



Fire Safety Development Group

Fire Safety: An Agenda for Europe

The FSDG

- Consortium of Fire Protection Interests
 - Passive Fire Protection Manufacturers
 - Fire Protection Association
- Political Lobbying Unit
 - Campaigns
 - Monitoring
 - Partnerships

The FSDG

- Traditionally UK-Based
 - Arson Prevention
 - Building Regulations
 - Fire Safety Legislation
 - Risk Assessment / Performance Standards
- But ...Impact of European Commission Initiatives Increasingly Significant

The EU: Fire Safety Stakeholders

- The Citizen
- The Consumer
- The Developer
- The Environment
- The Fire Fighter
- The Insurer
- The Manufacturer
- The Policymaker

The EU: Current Legislation

- Construction Products Directive (89/106/EEC)
- Hotel Fire Safety Recommendation (86/666/EEC)
- Seveso II Directive (96/82/EC)
- Workplace Framework Directive (89/391/EEC)

The EU: Our Priority Areas

- Building Regulations
- Community Fire Safety
- Environmental Protection
- Hotel Fires
- Tunnel Fires

The EU: Institutional Framework

- European Commission Directorates-General

Agriculture

Education and Training

Employment and Social Affairs

Enterprise

Environment

Health and Consumer Protection

Information Society

Transport and Energy

The EU: Institutional Framework

- The European Parliament
 - Committees & Rapporteurs
 - Plenary Sessions
 - Scrutiny
- The Council of Ministers
- Subsidiarity and Member State Competence
- ENV.B4 Civil Protection Unit

FSDG Campaigns

- Building Codes and Standards
- Hotel Fires
- Tunnel Fires
- Unified Approach to Fire Safety

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Challenges

- Co-ordination
 - Institutional
 - Stakeholder
- Harmonisation and Transposition
- Information Collation and Exchange
- National Practices and Traditions
- Subsidiarity

Ongoing Projects

- CTIF EU Sub-Commission
- Swedish Rescue Services Agency
Project *Fire Prevention – Protecting European Citizens Against Fire*
- Hotel Fires: Updating Technical Guidelines
- DG Enterprise Fire Safety Engineering (FSE) Project

Fire Data and Statistics

- The Value of Statistics
 - Best Practice / Best Value
 - Identifying Priorities and Common Ground
 - Informing Policy Agenda and Decision-Making
- But ...Need for a Comprehensive Picture
 - Comparable
 - Exchange
 - Targeted
 - Updated

To Conclude...

- Joined-Up and Consistent Approach to Fire Safety at EU Level
- Free Movement of People; Common EU Minimum Fire Safety Standards

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