

EOTA Annual Report 2021



Co-designing the construction product market of the future

Dear Readers,

EOTA can look back on another successful year marked by the strong, continuous uptake of ETAs around the globe and a solid number of EAD citations.

In 2021, EOTA's number one priority was to follow through on an agreement with the European Commission to speed up the citation of European Assessment Documents (EADs) in the Official Journal. A project team of experienced EAD writers was created for the purpose of reviewing, prioritising and fine-tuning EADs at the final citation stage. The 30 new EAD references successfully put through in 2021 – despite increased demands on the Commission's time and resources due to the CPR review – are largely thanks to this common effort.

In the technical area, EOTA's cooperation with the sprinkler industry yielded its first results. EAD 100012-00-1106 for sprinkler hoses with end fittings was cited in the October 2021 batch. This batch also saw the referencing of the first ever EAD variant, EAD 330232-01-0601-v01. Variants introduce a new level of modularity into the ETA route framework that has long been called for by the industry.

Another focus of EOTA in 2021: supporting manufacturers to continue doing business across the British Channel. In response to Brexit, EOTA had implemented a procedure for transferring ETAs issued by UK Technical Assessment Bodies (TABs) to EU27 TABs. The scheme was in high demand all through 2021, with more than 440 transfer requests in total registered at the EOTA Secretariat. EOTA, EU27 TABs and UK TABs will maintain their close cooperation into the future for the benefit of both markets. An important milestone in this context was reached in December 2021, when EOTA was able to grant the licensing rights for EADs cited in the EU Official Journal after Brexit to the UK government with the consent of the European Commission.

Meanwhile, the EOTA network keeps growing. More Observers from non-EU countries have been joining our organisation. The Cross Licensing Agreements signed with these institutions can be a stepping stone in mainstreaming EU safety standards and core values for a smart, sustainable transition of the construction sector to global markets. The well-established European Technical Assessment route, which is relied upon by professionals worldwide, supports these goals.

