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EAPFP celebrates 30th Anniversary

2018 marks the 30th Anniversary of the European Association for Passive Fire Protection. The EAPFP started life as the European Association for Specialist Fire Protection (EASFP). It was originally formed by Germany, France and the UK in response to the establishment of CEN TC127 – Fire Safety in Buildings. Its aim was provide an industry voice and to influence the European Commission and CEN in the development of harmonised fire tests.

Membership quickly grew by demonstrating that EASFP represented the views of Europe-wide groups and not just national interests, the Association was granted observer status on CEN TC127.

In 1996 the organisation changed its name to the European Association for Passive Fire Protection (EAPFP) and by the early 2000s, the EAPFP could boast members from right across Europe, including Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Spain and Italy.

Throughout the 30 years since its formation, the EAPFP has maintained its representation on CEN TC 127, the Technical Committee dealing with the harmonisation of standards for fire safety buildings. It has also maintained close liaison with EGOLF, the European Organisation for Fire Testing Laboratories; and EOTA, the European Organisation for Technical Assessment.

The EAPFP has influenced the European testing regime and has offered support and advice to members. As well as influencing standards and legislation, education has always been a key EAPFP activity. The Association offered essential advice and developed guidance documents on the introduction of the Construction Products Directive (CPD) and the subsequent Construction Products Regulations (CPR) and provided input and guidance on CE Marking and standard harmonisation. The EAPFP organised successful conferences for the EC in Luxembourg in 1997, 1999, 2001 and 2007.

In 2018, with installer competence, training and certification now a major concern throughout Europe, the EAPFP is actively campaigning for the certification and registration of installers to be mandatory across Europe.

The EAPFP now boasts some 18 member organisations which together represent almost 2,000 individuals. The Association continues to grow and has plans for further expansion, particularly in Eastern Europe. As it launches its new strategy, the EAPFP aims to maintain its position as the voice for passive fire protection in Europe for another 30 years to come.

For further information on the EAPFP, visit www.eapfp.com; tel: +44 (0)1420 471616; e-mail: admin@eapfp.com

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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; Italy; Netherlands; Norway; Russia; Slovak Republic; 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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