

PRESS RELEASE

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INTERSTUHL: EUROPEAN STANDARD FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Topic: Interstuhl belongs to the first companies, that have been certified according to the brand new European Sustainability Standard for office furniture „LEVEL:2017“.

All Interstuhl product families have been awarded with the TÜV Rheinland Sustainability Certificate „LEVEL 3“ – the most advanced level possible.



Since mid of 2018 it is possible for manufacturers of Office- and Contract-Furniture to achieve for their products the „LEVEL“ Certification.

The Certification Process is carried out through nationally accredited Certification Bodies. In this case of Interstuhl it was the Organisation of TÜV Rheinland.

As one of the first companies in the industry, Interstuhl receives for all relevant Interstuhl product families, the Sustainability Certificate „European LEVEL“.

Interstuhl achieved the most advanced „LEVEL 3“.

TÜV Rheinland therefore confirms to Interstuhl that they fulfill the highest possible level of the complex catalog of requirements that contains 4 chapters: „Materials, Energy and Atmosphere, Human and Ecosystem, Health and Social Responsibility“.

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The Certificate is principally a „Product Certificate“ but also takes into account the production process and organisational basic conditions.

The „European LEVEL“ is an important Orientation for Developers, Architects, Planners and Producers of Office and Contract Furniture, who want to be informed about sustainable aspects of furniture products and production. All these decisions will be dependant on economical, ecological and social aspects. **Now it is confirmed that Interstuhl products comply with the most advanced criteria of sustainable aspects required in Europe.**

This Certification Program has been certified by the German Accreditation Body GmbH (DAKKS). In addition to that the „European LEVEL“- Certificate has to be validated by independantly locally working Test Authorities like for example the TÜV Rheinland (D), UL (USA und Italien), Tecnia (Spanien) or Intertek (D). The Certificate is awarded in 3 levels of performance:

Level 1 (Basic Level), Level 2 (Middle Level) and Level 3 (Advanced Level).

Interstuhl achieved Level 3.

Joachim Link, Managing Director and Owner of Interstuhl Büromöbel GmbH & Co. KG, is confident, that: **„With the New European Sustainability Standard „LEVEL“ it will be possible to integrate and restore step by step many other existing European Standards. Therefore „LEVEL“ will contribute essentially to the process of unifying European Standards that are relevant for manufacturers and buyers. This gives much more transparency to manufacturers and buyers.**

In addition to that the „European LEVEL“ is very similar to the „American LEVEL“ and therefore links also on an international basis.

The European LEVEL will make its way in Europe and worldwide. There will be more and more private/ commercial and public tenders that require this Standard because this Standard gives the Security to the User and Worker that the products they use and buy will be sustainably secure!

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Some European countries i.e. some companies and associations of these countries struggle introducing or even supporting this European Standard of Sustainability. This shows on one hand how ambitious this standard is and on the other hand how necessarily we need to establish an ambitious standard to promote the protection for our environment and our people. The system of the Standard contains 3 levels that gives the companies the possibility to improve step by step.

Despite any decisions, that might be made by national or international bodies, Interstuhl will support the „European Level“ Certificate of Sustainability for Office Furniture to ensure security for their customers and for themselves.

For further informations or questions about this topic Joachim Link is available.

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