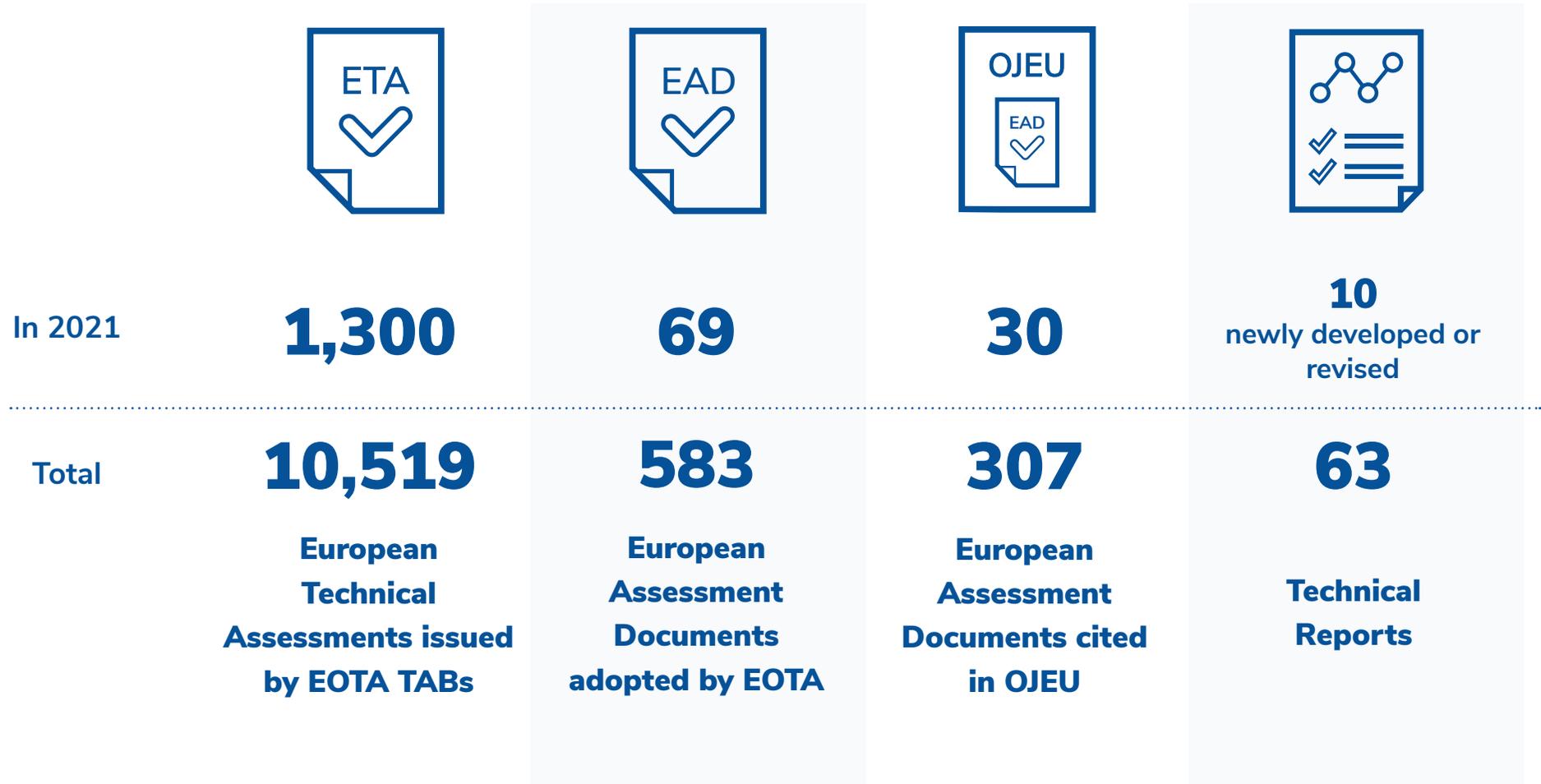
In November 2021, EOTA published its White Paper on the CPR Review. The paper shares perspectives on how to strengthen the agility of the European harmonisation system as a main lever for European competitiveness and autonomy while ensuring the consistency of the common technical language and promoting a high level of safety and sustainability for the built environment.

Alongside its industry partners, EOTA is currently waiting for the first draft of the new CPR to be revealed (indicatively end of March 2022). The draft will allow construction sector stakeholders to channel their energies into co-designing the construction product market of the future. Industry representatives support a strong, agile and forward-looking role for the ETA route to CE marking, which is the only gateway to the EU market for innovative, non-standard construction products.

