

## EU non-integrated wire rod association welcomes Bekaert

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EUNIRPA, the European non-integrated wire rod processors' association, has announced that Bekaert has officially joined the association.

Bekaert is the second-largest non-integrated wire rod user in Europe, with operations in Belgium, Czech Republic, Italy, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, the Netherlands and Great Britain. The association notes that with the addition of Bekaert EUNIRPA is including for the first time a member active in Slovakia and Czech Republic.

EUNIRPA has been among the main voices of concern over the new EU safeguard measures confirmed at the beginning of this year.

Wire rod import quotas from Turkey, Russia, Belarus and other countries have been exhausted until the end of June, **Kallanish** notes. The first review of the system by EU authorities is scheduled by July this year, and EUNIRPA expects the Commission to take action to "...not discriminate against downstream users," according to the words of the association's president, Kris Van Ginderdeuren.