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Finnish comments on Fire assessment of facades (AG 003/4/2)

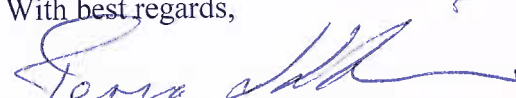
We do not agree with the conclusions made in the document to keep the work in EOTA. Instead fire test method standard shall be prepared by CEN TC 127 having the goal to agree on one test method. In addition there is a need to agree on new fire classification based on façade fire test method. This will enable Member States to choose appropriate class for facades of different kind of buildings.

Following arguments support the transfer of the work to CEN TC 127:

- 1) It is true that fire test method and classification will be mainly used for cladding kits and ETICS. However, it shall be taken into account that CEN TC 88 is preparing a harmonised product standard for typical ETICS based on mandate from the Commission. That is why the relevant products are not only subject to EOTA.
- 2) There is a need to publish EN-standards concerning facades fire test method and classification. Only in this way the existing national test method standards creating barriers to trade have to be withdrawn. Availability of EOTA Technical Report for fire test method does not lead to the withdrawal of national test method standards.
- 3) We are afraid that the repeatability of two test methods proposed by EOTA is poor.

For these reasons there is a need to have a new start for the preparation of facades test method and classification standards in CEN TC 127 transparently and having the goal to agree on one test method.

With best regards,



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