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LOCKS AND BUILDING HARDWARE  
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# 70<sup>th</sup> ARGE CONFERENCE



26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Hotel MELIÁ MASACCIO

MILAN / ITALY

## INVITATION

Ladies and gentlemen, friends of ARGE

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It is our pleasure to invite you to the **70<sup>th</sup> ARGE Conference!** This year's Conference will be held in the vibrant **city of Milan**, hosted by ASSOFERMA, ARGE's member in Italy. The event will take place at the **Hotel Meliá**, a hotel with innovative design and elegance in the booming district of Zona Lotto.

The market conditions in many areas of the European lock and building hardware industry are currently unfavourable. Nonetheless, as an industry association, **ARGE must retain its strategic orientation towards the medium and long-term development** even in such a challenging situation. This is particularly important at the current time as our industry is undergoing a process of change in which **digitalisation is becoming increasingly relevant in connection with our products and services**. The driving elements here are not only of a technical and commercial nature, but also legal framework conditions and requirements need to be taken into account.

This is why the **topic of 'digitalisation' will be a significant element of this year's ARGE Conference**. In addition to ARGE's experts, guest speakers will also shed light on this development.

The second main subject will be the new **EU Construction Products Regulation**, expected to be published end of 2024. Its effects on **CE marking** of building hardware products will be addressed specifically.

Complementary to the business programme, ASSOFERMA has prepared an interesting **sightseeing programme for partners** on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, with a visit to **Santa Maria delle Grazie with Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting 'L'ultima Cena' (The Last Supper)** being the highlight.

On Friday afternoon, for both, delegates and partners, an **optional visit to the Pinacoteca Ambrosiana**, Milan's famous museum will be offered. Also optionally, in the evening we will be able to enjoy dinner in a cosy restaurant in the Brera district in a relaxed atmosphere.

We hope that this year's Conference with its interesting business programme, the social events, and the venue itself will attract many of you. So, we recommend that you register soon! It is our strong ambition and commitment to make your participation at the ARGE Conference 2024 rewarding and memorable.

We sincerely look forward to welcoming you at the ARGE Conference 2024!



**Gianluca Mattogno**

*President of  
ASSOFERMA*



**Denis Schnœbelen**

*Chair of ARGE*

## BUSINESS PROGRAMME

### Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September (14:00 – 17:30)

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- 14:00 – 14:10 **Opening of Conference: *Welcome of delegates***  
Denis Schnöebelen (*Chair of ARGE*)
- 14:10 – 14:35 **ASSOFERMA and the Italian marketplace: *Interesting facts***  
Gianluca Mattogno (*President of ASSOFERMA*)  
Massimo Riggio (*Board member of ASSOFERMA*)
- 14:35 – 15:10 **Digitalisation of the whole built environment: *The big picture***  
Tommi Arola (*Research Director, built environment digitalization at Building Information Foundation RTS sr. in Helsinki, Finland*)
- 15:10 – 15:40 **Digital Product Passport: *What is ahead of us?***  
Kai Oberste-Ufer (*ARGE Working Group Digitalisation*)
- 15:40 – 16:20 Coffee break (and opportunity for informal discussions of presentation contents)
- 16:20 – 16:55 **Environmental Product Declarations in digital form: *More than nice to have***  
Stefan Zwerenz (*Head of Verification Body at IBU, Berlin, and Member of the Board of Directors at ECO Platform*)
- 16:55 – 17:10 **ARGE's Lead (Pb) Reduction programme: *First results***  
Hans Weissenböck (*ARGE General Secretary*)
- 17:10 – 17:30 **EU Data Act: *What it means for our industry***  
Kai Oberste-Ufer (*ARGE Working Group Digitalisation*)  
Hans Weissenböck (*ARGE General Secretary*)

### Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September (09:30 – 12:15)

