulations and the emphasis of activities. In this exchange of experiences, the associations benefit from each other and receive new suggestions for their work on national level.



EuroWindowor Directing Council during the social program in front of the south portal of the UNESCO World Heritage "Mosteiro dos Jerónimos" (Jeronimos Monastery) in Lisbon

Appointments 2019/ 2020

20/11/2019	EuroWindowor Directing Council, Paris / France
17/03/2020	EuroWindowor Directing Council, Nuremberg / Germany
18-21/03/2020	Fair "Fensterbau Frontale" 2020, Nuremberg / Germany
25-26/06/2020	EuroWindowor Directing Council, Vienna / Austria
21/10/2020	EuroWindowor Conference "Daylight by EuroWindowor", Dusseldorf / Germany
17/11/2020	EuroWindowor Directing Council, Brussels / Belgium



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