



## **BACnet controllers to be globally listed**

### **BACnet users in Europe and the U.S. sign cooperative testing and listing agreement**

**BACnet Interest Group Europe (BIG-EU) and BACnet International have combined their BTL product listings. This creates a single global list of products with the BACnet BTL logo - the global sign of conformance to the BACnet standard ISO 16484-5.**

BIG-EU and BI signed an agreement that governs the common specification of the listing. All listed products will be published on the BI website at [www.bacnetinternational.org/btl/](http://www.bacnetinternational.org/btl/). The BIG-EU will also give an overview of products that are certified according to European standards on its website: [www.big-eu.org](http://www.big-eu.org).

#### **The difference between the BTL logo and certificate**

In anticipation of the strict European regulations on building efficiency, many European manufacturers have been certifying their products' BACnet conformity through accredited bodies since 2008 - in addition to the BTL listing. In contrast to the BTL logo, which is awarded by the BACnet Testing Laboratories (BTL), the certificates are issued only by independent authorities. The certification sets the highest standard for product testing in Europe. Users can thus be sure that the necessary functions are included and tested.

In addition, BIG-EU will also continue with its open catalog. This market overview of BACnet products contains the self-declarations and datasheets of manufacturers - regardless of testing, listings and certificates.

Online at [www.big-eu.org/catalog/index.php](http://www.big-eu.org/catalog/index.php).



"BACnet is the preferred choice for integrated building systems that control energy costs as well as for sustainable commercial and institutional facilities", explains Volker Röhl, the BIG-EU president. "This is why it is so important that on the one hand we have uniformly designed the BTL listing across all countries, and on the other hand with certification we provide a solution that meets the highest European standards." Now manufacturers must decide whether their products will need proof of conformity for one or the other target markets, or even for both target markets.

With the agreement for common listing and the consideration for European requirements the European and American "BACneteers" are able to strengthen their partnership. Andy McMillan, president of BI, sums it up: "If we compare our previous agreements with the new agreement, our relationship, and even the value of the BACnet protocol, has without a doubt been strengthened."

#### **About BIG-EU**

The BACnet Interest Group Europe e. V. (BIG-EU) promotes the application of the worldwide BACnet communication protocol ISO 16484-5 in European building automation and safety engineering. It was founded in 1998 by 18 building automation companies and today it has 80 members from Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland and the USA. The BIG-EU represents European interests in the worldwide development of the BACnet standard. Therefore, the BIG-EU interacts with the American BACnet Manufacturer Association (BMA) and the ASHRAE Standing Standard Project Committee SSPC 135, which is assigned by the ISO the care of the BACnet standard. The BIG-EU increases BACnet knowledge in Europe with common marketing and qualification offers. For further information see [www.big-eu.org](http://www.big-eu.org).

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