



# PAN and PRO EUROPE

## *Panels and Profiles Association*

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Dear members,

What's going on since GA of Helsinki where Pan and Pro Europe was launched on the base of Panama International and EPPF ?

The new Managing Committee met in December the 14<sup>th</sup> to organise the start-up of the association and the undertaking of the different tasks conducted by Panama and EPPF before.

A Working Group with partners coming from Pan and Pro Europe and EPAQ has been set up to prepare the project for a single European Association. First meeting took place in February the 9<sup>th</sup>.

This project which will be presented in September 2010, has the ambition to better defend the interests of our business facing the daily and future European challenges

What are these challenges?

- **Environment** through sustainability (EPD), energy performances (EPBD), waste management, health, safety ...(TC350)
- **CPD** (Construction Product Directives) becoming soon **CPR** (Régulation)
- **Fire** reaction to fire and Resistance (TC 127)

Some of those topics are specific to our products.

However, some are also related to all the construction products activities which means we have to be pro-active in our lobbying to defend strongly our business.

Today, unfortunately, our strengths are splitted : National Trade Associations lobbying in parallel in some countries, lack of NTA in other countries meaning that the local producers are out of the debate, and (independent) stand-alone producers in some part of Europe!

We need to gather our strengths, we need to give "visibility" to our activities. If not there is a huge risk to be forgotten in the coming European standardization process.

This risk is also a great opportunity as Europe is looking for official representative: Pan and pro Europe must be that voice!

To be the case, we need your commitment!

Communication is fundamental.

We will give more visibility to our activities by operating a new web-site and also by News .We will come back to you next month to develop the current activities of Pan And Pro Europe in the different WG and to explain more in details the objectives of our new Association.

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