



***Economy – Service and current projects***

- Market, market surveillance and statistics: HKI members can check on their position on the market by means of a special statistics and are able to detect trends early.
- Regular meetings of HKI members allow the dialogue with colleague companies concerning the market and common problems.
- Domestic fairs: via representatives in the exhibitors' advisory boards HKI can act as an intermediary between the fair societies and the exhibiting industry as well as co-ordinate the interests of its members and support their positions with more influence. HKI cooperates for example with the ISH, the world's leading trade fair for Bathroom, Building, Energy, Air-conditioning Technology and Renewable Energies in Frankfurt/Germany.
- Worldwide trade fairs: HKI organises so-called German Pavilions (German joint stands) together with the fair committee of the German industry (AUMA). This entails significant advantages for the exhibitors! Last project: Fireplaces Salon 2007 in Moscow.
- The HKI office in Frankfurt independently provides information on economic questions, legal general conditions and the arrangement of contacts, but also on individual requests of its members.
- Organisation of informative events for members (e.g. WEEE directive, law on appliance and product safety, liability for defects) and consumers (with support of the member companies).

***Standardisation and technology – Service***

- Development of standards for domestic heating and cooking appliances with support of the industry:  
Consideration of the industry's position, avoidance of the realisation of exaggerated demands of other groups, preventive handling of foreseeable legal regulations of the EU and national authorities with respect to the industry as well as the avoidance of expensive "re-constructions" of appliances.
- Continuous information on technical novelties and trends, advice and support of the members in technical questions.
- Representation of the industry's position towards authorities and co-operation with relevant groups on national and international level.
- Co-operation with and consulting of EU-authorities on a technical basis in order to improve the general conditions concerning construction, manufacturing and use of domestic heating and cooking appliances.

***Standardisation and technology – Current projects***

- There is a general trend in Europe for deregulation. More and more responsibilities are transferred to the standardisation level. From this it follows that standards become more important with respect to accreditation, installation and testing of products. HKI as the association of heating and cooking appliances industry works on setting up new and updating existing standards.
- Environmental aspects of fireplaces for solid fuels are in the discussion all over Europe, especially particulate matter. HKI pleads for feasible limit values and is in contact with all relevant authorities on national and international level. In addition to this continuous meetings provide a high degree of information about existing an intended regulations on environmental aspects in the member states of the European Union.
- Use of historical data: Here it essentially concerns the further use of previous measurement data in order to avoid new measurements and thus additional costs for the industry.
- Supervision of the three Working Groups in the TC 295. Beside open fireplaces also pellet appliances are included into the European standardization.
- Simplification of safety-tests in line with DIN EN 13229.