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Sofia is one of the oldest cities in Europe. The history of Serdica-Sredets-Sofia can be traced back some 7000 years ago. Prehistoric settlements were excavated in the centre of the present city near the Zar's Palace and as well in the suburbia like Slatina and Obelia. Sofia has had several names in the different periods of its existence, and remnants of the city's millenary history can still be seen today alongside modern landmarks. Although it is not quite old it has a very chequered

history you can see and experience, if you go through the streets and discover its special places and sites.

We hope that besides the work the delegates have to do: there will be enough opportunities to get something of the typical Sofia atmosphere below the mountain Vitosha and many new and positive feelings.

The GRAND HOTEL SOFIA will be the place of the first Euralarm General Assembly in Bulgaria and we hope that this place will be a good basis for a successful and progressive General Assembly, which will remain positive in all our memories.



We are convinced that Euralarm will offer you an informative program which will be beneficial for all of you. A brief introduction you will get by this Newsletter.

We'd like to take the opportunity to wish you and all the members of Euralarm a great General Assembly here in Sofia and we are looking forward to seeing you in Sofia. We hope to have the pleasure to say to all of you

WELCOME TO SOFIA!

Ognyan TODOROV (BG), Chairmen NAFOTS

Dirk Gesenhues (D), EURALARM Secretary General

About this Newsletter

Members of Euralarm will regularly be informed about the activities and news out of Euralarm's standing committees by a newsletter. This Newsletter is targeted to all members (associations and companies), to their employees and to potential new members of Euralarm. This Newsletter is brought to you by the Euralarm Standing Committee 1 (SC 1).

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Progress with European Quality Mark (EQM)

April saw the first workshop between both Stakeholders and members of the EQM project team; this gave the opportunity for the team to update all attendees on progress to date and to allow the exchange of ideas on how the organisation is to be structured. Progress on all activities is now going very well and we can see that the organisation will be formed so that a mid year start of the new organisation is possible.

The 6 EQM project team groups are working to the single goal of getting the operation up and running. They will also be looking to recruit key people who will form the core team that will run and operate the business, so keep an eye open for the Job Adverts.

Marketing is pulling together the role out plan that will organise a campaign using both the European Fire and Security Trade Associations, together with their member companies to achieve a global message about the benefits of our one stop certification body.

A briefing to Euralarm Industry members is planned during IFSEC, so that by the General Assembly all important stakeholders will be informed on the start up plans.

The Euralarm General Assembly in Sofia is the main launch platform, when a full EQM news update will be presented to all Euralarm members by the EQM project team and by representatives of the stakeholders.

Derek Harrington (GB), FIA

European Service Directive (ESD)

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From the last Euralarm General Assembly it is clear that fire and security are developing different strategies to achieve their goals in the different legislative scenarios.

Hence, it was decided to create two Euralarm task groups, with Robert Thilthorpe leading the fire group and Marc Chabaud leading the security group.

Both task groups have prepared position papers, which will be presented at the General Assembly in Sofia. These Euralarm positions will be the basis of our pan European lobbying campaign.

Edward Lister (GB), TYCO

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Construction Products Directive (CPD) changing to Regulation (CPR)

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The Construction Products Directive will change to a European Regulation. Directives have to be transferred into national law whereas European Regulations are mandatory throughout the European Union without an additional national legal activity.

This means, that those countries that are currently choosing not to ratify the CPD, will now be legally obliged to use the CPR.

Including in this change we are moving from a declaration of conformity to a declaration of performance.

A summary document of the latest changes has been provided by Bert van Langeveld. The summary is available for all Euralarm members in the publication area of euralarm web pages.

Hans-Martin Fischer (D), ZVEI

Technical Trade Barriers? We discover TRIS!

In our last Newsletter we reported on technical trade barriers from Poland. This has generated much debate within Euralarm committees, however since that last publication we have been made aware of **TRIS**.

TRIS is the European Technical Regulations Information System and is a Instrument of co-operation between institutions and enterprises to ensure the smooth functioning of the internal european market. It is based on the European Directive 98/34/EC.

The **TRIS** route appears to allow member states to request national requirements actually not included in european standards. It appears that the additions to product testing was raised by Poland and these details were notified to all member states. There where no national objections and therefore the process was legally acceptable.

This is contrary to Euralarm's aim to have harmonized standards acrosss europe and we he will be lobbying both the EU-comminssion and parlementerians.

For details of TRIS see: www.ec.europa.eu/enterprise/tris/. There you can find also a list of the “central units” in the member states who are respisble for notifying, accepting or objecting such requests.

Martin Duggan (GB), FIA

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