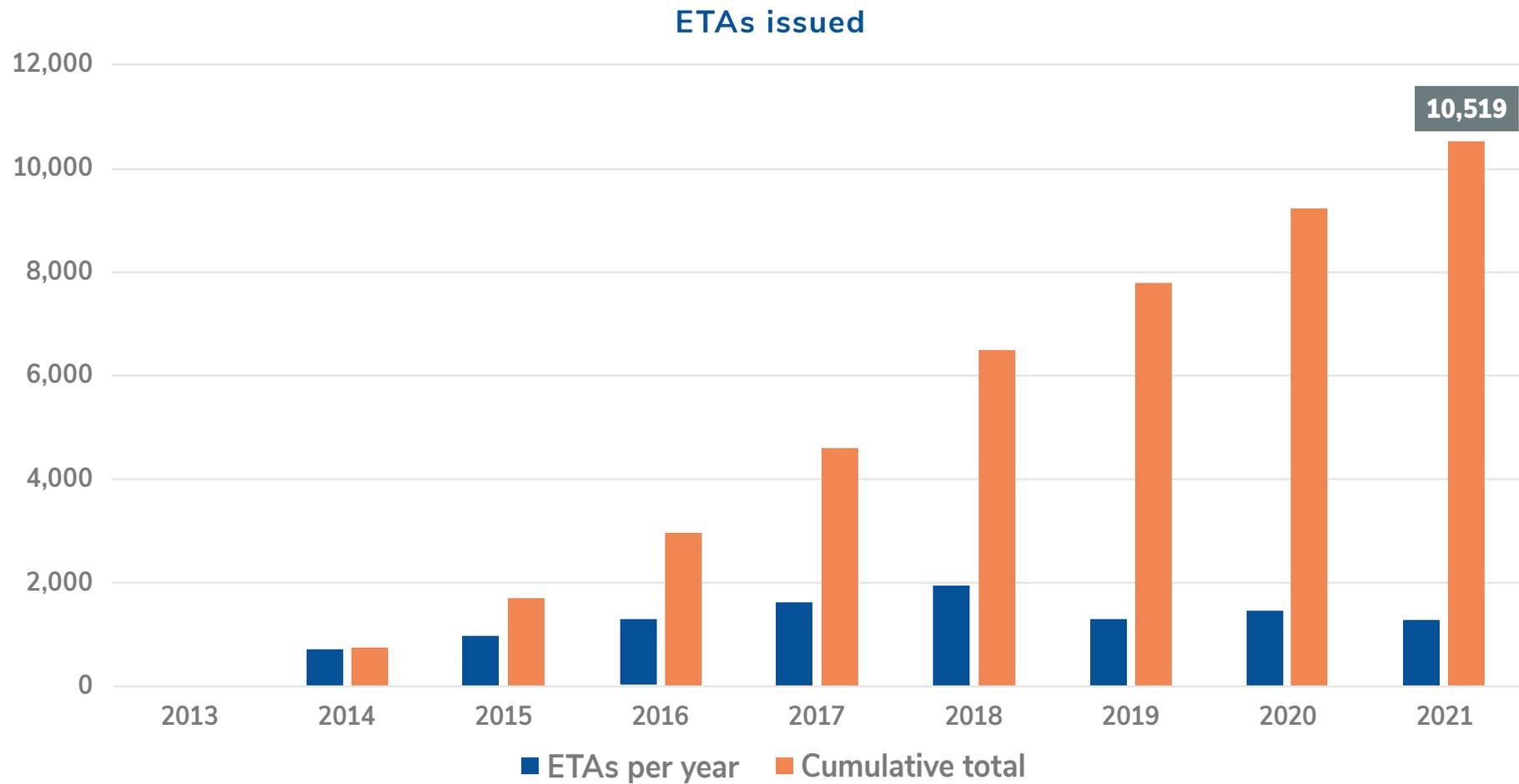


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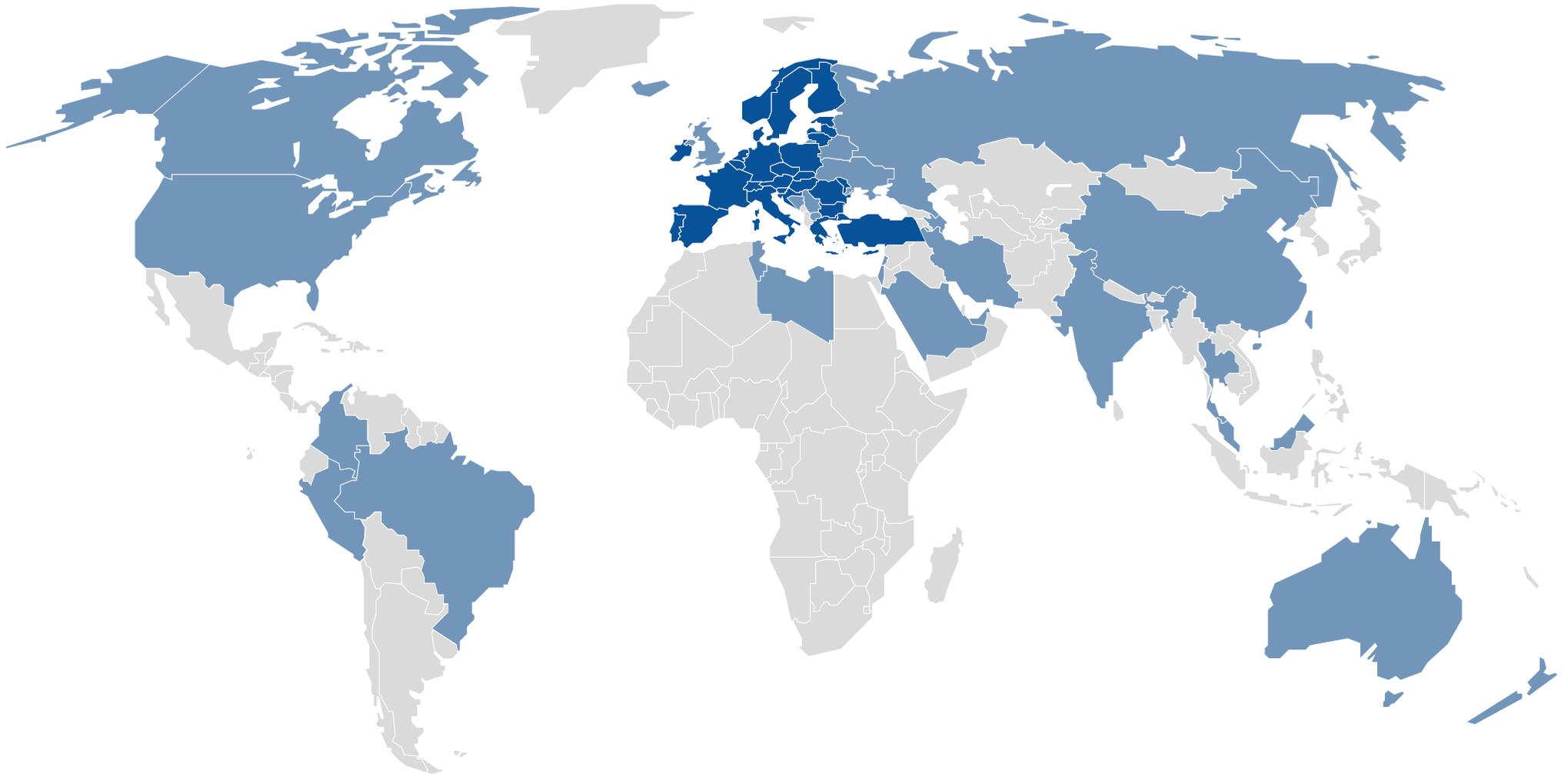
EOTA's achievements



As of 31 December 2021, EOTA's Technical Assessment Bodies had issued **10,519 European Technical Assessments (ETAs)** for manufacturers from **73 countries** around the globe.

