

ARGE Conference 2025

Open Annual General Meeting

11th September 2025

Denis Schnoebelen (ARGE Chair)

Hans Weissenböck (ARGE General Secretary)

Draft Agenda

(see doc 'ARGE General Meeting 2025 - Draft Agenda.pdf' sent on 14th August 2025)

1. Confirmation of quorum for the meeting
2. ARGE antitrust guidelines
3. Welcome by ARGE Chair
4. Approval of draft agenda
5. Approval of draft minutes of General Meeting held on 26th September 2024
6. Report of the Board
7. Proposal for approval of Report of the Board, of Accounts 2024, of Budget 2026, and proposal for Discharging of Board
8. Vote on election of Member of the Board of Directors
9. ARGE Conference 2026 and General Meeting 2026: Venue and date
10. Any other business



1. Confirmation of quorum for the meeting (13 members)

ARGE General Meeting 2025: Delegates of National Associations			
Country		National Association	General Meeting Delegate
1	Austria	FMTI/BSB	Herbert Maté
2	Czech Republic	MEZA	Vladimír Chládek
3	Finland	TIF	Anne Savela
4	France	UNIQ	Fabrice Galland
5	Germany	FVSB	Martin Graé
6	Italy	ASSOFERMA	Gianluca Mattogno
7	Netherlands	VHS	Arjen Koole
8	Poland	ZPOB	Joanna Skalbaniok
9	Portugal	ABIMOTA	Miguel Santos
10	Spain	AFACE	Jesús Santa Cristina
11	Sweden	SEM Group	Jerker Krabbe
12	Switzerland	VSSB	Peter Riedweg
13	United Kingdom	DHF	Michael Skelding
Total		13	13

2. ARGE antitrust guidelines

Antitrust laws regulate – amongst other matters – the conduct of business representatives in connection with association activities.

It is indispensable, therefore, from the representative's own perspective and for the good of ARGE as a whole, that representatives recognise that any conduct which is conflicting with or questionable under antitrust laws must not occur in association activities, including meetings.

Representatives have also to avoid actions which even create the appearance of an unlawful agreement.

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- 3. Welcome by ARGE Chair**
- 4. Approval of draft agenda for General Meeting 2025**
- 5. Approval of draft minutes of General Meeting held on 26th September 2024**

6. Report of the Board

Board Members (Directors)

Denis SCHNØEBELEN – FR (Chair)

Richard BROMLEY – UK

Martin GRAÉ – DE

Massimo RIGGIO – IT

Jari TOIVANEN – FI *)

Michel VEYSSEYRE – CH **)

Hans WEISSENBOÖCK (General Secretary)

Executive Team

ExT = Board Members + the following appointed Experts:

Frédéric DUCLOYER – FR

Håkan HEDLUND – SE

Stephan SCHMIDT – DE

Pierre VILAIN – FR

*) resigns at the GM 2025

**) term ends at the GM 2025; not standing for re-election

6. Report of the Board

6.1 Report on activities in 2024/25: *ARGE Working Groups (approx. 90 members)*

➔ **WG Standardisation**

Achievement: Contribution to CPR Acquis process (establishing a Standardisation Request for CE marked products under the CPR)

➔ **WG SDL Standard**

Achievement: After creation of ETSI TS for Cybersecurity for Residential Smart Door Locking Devices, preparing for EU Cyber Resilience Act

➔ **WG MKS Data Protection**

Achievement: Implementation of CEN TS for Master Key System Data Protection furthered; WG was dissolved on 3rd June 2025

➔ **WG BIM**

Achievements: Support project for CEN TC 33/WG 4/TG 18 (Task Group BIM) | ARGE's queries concerning the EU Data Act prepared and addressed to European Commission

➔ **WG Lead (Pb) Reduction**

Achievements: Research project for elimination or reduction of lead (Pb) in keys and in lock cylinders furthered | Tests for lead migration of keys carried out

6. Report of the Board

6.1 Report on activities in 2024/25: *Other activities*

➔ **ARGE EPD**

Supporting licensees in introducing the 14 newly issued ARGE EPD

➔ **Ongoing co-operation with other European Associations**

Especially, significant involvement in Working Groups and Task Groups of Construction Products Europe (CPE)

➔ **Ongoing support of members**

Support in respect of REACH, RoHS, other EU legislation, specific EPD queries, etc.

6. Report of the Board

6.2 Outlook 2025/26

- ➔ **The structure of the ARGE Working Groups has been amended** on 3rd June 2025; the new structure will be implemented:
 - *WG Standardisation*
 - *WG Digitalisation*
 - *WG Sustainability*
 - *WG Cybersecurity*
- ➔ **A new ARGE EPD for ‘Access Control Hardware’** will be established.
- ➔ **Regarding the EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)**, a decision will be made in November 2025 by the Full Members of ARGE as to whether ARGE will be commissioned to apply for the inclusion of locks and building hardware as ‘downstream products’. If the majority votes in favour, the corresponding application will be submitted to the European Commission.

6. Report of the Board

6.3 Financial Reports (1/2) (detailed P&L and BS figures were sent to ARGE members on 14th August 2025)

Accounts 2024

⇒ **P&L Operations + Standardisation programme:** Loss of € 8,245

⇒ **P&L EPD:** Loss of € 5,467

⇒ **Equity as at 31.12.2023:** € 66,396

⇒ **Cash as at 31.12.2023:** € 93,981

Note: Costs for the two ARGE Lead (Pb) Reduction research projects with the Technical University in Aachen are fully borne by the participating companies and have no impact on ARGE's P&L.

6. Report of the Board

6.3 Financial Reports (2/2) (detailed P&L and BS figures were sent to ARGE members on 14th August 2024)

Forecast 2025

➡ Operational accounts + Standardisation programme + EPD:

Surplus of € 347

Budget 2026

➡ Operational accounts + Standardisation programme + EPD:

Surplus of € 1,761

7. Proposal for approval of Report of the Board, of Accounts 2024, of Budget 2026, and proposal for Discharging of Board

- ➡ Any questions or comments?
- ➡ One of the General Meeting Delegates is asked to propose these approvals.
- ➡ The General Meeting Delegates of the 13 National Associations are asked to vote.

8. Vote on election of two Members of the Board of Directors

8.1 Election of Patrik Eigenmann (CH), dormakaba, as Director

8.2 Election of Mathias Fält (SE), ASSA ABLOY, as Director

- ➡ Any questions or comments?
- ➡ One of the General Meeting Delegates is asked to propose these approvals.
- ➡ The General Meeting Delegates of the 13 National Associations are asked to vote.

9. ARGE Conference 2026 and General Meeting 2026: Venue and date

ARGE Conference 2026 will be organised and hosted by **ARGE's French member, UNIQ.**

Venue: Chamonix-Mont-Blanc

Date: Thursday, 17th & Friday, 18th September 2026
General Meeting on 17th September at 11:00h



10. Any other business

- ➡ **No proposals from members** were received to be addressed under 'Any other business'.

Thank you!

End of General Meeting 2025