

FIRE SAFE EUROPE

Advocating for fire safety across the European Union



FIRE SAFE EUROPE is a European association representing **companies and professional organisations** aiming to improve fire safety of buildings. Fire Safe Europe's mission is to improve fire safety in buildings for people and society by advocating, raising awareness, collecting data, and connecting the fire safety community.

Fires in buildings are now more prominent, more unpredictable, and more dangerous than ever before. Unfortunately, **European citizens do not always experience an adequate level of fire safety protection in buildings.** Fire Safe Europe intends to **change this status quo** by working with experts, policy and decision makers, to ensure that people and communities across Europe are safe from fire in every building they spend time in.

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GOVERNANCE

FIRE SAFE EUROPE is based on an effective and agile governance structure, composed of our members and the Secretariat.

The strategy of Fire Safe Europe is led by the **Board of Directors**, composed of one representative from each Full Member. Additionally, the Secretariat is closely working with two **Taskforces** (Technical & Regulatory Affairs; Public Affairs & Communication) and ad-hoc **Working Groups**. Members are welcome to participate in both Taskforces and Working Groups and give their input to the Secretariat.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

STRATEGY

TASKFORCES & WORKING GROUPS

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

SECRETARIAT

IMPLEMENTATION



Advocating for more fire safety of buildings

European and national legislations on the built environment have a significant impact on the fire safety of our buildings. For this reason, Fire Safe Europe's role is to **advocate for better standards and regulations on fire safety at all levels**.

Our positions are built through the active participation of our members and then represented at the highest political level through the continuous exchange with European institutions and stakeholders.



Energy
Efficiency

Fire Safe Europe supports the energy efficiency measures proposed by the European Union to ease the **green transition of the built environment**. However, the use of renewables and innovative energy-efficient solutions creates new and diverse fire risks and impacts the performance of a building in fire. Thus, Fire Safe Europe advocates for a **high level of fire safety for new and renovated buildings** on our road to reduce carbon emissions.



Sustainability

Sustainability is a crucial aspect of the European Green Deal. Nevertheless, European Union policies do not always consider the strong link between sustainability and the fire safety of our buildings. Our role at Fire Safe Europe is to make sure that **fire safety is recognised as an official pillar of economic, environmental, social sustainability** in European regulations, standards and key performance indicators. Moreover, Fire Safe Europe supports a **circular economy** by ensuring that the fire performance of recycled and reused construction products is preserved and well-known by the market.



Standardisation

It is essential to have harmonised standards across the EU when it comes to fire safety. At Fire Safe Europe, we believe all European citizens should experience an adequate level of protection in every building they spend time in. For this reason, Fire Safe Europe advocates for the **harmonisation of fire safety standards at the EU level**.



Digitalisation

Digitalisation is the present and the future of the EU construction sector. Integrating **digital fire safety in smart buildings** will offer new opportunities for accelerating the green transition and increasing the fire performance of European buildings. Fire Safe Europe advocates for better inclusion of fire safety aspects into current and future digital tools, influences EU funding on R&D, as well as facilitates the exchange of best practices around this crucial topic.



Collecting and Consolidating Data

Solid and comparable datasets are crucial to take knowledge-based decisions regarding fire safety at the national and EU levels regarding building fires. However, **European data on fire safety are limited** due to the lack of a harmonised approach among Member States. Each country has its own way of collecting data connected to fire and it is difficult for companies to know where to find them.

For this reason, Fire Safe Europe positions itself as a **one-stop-shop for fire safety regulatory data**. We collect, analyse and consolidate data, and monitor best practices from all EU Member States. With our National Networks, we constantly monitor and exchange on national regulations. Thanks to the **“Comparative study of national fire safety requirements”**, our members have access to a living document, frequently updated with our analysis based on compared national legislation.



Raising Awareness About Fire Safety

Although fire safety impacts every building and every citizen in the EU, it remains a niche topic in the EU political arena. Thus, one of Fire Safe Europe's key roles is **to raise awareness on fire safety in buildings**, thanks to online and in-person campaigns targeting EU and national regulators. To do so, we are organizing topical webinars and events, in which we are inviting experts from all over the continent. We also couple these activities with targeted social media campaigns and press releases.



MEMBERSHIP

FULL MEMBERS

ASSOCIATES

PARTNERS

SERVICES

Regulatory mapping
(Comparative study & National
Networks)

Access to the creation and
monitoring of technical content

Specific policy monitoring and
assessment

Opportunity to represent FSEU
externally

Information and technical support
on EU fundings programmes

Access to decision-makers

Tailor-made support and
services

GOVERNANCE

Participation in the General
Assembly

Participation in the Working
Groups and Taskforces

Participation in the Board of
Directors and strategic
decisions

Fire Safe Europe is offering three types of memberships: **Full Members**, **Associates**, and **Partners**. Each membership corresponds to a specific range of services.

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