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Launch of the first EPSE Award

European Polycarbonate Sheet Extruders (EPSE) organised an internal European award competition in two categories (Best Project Award and Best Innovation Award) among its members to raise awareness of the benefits of polycarbonate in different areas of applications. The EPSE Award is not a design competition; it recognises the benefits, innovativeness and the creative applications of polycarbonate.



From left to right: Erik Fröjd (EPSE President), Esa Kylä-Kaila (Kasvihuone ES-AN Oy) and Markku Katajamäki (Insinööritoimisto Rakenne-Rauma Oy)

Polycarbonate is a high quality, transparent, thermoplastic synthetic material with exceptional properties. Therefore in this competition EPSE wants to emphasize the uniqueness, creative and innovative character of polycarbonate. This award is an opportunity for the industry world-wide to recognize innovation and quality business practices.

The 'European Polycarbonate Sheet Extruders' (**EPSE**) was created in 2003 by five prominent polycarbonate sheet manufacturers as a sector group of European Plastics Converters (EUPC), the European organisation for plastics converters.

The Award in the Best Innovation category went to Ski Tunnel designed by Esa Kylä-Kaila from Kasvihuone ES-AN Oy and Markku Katajamäki from Insinööritoimisto Rakenne-Rauma Oy, in Uusikaupunki, Finland, an area known for various sports activities. The Ski-Tunnel is a unique facility with special design and planning. The tunnel was quarried and built in granite rock and includes twists and slopes. Polycarbonate multi wall –and multi wall PRPS –sheets was chosen to be used as windows on the ski tunnel. The Multi-Wall PRPS provides the best solution for the parameters requested by the designer: Enabling natural light penetration without melting the snow, shock resistance, easy to install, light in weight, protection against vandalism were all

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important factors when choosing materials. The performance of this installation proves that this was indeed the right choice and insures long years of activity of the facility.

The Award Jury was composed of renowned professionals representing various players: Mr. David A. Williams, the EuPC President, Mr. Georg Gewers, a prominent German architect, from Gewers Kühn und Kühn Gesellschaft von Architekten, Jonas Bensch, a junior architect from Quinze & Milan Designers, and Saïd El Khadraoui, a member of the European Parliament.

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