

European Aluminium calls for a strong industrial strategy and welcomes 6 new members

Brussels, 28 October 2021 – During its annual General Assembly yesterday, European Aluminium chair Ingrid Jörg called for a stronger EU industrial policy, citing unfair trade practices and a lack of access to affordable green energy as key challenges. Jörg also welcomed six new members at this year’s Autumn Meetings. The industry association, which celebrates its 40th anniversary this year, now counts over 95 members, representing more than 600 plants across 30 European countries.

During this year’s General Assembly, European Aluminium – the voice of the aluminium value chain in Europe – celebrated 40 years of industry collaboration. A key event for the European aluminium industry, executives and experts reflected on the development of the aluminium industry in Europe and the key challenges it faces as the base metal for Europe’s green transition.

“European producers demonstrate their commitment to producing sustainable aluminium solutions every day, but our competitiveness is harmed by China’s unfair trade practices and a lack of access to affordable, green energy. To tackle important systemic challenges effectively, we need a bold and future-proof EU industrial strategy. Mainstreaming industrial competitiveness across all policy areas should become the norm,” said Ingrid Jörg in her address during the General Assembly.

European Aluminium’s membership has been steadily expanding over the past few years, allowing it to strengthen the industry’s position in critical policy areas. In 2021 alone, six new member companies joined European Aluminium. With the additions of Aluminium Bozen, Aluminij Industries, Arconic Corporation, Corialis, Speira and Yeşilova Holding, the association now counts more than 95 member companies from across the continent and value chain, representing around 85% of the total European aluminium production.

“Forty years after its birth, European Aluminium has never been stronger and more representative of the entire European aluminium value chain. In light of today’s challenging business environment, companies clearly see the value in being a member of our association and driving a common industry agenda with a single voice in policy areas such as energy and climate, trade, circular economy and innovation,” commented Gerd Götz, Director General at European Aluminium.

About European Aluminium:

European Aluminium, founded in 1981 and based in Brussels, is the voice of the aluminium industry in Europe. We actively engage with decision makers and the wider stakeholder community to promote the outstanding properties of aluminium, secure growth and optimise the contribution our metal can make to meeting Europe’s sustainability challenges. Through environmental and technical expertise, economic and statistical analysis, scientific research, education and sharing of best practices, public affairs and communication activities, European Aluminium promotes the use of aluminium as a material with permanent properties that is part of the solution to achieving sustainable goals, while maintaining and improving the image of the industry, of the material and of its applications among their stakeholders. Our 95+ members include primary aluminium producers; downstream manufacturers of extruded, rolled and cast aluminium; producers of recycled aluminium and national aluminium associations are representing more than 600 plants in 30 European countries. Aluminium products are used in a wide range of markets, including automotive, transport, high-tech engineering, building, construction and packaging.

Notes to the Editor:

Aluminium Bozen: Aluminium Bozen is a company with over 80 years of experience and as such belongs to the most important players in the production of extruded bars, tubes and profiles in many different aluminium alloys (soft, medium and hard alloys). Their own foundry, the two large press lines (5000-tons and 3500-tons), the heat treatment facilities (homogenising, quenching, aging) and the downstream activities (destructive and non-destructive tests including ultrasonic inspection) allow them to supply a very wide range of standard and customised products; indicatively from 1 kg/m to 200 kg/m, depending on the specific alloy.

Aluminij Industries: Aluminij Industries d.o.o. is a company with limited liability (LLC) consisting of technological (production), technical (maintenance) and administrative organisational units with a cast house capacity of over 70.000 tonnes. Formally known as the Balkan country's sole aluminium smelter, it has restarted production in Spring 2020 as a recycler and is now 100% owned by the MT Abraham Group, whose chairman, Amir Gross Kabiri, is also CEO of Aluminij Industries d.o.o. The company is a member of ASI since December 2020 and is also striving to comply with other globally recognised standards.

Arconic Corporation: Arconic Corporation (NYSE: ARNC), headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and with a strong presence in Europe, is a leading provider of aluminium sheet, plate and extrusions, as well as innovative architectural products, that advance the automotive, aerospace, commercial transportation, industrial, packaging, and building and construction markets. In 2020, the businesses of Arconic Corporation reported annual revenue of \$5.7 billion.

Corialis: Corialis (Core Innovative Aluminium Integrated Solutions) is a vertically integrated company, active in extrusion, insulation, coating and distribution of high quality aluminium profile systems including windows, doors, sliding elements, roof systems & conservatories, curtain walls and balustrades throughout Europe. The Group serves both the residential and commercial markets, with a focus on the residential renovation and light commercial markets. Corialis is headquartered in Lokeren, Belgium, with production facilities a.o. in Lokeren, Montpellier, Bristol, Lublin and Porto.

Speira: Speira is a leading global manufacturer of advanced rolled aluminium products, producing approximately one million tonnes per year. Speira operates seven manufacturing facilities and an R&D center across Germany and Norway, including Alunorf, the world's largest aluminium rolling mill, and Grevenbroich, the world's largest rolled aluminium finishing mill. Speira has approximately 5,000 employees, principally in Germany and Norway. Speira is proud to serve some of the most well-known companies in the global automotive, packaging, printing, engineering, building and construction industries.

Yeşilova Holding: Yeşilova Holding was founded in 1975 and is one of Turkey's leading aluminium producers with a production capacity of 24,000 tones p.a. The holding company and its subsidiary Cansan Aluminium are specialised in manufacturing high quality aluminium profiles with an integrated service concept for mold manufacturing, profile manufacturing, electrostatic powder coating, anodising coating and all kinds of machining operations and produces all types of industrial profiles, furniture profiles, construction profiles, solar profiles, and automotive profiles. Yeşilova exports to more than 30 countries.

An overview of European Aluminium's entire membership can be found [here](#).