

After 32 years working in various areas including fire safety, sustainability, and chemicals management, our Fire Task Group (TG) convenor, **Dr Christine Lukas**, recently retired from Dow. She wishes to express her thanks to all Fire TG members for their expertise, support, and contributions over the years. Christine recalls how the TG's positions enabled us to support development of the European Fire test and classification system under the Construction Products Directive and then as a Regulation. Our good working relationship with the European Commission (EC) in this challenging technical area allowed us to contribute to the EC round robin on the Single Burning Item and continue to be an active partner on important fire safety related projects. She warmly recalls the positive interaction and engagement across the industry and thanks the Construction Products Europe team members, both current and past, and to her fellow convenors for their cooperation. Christine is currently taking a break until the end of the year and planning the next stage of her engagement fire safety and sustainability. She sends us all her good wishes for our personal and professional success in the construction industry and on fire safety and invites you to connect via LinkedIn.

Dr Kees Both will succeed Christine as our Fire TG convenor. Kees is a fire safety engineer, an active member of the TG and co-convenor of our EOTA TG, which he has now relinquished. Kees expresses a great pleasure and honour as he takes over from Dr. Lukas. Kees describes our TG as a haven for constructive and productive discussion. It is his hope and ambition to continue this, especially given the challenges ahead. Without any suggestion of the priority or personal preference of topics, he draws our attention to the European façade fire project, and to the proper implementation of the project findings in standards and EU regulations. On another note, he will guide our input to the soon to be established horizontal group fire under the CPR Acquis process.

Christophe Sykes, Director General, expresses his gratitude to Dr Lukas for her excellent service to our association and industry, and to Dr Both for taking on the challenge with enthusiasm and dedication.

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