

Press Release

Burcht, May 30 2024 – The European Expanded Clay Association (EXCA) held its Annual General Assembly on May 30, 2024, bringing together its members to discuss key issues and strategic directions for the sector. The assembly was inaugurated by EXCA President, Richard van Doesburg, who highlighted the association's achievements over the past year, including successful advocacy for more supportive EU climate policies and advancements in sustainability initiatives. Mr van Doesburg emphasized the importance of maintaining industrial policy at centre of the EU's actions and called for a coherent set of EU rules balancing decarbonization and competitiveness.

EXCA also launched its 2023 Annual Report during the event, detailing the sector's performance, major trends, and policy recommendations. The ever-increasing investments required by often overlapping regulations was highlighted. In the face of enhanced competition with materials not submitted to the same energy and sustainability requirements, the expanded clay is facing unprecedented challenges, compounded by a critical socio-political context.

One of the significant outcomes of the assembly was the adoption of the 2024 Working Plan and the 2024 Budget, confirming the strength of EXCA's Secretariat and the continuous commitment of the members to its crucial role in Brussels.

The next General Assembly of the EEIIA is scheduled to be held in Summer 2025.