



Press Release

As the battle continues, EUNIRPA continues to grow

Brussels, 7th September 2016 – Only two months after its foundation, EUNIRPA, the European non-integrated wire rod processors association has welcomed several new members who have decided to join forces in fighting possible unfair anti-dumping measures and increasing oligopolistic market situations within the Union.

According to EUNIRPA president and spokesperson Kris Van Ginderdeuren, the current market image as depicted by steel producers is not correct at all. "Several EU steel producers claim that there is an excess of wire rod on the market, but in each and every country that we visit, we hear the same complaint: we cannot find the tonnages that we need in Europe."

As EUNIRPA continues to battle against the threat of anti-dumping actions against import of wire rod from neighboring countries to the EU and possible anti-competitive behavior of EU producers, it is witnessing growth both in the number of its members and in the support it is receiving from stakeholders across the EU.

"Almost immediately after our foundation, HUS Ltd from Bulgaria joined the association and as from this week we also have a Greek member: Kamaridis Global Wire. This means that EUNIRPA is now represented in 8 countries and this just 2 months after its creation even counting the holiday period. All of these companies are concerned about the current situation and all of them feel that it is time to join forces and protect their downstream production, their workers and ultimately their presence on the EU market. In the weeks to come, other companies in different countries are expected to join EUNIRPA, because none of them want to see their businesses ruined," said Kris Van Ginderdeuren "in spite of fears expressed by some candidate members of possible retaliatory action by some dominant EU suppliers".