

European Commission publishes tender to finalise the European approach to assess the fire performance of facades based on the alternative method

Brussels, September 17, 2019: The European Commission published today a call for tender titled "Finalisation of the European Approach to Assess the Fire Performance of Facades".

This tender announces the last stage in a process that started at the end of 2016 when the European Commission announced a study to develop a European approach to the Fire Assessment of facades. The [report of this study](#) had been published in 2018 and presented two options to go forward. The "Alternative method" which was selected by the majority of Member States, will now be finalised and fine-tuned over two years.

The objective, as stated in the tender, is "to finalise and fine-tune the assessment method developed by the contractor at the previous stage as the 'alternative method' so that the method can be directly used for harmonised products standards (in CEN) and for European Assessment Documents (in EOTA) regarding the relevant construction products (kits) within the framework of implementation of Regulation (EU) 305/2011."

To achieve this, the Contractor, once selected, will have to:

- Conduct an inter-laboratory test program to show that the proposed test method can be used as intended, meets regulatory needs and is accepted by the Member States;
- Propose a classification with all the necessary criteria and values to be the basis for a Commission's Delegated Act regarding the classification of the fire performance of facades in line with the provisions of Regulation (EU) No 305/2011, Article 27.

The outcome of the proposed project would be a report including in its annexes:

- The finalised assessment method including an estimation of the assessment cost;
- A proposal for the corresponding classification of façade products.

The tender will close on November 8, 2019. All the relevant documents, including the technical description of the project, can be found [here](#).

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