

### ***ESTAL's Mission***

The European association for Surface Treatment on Aluminium seeks to promote the interests of its members at international level and contribute towards finding solutions to technical, economic and ecological issues associated with the production and utilisation of surface treated aluminium.

In addition, ESTAL aims to encourage knowledge sharing and the development of new technologies.

### ***Vision***

Surface treatment on aluminium includes not only anodizing and (powder) coating, but also non-galvanic, chemical and electrolytic finishing.

The use of surface treated aluminium is multifaceted: besides applications in architecture and construction, finished aluminium is relevant in markets like machine parts, medical equipment, the automotive, aerospace, cans and packaging, electronic equipment, furniture, sports and leisure industries, and even in jewellery.

ESTAL seeks to create a platform for all treatments and applications, implying a dialogue between the industry, its suppliers and users, both at national and at European level.

ESTAL is to become the pan-European reference and acknowledged authority and centre of excellence on all issues concerning treatment of aluminium.

### ***ESTAL Membership***

**Full membership** is open to national surface treatment associations.

**Associate membership** is open to aluminium finishing companies located in countries without national associations.

Suppliers to the aluminium surface treatment industries are admitted as **sustaining members**.

**Co-optive membership** is offered to companies engaged in aluminium surface treatment or using finished aluminium products with a hub in several countries, to non-European national surface treatment associations and to international associations of users of finished aluminium products.

See the current members list on

[www.estal.org](http://www.estal.org).



### ***ESTAL Network***

ESTAL exchanges information and enters into alliances with trade associations that are directly or indirectly linked with surface treatment and with users of aluminium finished products.

ESTAL has established contacts with non-European surface treatment associations in regions such as the USA, Japan, the Middle East and India to give members information on what is happening in the aluminium finishing industry in other parts of the world.

In addition, ESTAL promotes information exchange between aluminium finishers and research institutes working on finishing processes applied to aluminium, thus enabling members to keep in touch with scientific developments and offering universities a platform for real-life testing.

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### **Current Activities of ESTAL**

In order to be informed early of new European legislation and to **react faster to new regulatory threats**, ESTAL has been active in lobbying on a European level, in the past through the lobbying organisation Orgalime, presently via the Brussels-based association, European Aluminium (EA). ESTAL became a member of EA as of 1.1.2016.

ESTAL's Technical Coordinator serves as a liaison officer between the **lobbying** organisation and ESTAL. He assesses information coming from Brussels and communicates ESTAL's position.

If required, ESTAL sets up working groups to deal with **important issues** related to surface treatment, such as life cycle analysis and data management.

Every other year, the **ESTAL Congress** offers surface finishers numerous opportunities to exchange and discuss experience with peers and provides an ideal platform for learning about recent technological achievements and **future challenges in aluminium surface treatment**, as well as new developments in other geographical markets.

ESTAL provides fresh impetus for the aluminium finishing industry with the aim of maintaining existing markets and **opening up new opportunities and business areas** for its members.

### **Join ESTAL!**

ESTAL is the **voice of the aluminium surface treatment industry**. ESTAL lets you know what is going on in the aluminium finishing industry. A focused group can bring common issues to the attention of authorities and pass on information better and faster for the benefit of its members.

The **power of numbers** helps industry associations gain greater knowledge and earn respect for the industry. Join us!

### **10 Good Reasons to Join ESTAL**

1. **Representation:** ESTAL represents and promotes your interests within the European Union. Membership gives you and your peers the opportunity to speak with a single voice on matters of importance to the industry.
2. **Networking:** The association's meetings and Congress, Internet members directories and information exchange make networking a reality for you and your colleagues.
3. **Information:** If you are facing a problem or looking for specific information about the market or applications, ESTAL can be of assistance.
4. **Events:** ESTAL organises a biennial two-day Congress where you have the opportunity to meet with your peers.
5. **Ideas:** One of the most valuable benefits of association membership is the opportunity to learn from the experience of your peers and discover new ideas.
6. **Friendship:** ESTAL's members are people who probably have the same concerns and interests as you. Come and meet them at the biennial Congress and make new friends.
7. **Knowledge sharing:** ESTAL promotes information exchange with research institutes working on finishing processes applied to aluminium.
8. **Cooperation:** ESTAL exchanges information with other European and international industry organisations (EA, CETS, FAECF, IHAA, JAPA, QMEA, etc.) in order to maximise the areas of common interest.
9. **Lobbying:** ESTAL informs its members of any legislation project that may have an impact on the finishing industry and gives inputs to the European authorities.
10. **Quality:** ESTAL is committed to the quality of surface treatment and has close links to the quality label organisations Qualicoat, Qualanod and GSB.

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