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EAPFP identifies key fire safety concerns in Cologne

European Association for Passive Fire Protection (EAPFP) representatives from across Europe met in Cologne, Germany on 21-22 November 2013 to discuss issues of common interest and concern.

Discussions during the visit focused on CE marking, the development of European standards and test methods and fire engineering. Initiatives in each country aimed at raising awareness of passive fire protection and improving the quality of installations, were also reviewed.

The 15 delegates represented trade associations and passive fire protection companies from eight countries including, France, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Spain, UK and the Netherlands.



Commenting on the event, EAPFP President Vicente Mans declared:

“Discussions from our meetings have helped us to identify three key areas of concern across Europe. Reported confusion about the impact of the Construction Products Regulation, has led the EAPFP to release a simple guide to CE-Marking for passive fire protection products. This provides advice for manufacturers and distributors on what they need to do to meet the requirements of the CPR, which came into effect on 1 July 2013.

“The Association has also launched a campaign to raise standards in fire engineering across Europe, amid concerns that the discipline is often used by some engineers to reduce levels of protection rather than ensure adequate fire safety for buildings.

“The issue of poor standards of installation for passive fire protection is also a concern and the EAPFP aims to improve installation standards and the competence of installers, bringing together best practice and initiatives from across Europe.”

By identifying issues of interest and concern affecting its members throughout Europe, the EAPFP acts as the European voice for passive fire protection. EAPFP members are national associations representing manufacturers, contractors and other institutions involved in passive fire protection. They meet twice each year to discuss issues affecting the European fire industry.

The Association welcomes new members and would like to hear from other associations who are keen to improve fire safety within their own countries and across Europe.”

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EAPFP was formed in 1988 to act as a European voice on behalf of national associations representing manufacturers, contractors and other institutions involved in the fire protection to steelwork, timber, and other passive fire protection applications, including penetration seals and ductwork.

Countries represented by EAPFP members include Austria; Belgium; Cyprus; Denmark; France; Germany; Ireland; Netherlands; Russia; Spain; and UK.

The Association campaigns to raise the standard of fire safety in buildings and offers a range of publications and guidance notes in several languages. The EAPFP also has representation on the European Union Technical Committees involved in developing product standards across Europe.

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