ARGE 2020: Changing the game!

ARGE’S AMBITION FOR STANDARDISATION

ARGE EXECUTIVE TEAM
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But with standards we can drive our product strategies!
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Let’s take a look back first ...

ARGE CONFERENCE 2017, SALZBURG

ARGE 2020 – ‘CHANGING THE GAME’

THE AMBITIONS OF THE ARGE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Why ‘Changing the game’? (contd.)

We still want to move the ball forward ....

... but want to achieve higher scores ....
Why ‘Changing the game’? (contd.)

We aim towards working ...

- smarter
- faster
- and more direct!
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Mission

🔹 Create an environment that facilitates the development of European building hardware standards.

🔹 Standards have to be market-driven, creating value for all stakeholders.
Vision

- ARGE will be the representative of the European building hardware industry regarding standardisation of our products.
- ARGE will be the single point of reference in standardisation matters for European Commission (EC) and CEN.
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‘Overall weather situation’ (EU and CEN)

- New European Commission (EC) as of Q4/2019 => *political focus?*

- Construction Products Regulation (CPR) got into full force in 2013 and will be re-evaluated and most likely revised => *when?*

- Standardisation Requests (SR) from EC to CEN are outdated (not in line with CPR) => *revisions necessary!*

- Approx. 150 hEN under the CPR are ‘stuck’ => *strong frustration (see joint declaration from FIEC, EBC, SBS and CPE)!*
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‘Overall weather situation’ (EU and CEN) cont.

Joint declaration by FIEC, EBC, SBS and CPE

- Standardisation plays a crucial role for the European construction sector.

- Construction product manufacturers and contractors therefore rely strongly on standards that remain aligned with changing market and regulatory demands.

- In recent years, the European standardisation system and legislation have often failed to deliver harmonised product standards in a timely manner.
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‘Overall weather situation’ (EU and CEN)  cont.

Joint declaration by FIEC, EBC, SBS and CPE  cont.

- The consequences of unavailable or outdated harmonised product standards include an increase of direct or indirect costs for the businesses.

- This situation is unsustainable for stakeholders using standards.

- Construction product manufacturers and contractors call upon the European Institutions to co-ordinate their response to the findings in order to ensure coherence, transparency and consistency.
Where we are

 ArgumentException for standardisation

ARGE Conference 2018 in Rotterdam:
- Enable market driven voluntary standards
- Harmonised standard focus on safety critical products

Inge Lidén, as ARGE Consultant, has been working as Convenor of CEN TC 33/WG 4 (building hardware) since April 2018

‘Our’ SR M/101 (doors, windows, building hardware, etc.) was selected as one of the three pilot mandates for revision in Q2/2018

In preparing input for the revision of SR M/101, CEN TC 33/WG 4 (‘powered by ARGE’) was recognised as ‘role model’
Where we stand (cont.)

- Work on revision of SR M/101 got stuck due to incomplete proposal from CEN Technical Committee (TC 33) (doors, windows, building hardware, etc) to EC

- Door manufacturers want to include ‘burglary resistance’ in hEN standards under CPR

- Door manufacturers oppose ARGE’s ambition for de-harmonising hinge and locks standards

- Still uncertainty on EC’s side about how ‘sustainability’ will be implemented in hEN standards under CPR
**Our short-term tasks**

- ARGE will write an official letter to TC 33, expressing our concerns and proposing how to overcome the standstill

- ARGE will strive to win the support of CEN TC 33/WG 1 (doors and windows)

- A meeting between the EC and representatives of CEN TC 33 and ARGE which will potentially will take place in autumn 2019 will hopefully be an opportunity to overcome the standstill in the revision of M/101

- ARGE will continue to contribute to and to benefit from CPE’s Working Groups ‘CPR’ and ‘CPR implementation’
Summary statement

- Work on non-harmonised CEN standards is laborious but is based on a clear process
- Work on harmonised EN standards (based on CPR) has been frustrating during the last years, no quick fix at the level of EC is in sight
- and ...

ARGE will continue to take the initiative in developing and maintaining market driven European standards which support building hardware manufacturers’ product strategies
Thank you!