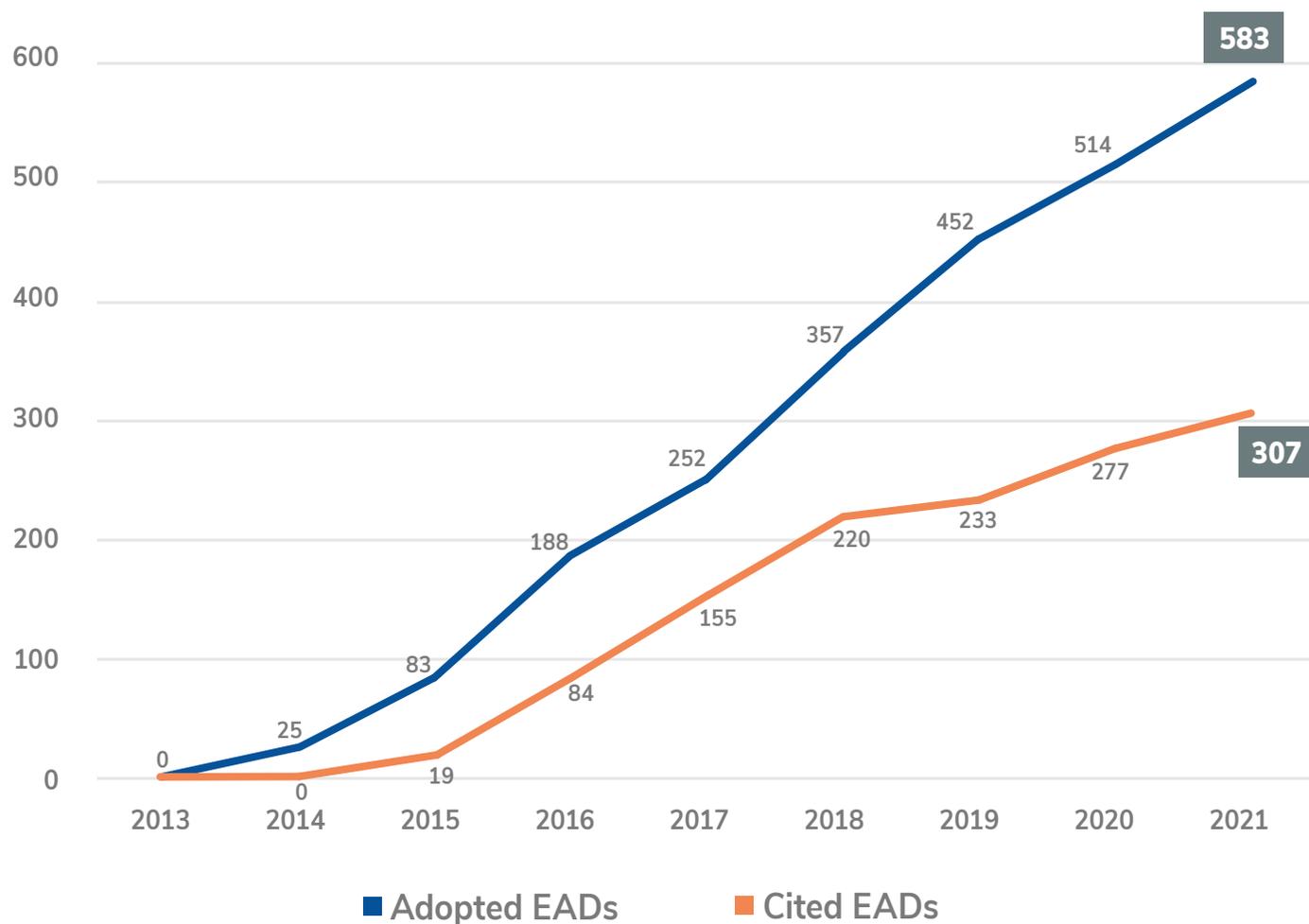


ETAs around the world



A total of 583 European Assessment Documents (EADs) had been developed and adopted by the EOTA network as of 31 December 2021, of which **307** have been cited in the Official Journal of the European Union so far.

With **30 EADs cited**, 2021 was again a very successful year for EOTA.



The EOTA network



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MEMBERS

27

COUNTRIES

46

TABS

4

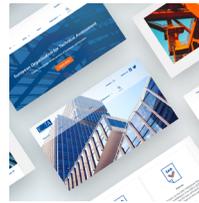
OBSERVERS



Eight questions for the new EOTA president, Sebastian Wall



CPR public consultation results published



EOTA's new website goes online



14 EADs are cited in the Official Journal of the European Union



EADs continue to be valid as a basis for the UK market

1st Quarter
Jan – March

2nd Quarter
April – June

3rd Quarter
July – Sept

4th Quarter
Oct – Dec

EOTA strengthens links with the US market



16 EADs are cited in the Official Journal of the European Union



EOTA releases its White Paper on the CPR Review and a summary of 10+ ETA benefits





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