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Lighting Quality contributes to Healthy Buildings and Energy Savings

Today, the International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD) and LightingEurope stressed the importance of lighting and wellbeing in buildings with a joint event in the European Parliament hosted by MEP Peter Liese. A panel of EU policy makers, industry representatives and lighting designers gathered to discuss the importance of working and living in a healthy environment and how lighting can contribute to healthy buildings.

Saving energy has been and will remain a key objective for EU policymakers and industry stakeholders, but addressing lighting quality and well-being should be granted a similar importance.

In the morning, the European Parliament Committee for Industry, Energy and Research (ITRE) voted on the Energy Performance of the Buildings Directive (EPBD) review report. ITRE Committee, with this vote, clearly expressed the need to take into account not only energy savings but also well-being of the people in this legislative review.

Discussing the EPBD review and the future of EU regulation on lighting, Kevan Shaw, Professional member and Director-at-Large of the IALD, stated, “We need to look at actual energy used not product efficiency or power density of lighting to create meaningful energy savings in the real world. The Lighting energy numeric indicator (LENI) provides the best metric to quantify system efficiency. Extreme care is required not to overregulate, the speed of EU policy measures must follow rate of technological advance “

Ourania Georgoutsakou, Secretary General of LightingEurope, pointed out that “EPBD will create an opportunity to boost investments in better performing buildings by including good quality lighting. The focus must be on energy efficiency and on benefits for people. Human Centric Lighting will play an important role to realize healthy buildings and thus to shorten pay-back time “

Further information about the event and the presentations can be found at www.iald.org and www.lightingeurope.org.

About IALD

Founded in 1969, the International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD) is an internationally recognised organisation dedicated solely to the concerns of independent architectural lighting designers. The IALD strives to set the global standard for lighting design excellence by promoting lighting quality, the advancement and recognition of architectural lighting designers and the architectural lighting design profession. IALD members are located in 54 countries and practice globally. More information about IALD is available at www.iald.org.

About Lighting Europe

LightingEurope is an industry association of 34 European lighting manufacturers, national associations, and companies producing materials. LightingEurope members represent over 1,000 European companies, a majority of which are SMEs; a total workforce of over 100,000 people in Europe; and an annual turnover estimated to exceed 20 billion Euros. LightingEurope is dedicated to promoting efficient lighting practices for the benefit of the global environment, human comfort, and the health and safety of consumers. More information about LightingEurope is available on our website www.lightingeurope.org.

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