

G20 must take action: industry calls for global forum on aluminium to tackle excess capacity

Brussels, 29 June 2017 – Next week, G20 leaders will meet in Germany to discuss many important topics for the global agenda, most notably trade and investments. The aluminium industry urges the G20 to address the present situation of Chinese overcapacity, which causes global imbalances in the aluminium industry and distorts international trade flows.

“The G7 took a step in the right direction by pushing for the removal of all trade-distorting practices and calling for a truly level playing field”, said Gerd Götz, Director General of European Aluminium.

“But the G20 must go further. It must take action. If it does not, it will give a signal that distortive state intervention is not only possible but accepted, despite WTO rules”, continued Götz.

European Aluminium is advocating for the creation of a Global Forum on aluminium excess capacity with transparent data and monitoring tools.

European Aluminium has often pointed to Chinese aluminium excess capacity as the root cause of the challenges faced by the aluminium industries [in Europe and beyond](#). A broad majority of speakers reconfirmed this view just last week at a hearing in Washington DC, at which Mr Götz also [testified](#).

Earlier this year, European, American, Brazilian and Canadian aluminium industries called for a common negotiated solution at G20 level to address this global issue. [Read the letter](#).

About European Aluminium:

European Aluminium, founded in 1981 and based in Brussels, is the voice of the aluminium industry in Europe. We actively engage with decision makers and the wider stakeholder community to promote the outstanding properties of aluminium, secure growth and optimise the contribution our metal can make to meeting Europe’s sustainability challenges. Our 80+ members include primary aluminium producers; downstream manufacturers of extruded, rolled and cast aluminium; producers of recycled aluminium and national aluminium associations are representing more than 600 plants in 30 European countries. Aluminium products are used in a wide range of markets, including automotive, transport, high-tech engineering, building, construction and packaging.

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