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"Türen, Tore, Fenster, Abschlüsse, Baubeschläge und Vorhangfassaden"

2020-01-20**The new Chairman's message**

Dear TC 33 members,
Dear experts,
Dear all,

I am very honoured that you have appointed me as Chairman of CEN/TC 33 and I thank you.

First, I would like to express my gratitude to Frédéric WIELEZYNSKI, who did an outstanding job during the last six years. To build consensus in such a "big" TC, with so many interests involved, so many technical issues, and to bring this consensus up to EC, is for sure a difficult task. Frédéric achieved it with high professionalism, a great energy, and I am really very thankful for that. I know I will be able to count on him, on his expertise and experience, in the next years.

I would like also to express my thankfulness to Nathalie Girardot, Secretary of TC 33. Nathalie took a lot of her time to help me in the last months to get prepared for the job. It is a high pleasure for me to work with her. We all know her high expertise on standardization procedures. Her high commitment is the guarantee that we have the means to do the best job possible.

We have huge issues ahead of us. We will have to face many difficulties. To negotiate a new Standardization Request (SR) in the context of the probable revision of the CPR, is the main one.

My only goal, as Chairman of TC, is that we can deliver some useful standards to the industry, the consumers and the market, that also fit with EC's regulatory requirements. To find some way to unblock the current situation for harmonized standards, to build together with EC a SR that brings clear rules and guidelines for us to work.

We have many interests involved through our TC that might conflict with each other: national/European manufacturers associations, family products, WGs, test houses, countries, etc.

My deep conviction is that we have no chance to succeed if our TC remains a discussion

forum where each group of interests promotes and keeps on its position. We need to talk more together, to build some consensus, then to talk with our common voice.

You all know how tight and tricky is the path ahead of us. You can trust I am fully committed, but I will absolutely need your support.

Please, feel free to call me any time,
Yours sincerely,

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CEN/TC 33 Chairman

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