

## THE ROLE OF FLAME RETARDANTS IN MAKING EVERY EUROPEAN HOME FIRE SAFE

*Protecting Lives, Building Futures: Sustainable Fire Protection for Europe's Housing Transition*

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### AGENDA

Welcome & Introduction

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Overview: why fire safety is essential in affordable and sustainable housing ?

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The Intersection of Sustainable Buildings and Fire Safety

Guillermo Rein,  
Imperial College London

Modular construction making housing faster and more economic, ensuring this comes with fire safety

Nick Haughton,  
Sapphire Balconies Ltd

Protecting lives, building futures: sustainable fire protection for Europe's housing transition

John Fingleton  
Irish Green Building Council

Questions and discussion

All

Wrap-up & conclusion

Esther Agyeman-Budu, pinfa



## About Fire Safety and Sustainability

The chemical industry faces a quadruple challenge; not only do we aim to transition to green, circular and digital Europe, we also have the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability to comply with. The latter introduced us to the concept of “Safe and Sustainable-by-Design”, an approach to ensure chemicals, materials and products are designed, produced, and used in a way which does not harm people and the environment. But what are safe and sustainable flame retardants?

Together with representatives from EU institutions, NGOs, and downstream users we will use this occasion to examine questions like: Do consumers and downstream users expect fire safety to equal safety for the environment and human health? Can durability be considered a benefit if it also implies persistence? What implications are there if a grouping approach for flame retardants is applied?

## About pinfa, the Phosphorus, Inorganic and Nitrogen Flame retardants Association

pinfa is a group of global flame retardant manufacturers and users committed to fire safety and improving the health and environmental profiles of our products. A sector group of Cefic, the European Chemical Industry Association, pinfa was created in 2009.

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## Speakers



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