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EPSE AWARDS 2015 - WINNERS ANNOUNCED

On 3 November, the European Polycarbonate Sheets Extruders group (EPSE) held its award ceremony to announce the winners of its 7th Awards Competition recognizing the most sustainable, most innovative and best designed projects made out of polycarbonate sheets. The ceremony took place at the Batimat Fair in Paris. The competition and the award ceremony promoted the unique properties of polycarbonate and the wide array of applications in which it can be used. Among the participants was special guest Mr. Carme Pinós, the Spanish architect behind one of the winning projects, the Caixa Forum.

Among the 15 projects submitted to this year's competition were projects from France, Israel, Italy, Russia, Serbia, Spain and UK. A jury panel composed of engineers, architects and journalists pre-selected three projects in each category and, for the first time ever, the public could vote on their favourite projects. Over 100 persons took part in voting via the brand new [EPSE website](#). Mr. Hanoach Goldman, EPSE President, opened the ceremony by highlighting the importance of the competition in spreading knowledge on polycarbonate sheets and their use in stadiums, public buildings, innovative polycarbonate systems and artistic installations. The President of the Jury, Mr. Frédéric Midy, CEO of EMEA, Aliaxis and Chairman of the EuPC Building & Construction Division (Jury President) introduced the jury panel and the judging process to the attendees. During the ceremony, Mr. Thomas Hegger, Manager at FVLR and President at Eurolux, (jury panel member) made a very informative speech on roof lights in PC sheets and their ability to save a considerable amount of energy.

The winner of the sustainability category was **Genoves Park's Lookout & Protection Building**. The new building protects the World Heritage Species inhabiting Genoves Park from the adjacent marine environment while maintaining a feeling of lightness and transparency. The polycarbonate sheets were used in the project to allow careful light exposure and a very resistant structure. In second place for the same category was the *Garage Museum of Contemporary Art*, which, thanks to the use of PC sheets, considerably saves resources while being aesthetically pleasing.

The winner of the innovation category was **Pearl Inside**, an innovative patent consisting of filling multiwall polycarbonate sheets or panels with micro-glass beads. The polycarbonate sheets provide high thermal insulation performance, cold bending and impact resistance. Combined with the micro-glass beads, the 100% recyclable, chemically stable and UV resistant polycarbonate project is sound proof from noise pollution and rain impact. The *Public Swimming Pool* came in second place for this category as the polycarbonate sheets increase thermal insulation and create comfortable conditions for sport activities during the very hot Middle Eastern summer.

The winner of the design category was the **Caixa Forum**, a cultural and social center in Zaragoza whose translucent polycarbonate sheets were specifically chosen for their uniform illumination with superior optical brightness for eye-catching display as well as for its excellent fire safety behavior. The runner up in this category was the iconic *London Olympic Stadium*, redesigned with PC sheets for a light-weight yet safe resilient roof (the longest roof of its type in the world) whilst enriching the spectator experience by providing light transmission and improving acoustics.

The EPSE Awards Competition has been taking place 2007 and promotes the use of polycarbonate sheets and the growing applications in which they can be used.

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EPSE is a sector group of the European Plastics Converters and represents the 11 major polycarbonate sheet producers manufacturing over 120 000 tonnes of polycarbonate sheets every year, as well as 3 resin producers. EPSE member generate a turnover of over 500 million € per year.

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