

## Communiqué

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### Europe needs fire and CO safety standards for tourism accommodation

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Euralarm welcomes the adoption by the European Parliament's TRAN Committee of the report on *New challenges and concepts for the promotion of tourism in Europe*.

We want to congratulate Mrs Isabella De Monte, Rapporteur, and also MEPs Linda McAvan and Lucy Anderson for the adoption of Amendment 184 to the report calling for a consistent approach of fire safety and carbon monoxide safety in tourism accommodation.

Tourism industry is of utmost importance for Europe, contributing substantially to member states' economies. EU citizens and tourists coming from abroad have a right to expect a high and consistent level of protection in their accommodation when travelling within the European Union. Guaranteeing this level of protection is crucial to remain successful and internationally competitive.

#### A way forward

Euralarm urges the European Parliament to adopt the final TRAN Committee's report on *New challenges and concepts for the promotion of tourism in Europe*.

Euralarm fully supports the call on the Commission to come forward with proposals for minimum standards for tourism safety in the EU, in particular in the area of fire safety and carbon monoxide safety in holiday accommodation. We also acknowledge the need for systematic collection of data on accommodation safety consolidated at EU level.

The European electronic fire and security industry represented by Euralarm is ready to provide support and expertise to the Commission and to the European Standards Organizations (CEN and CENELEC) for the development of relevant legislation and necessary standards to improve fire safety and carbon monoxide safety in tourism facilities.

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#### About Euralarm

Euralarm represents the electronic fire and security industry, providing leadership and expertise for industry, market, policy makers and standards bodies. Our members make society safer and secure through systems and services for fire detection, intrusion detection, access control, video monitoring, alarm transmission and alarm receiving centres. Founded in 1970, Euralarm represents over 5000 companies with an estimated cumulated revenue of 18 bn Euros. Euralarm members are national associations and individual companies from more than 17 European countries.

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***Zug, October 2015 – Euralarm, representing the electronic fire and security industry, welcomes the adoption by the European Parliament’s TRAN Committee of the report on New challenges and concepts for the promotion of tourism in Europe. Especially of interest is the Amendment 184 to the report calling for a consistent approach of fire safety and carbon monoxide safety in tourism accommodation.***

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