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INVITATION

Façades in Fire, Espoo, Finland 9.10.2014

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Many people believe that façades have little or no effect on the spread of fire. They are wrong. Facades very often contribute to the spread of fires in large or high-rise buildings depending on what types of materials are used. To better understanding for the potential impact of facades in real life fire, Brussels-based Fire Safe Europe, an alliance companies from across the construction, and fire protection sectors in partnership with three Finnish associations – The Finnish Fire Protection Association (SPEK), Finnish Association of Fire Fighters (SPAL) and The Finnish Association of Fire Officers (SPPL) will organize a fire seminar with live fire demonstration. The seminar is under the patronage of Mrs. Sirpa Pietikäinen, Member of the European Parliament.

The seminar will include four simultaneous large scale room corner fire tests according to ISO 9705 standard to demonstrate how different facade insulation materials behave on fire.

We invite you with great pleasure to join us on October 09th, 2014 at 11:30 AM at the Technopolis Innopoli, Espoo, Finland for a short seminar with presentations from a series of experts of the Swedish Fire Protection Association, SP Technical Research Institute of Sweden, Aalto University and Fire Safe Europe. The test will take place afterwards at the premises of VTT Expert Services Ltd Espoo, Finland.

Why is this important?

Across the Nordics, programmes to improve the energy efficiency of new buildings as well as renovate existing buildings are currently under way. The implementation of these programs will deliver significant energy savings, huge greenhouse gas reductions, and millions of new jobs. At the same time increased amount of insulation materials will affect the fire loads and change the fire safety characteristics of existing buildings. The security of the occupants might be compromised.

Façades are a particularly important consideration as they will not only need to meet thermal insulation requirements; they should also provide adequate fire protection for the rest of the building without contributing the spread of fire. However, there is currently no harmonized European standard test method to ensure that external wall systems (e.g. ETICS) used on facades, are safe.

If you wish to attend, please save **October 9th** in your calendar. **Participation is free of charge.** This invitation is valid for one person only. As the number of guests is limited **we appreciate your feedback no later than September 26th.** We kindly ask you to register [here](#).

Looking forward to your response.

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