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Together | JOINT SUMMIT AIE-GCP 20-23.09.2017

Historical Vienna was the scenery for the joint AIE-GCP Installer Summit hosted by the three Austrian Federal Associations, „Bundesinnung der Sanitär-, Heizungs- und Lüftungstechniker“, „Bundesinnung der Elektro-, Gebäude-, Alarm- und Kommunikationstechniker“ and „Verband Zentralheizungs- und Lüftungsbau“.

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AIE President Thomas Carlsson [Installatörsforetagen/EIO] warmly thanked the Austrian team and was very pleased to welcome our USA and South African electrical colleagues once again. In his speech, he stated that Europe is rich because of its differences as long as we are willing to learn and share! Therefore, associations must be able to adapt and be flexible...



Both AIE (Electrical) and GCP Europe (HVAC) contractors held their board and General Assembly meetings and held a joint conference entitled **“Efficient energy and building engineering services based in part or as a whole on alternative sources of energy”**. **Digitalization received the attention it deserves** playing a key role in the deployment of our contractors’ businesses.

Strategic forum AIE | BIM

As digital platforms such as Building Information Modeling [BIM] is finding its place amid the contractors’ future outlook, the **AIE led a summer-survey amongst its members** to find out about the current use, implementation and understanding of BIM. Though it is recognized BIM is today rather driven by architects, larger tenders and designers, the AIE members understand that BIM will change Business as Usual and should enhance better and future cooperation in the value chain. A ‘BIM’ workgroup has been set up to further investigate on information exchange and reliability of e.g. a connected product database.

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Evolution AIE | Highlights Annual report 2016

Evelyne Schellekens – General Secretary of AIE - gave an overview on the AIE activities and firstly reported on the Climate Package ‘The Clean Energy for All Europeans’ and in particular on the state-of-play of the review of the Energy Efficiency Directive **[EED]**, the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive **[EPBD]** and the Primary Energy Conversion Factor **[PEF]**.

AIE positions on the legislative proposals, common statements with other installers associations on inspection, renovation and e-mobility, alliances and joint declarations with stakeholders on the renovation rate, target ambitions and electrification, as well as a common explanatory note on why the PEF should be lower than the current 2.5 or proposed 2.0, illustrate the actions undertaken by AIE.

Other important topics such as the Smartness Indicator **[SRI]**, Electric Vehicles/charging stations, RES (PV) and self-consumption, Lighting systems, Residential Electrical Safety **[FEEDS group]** were mentioned as other **key issues for 2017-2018**.

An important event for the electrical sector where **young talent and youth** is put in the spotlight, is the bi-yearly **Euroskills competition** for young electricians. As an associate member of Worldskills Europe, AIE is very active before, during and after the competition. Being a **platform for the education and training experts in the electrical sector**, AIE shares its expertise and knowledge. During the competition, the AIE intensively reports live through Blog, Facebook and Twitter.

As a conclusion of the joint Summit, AIE’s message (equally transmitted at the 62nd annual Convention of Wholesalers) reflects the 2-days discussions and exchanges: *‘Today the electrical industry offers us a wealth of new, intelligent and efficient technology and in addition, internet and the digitalization are pushing us to change the way we used to do business. Innovation and digital processes such as BIM (Building Information Modeling) will help that happening, and more than ever it will be important for installation companies to have neutral interfaces with correct, reliable and up-to-date product data. We believe there is enough space for everybody to deploy energy efficient solutions and technologies in buildings.*

In a strong, united and respectful value chain each one has a role to play: manufacturers produce, wholesalers distribute, installers install and this will bring benefits to all!’

Downloads: [All position papers](#) and the [brochure ‘Evolution 2017’](#) containing a summary of the AIE annual report.



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A collage of pictures | Sphere images of the AIE-GCP Summit

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“ELECTRICITY SURROUNDS US – TOUCHES EVERY ONE OF US, EVERY DAY, EVERYWHERE. Who we are: The AIE – the European Association of electrical contracting companies - represents through its 15 national member associations about 125,500 specialist contracting companies employing about 1,200,000 workers in the EU-countries and beyond. The AIE represents companies from all sizes, the big majors and a majority of small and medium size enterprises [SME]. AIE member companies have an in-depth knowledge and high-quality expert skills to carry out all kind of electrical engineering and infrastructure works [high, medium and low voltage]. The overall turnover of the sector is approximately 137 billion Euros. Monitoring the EU agenda/Directives relevant for the electrical sector, the AIE points out the key strategies and main priorities for the modern electrical contractor. With the increasing complexity of technical installations, the private consumer and house owners are becoming more and more dependent on the knowledge and creativity of the electrical contractor. He is an expert adviser who is able to explain to the client the possibilities and advantages of new technology in a technical and environmental way. Kindly visit our website: www.aie.eu or contact us at info@aie.eu.

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