- 09:30 – 09:50 **EU Carbon Boarder Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM): *Actions for our industry***  
Speaker still to be defined
- 09:50 – 10:10 **The new EU Construction Products Regulation: *Overall consideration***  
Frédéric Ducloyer (*Managing Director of Union de Normalisation de la Mécanique, Paris*)
- 10:10 – 10:40 **The new EU Construction Products Regulation: *Changes in CE marking***  
Pierre Vilain, Stephan Schmidt, Håkan Hedlund (*ARGE Working Group Standardisation*)
- 10:40 – 11:10 Coffee break
- 11:10 – 11:25 **ARGE's scope of work: *Outlook into 2025***  
Hans Weissenböck (*ARGE General Secretary*)
- 11:25 – 12:05 **Smart homes: *Opportunities, Challenges, and the Future of Living***  
Professor Tiziana Poli and Associate Professor Giovanni Mainini (*Politecnico di Milano*)
- 12:05 – 12:15 **Wrap-up and closing of the business part of the Conference**

## PARTNER PROGRAMME

### Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September (14:00 – 16:30)

#### 14:00 – 16:30 **Visit to «Ultima Cena» by Leonardo da Vinci in the Refectory of Santa Maria delle Grazie**

The painting “The Last Supper” by Leonardo da Vinci is one of the most famous paintings in the world. It is located in its original place, on the wall of the dining room of the former Dominican convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie.

### Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September (09:30 – 12:15)

#### 10:00 – 12:00 **Visit to Duomo Cathedral and Palazzo Reale**

The Duomo Cathedral is the largest church in the Italian Republic—the larger St. Peter's Basilica is in the State of Vatican City, a sovereign state—and the third largest in the world. The Palazzo Reale is located to the right of the Duomo's facade and was the seat of government in the Italian city of Milan for many centuries. Today, it serves as a cultural centre.

#### 12:00 – 13:45 **Lunch at Alto Ristorante**

Alto Ristorante is a stylish Mediterranean restaurant with a terrace & views of the Milan Cathedral & city skyline.

## OPTIONAL PROGRAMME FOR DELEGATES AND PARTNERS ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING

#### 15:30 – 18:00 **Visit to Pinacoteca Ambrosiana**

The collections of Pinacoteca Ambrosiana, the Ambrosian art gallery, include, in addition to Renaissance artworks, paintings by important 17<sup>th</sup>-century Lombard artists, as well as 18<sup>th</sup>-century painters, and also a notable cluster of 19<sup>th</sup>- and early 20<sup>th</sup>-centuries artists.



#### 20:00 **Dinner at the Ristorante Il Rigolo**

Il Rigolo is a cosy, charming, traditional restaurant, offering delicious Tuscan cuisine.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Date and time

**Start:** Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September at 12:00 with a buffet lunch

**End:** Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September at 12:15, followed by a buffet lunch

**Gala dinner on Thursday evening will be held at the hotel Westin Palace.**

**Optional:** Friday afternoon and evening (afternoon and evening programmes are bookable separately)

### Conference fees

**Conference fee for a DELEGATE:** 265 €

Includes:

- Lunches on Thursday and Friday, including drinks
- Participation at the business programme with refreshments during breaks
- Gala dinner on Thursday evening, including drinks

**Conference fee for a PARTNER:** 160 €

Includes:

- Lunches on Thursday and Friday, including drinks
- Gala dinner on Thursday evening, including drinks

**For fees for optional programmes see details on the registration form.**

### Venue and hotel booking

**Hotel MELIÁ MASACCIO ([Meliá Milano](#))**

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**Please note that all hotel rooms reserved for the participants of the ARGE Conference 2024 have been booked already by Conference participants who took advantage of the early booking possibility.**

**ASSOFERMA is in contact with the Hotel Meliá to obtain an additional room contingent. ARGE will inform by 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024 at the latest whether additional rooms have been reserved and can be booked. In case no additional rooms will be available at the Hotel Meliá, ARGE will provide recommendations concerning alternative accommodation.**



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## Attire

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## Registration

Please complete the attached registration form and just click the “**Send**” button on the bottom of the last page of the form. This will automatically create an email to [assoferma@anima.it](mailto:assoferma@anima.it) with your completed registration form as attachment. You then only need to send this email.

Your registration will be appreciated as early as you can but **ideally not later than July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. After having registered you will receive a confirmation of your registration. Subsequently, an invoice will be sent to you.

In case of any queries kindly contact:

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