

# Common Purpose: Secure Communication in Smart Buildings

## BACnet Plugfest ensures smooth integration on construction sites

**Dortmund, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018. – Owners and operators of distributed properties rely on networked systems. Most tenders require interoperability between devices from different manufacturers. To ensure this, 60 BACnet developers and technicians will meet from May 16-18 at the 12th European BACnet Plugfest in Luedenscheid, Germany**

"Good interoperability is only possible when engineers from different manufacturers approach each other and solve problems together," says Peter Schönenberger, Head of Marketing and Product Management at Sauter AG, the host of the previous Plugfest. This year's host is lighting planner and training provider DIAL.

Three days developers from all over Europe and other parts of the world are optimizing the BACnet communication of their devices. The secure data transfer is practiced in pairing sessions, round tables and short presentations – so that the commissioning of the building technology runs smoothly on the construction sites. Information and registration at [www.bacnetplugfest.org](http://www.bacnetplugfest.org)

### **About the BIG EU**

The BACnet Interest Group Europe (BIG-EU) promotes the application of the global BACnet communication standard ISO 16484-5 in building automation and security technology in Europe. It was founded in 1998 by 18 building automation companies and currently has 130 members from Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom and the USA. The objectives of the BIG-EU are the perception of European interests in the development of the BACnet standard. There is also an exchange of information with the BACnet-responsible ASHRAE committee "SSPC 135" and the American BACnet community. The group also has a joint marketing policy and qualification offer and has jointly developed technical guidelines. Further information is available at [www.big-eu.org](http://www.big-eu.org).

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