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# MODERN HOMES, NEW FIRE RISKS:

## *What Safety Needs to Keep Up*

**TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2026**
**14.00 - 15.15 CET**



**16-20 November 2026**
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## AGENDA

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| Welcome & Introduction | Esther Agyeman-Budu<br>*pinfa* |
| Opening & Remarks | Krzysztof Biskup, Chair<br>*European Fire Safety Alliance* |
| Sustainability and Fire Safety in Modern Homes: Contradiction or Opportunity? | Thomas Futterer<br>*Chemische Fabrik Budenheim & pinfa* |
| Evolving Fire Risk: Fire Incident Evidence to Safer Buildings | Martina Manes,<br>*University of Liverpool* |
| Fire Safety in Europe's Building Transition: Testing, Materials and Protection Objectives | Iben Hansen-Bruhn,<br>*Danish Institute of Fire and Security Technology (DBI)* |
| Questions and discussion | All |
| Wrap-up & conclusion | Esther Agyeman-Budu<br>*pinfa* |

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## 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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## Moderators



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