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### ift Rosenheim enters into cooperation agreement with Turkish standardisation and testing institute TSE

#### Promoting quality in the Turkish construction industry

Turkey, home to the largest and fastest-growing construction market in Europe, wants to work towards improving quality in order to reduce the frequency of construction defects and damage in the country, and to increase the number of high-quality suppliers. Prompted by instances of flawed workmanship, and construction defects due to earthquakes, the Turkish government is taking steps to improve quality surveillance and the certification of construction products. The Turkish standardisation and testing institute TSE has therefore sought out the support of the international institute ift Rosenheim to assist in this area. On 17 October, TSE Secretary General Üzeyir Karagöz and ift Rosenheim Director Professor Ulrich Sieberath signed a cooperation agreement, marking the start of the collaboration between the two institutes.

The Turkish construction market continues to grow, even if that growth has recently eased off somewhat. A GTAI study reveals that, due to demographic change and urbanisation, some 60 percent of investment in the Turkish construction industry is in the area of residential construction. Consequently, demand for luxury city flats, "green buildings", and passive houses is on the rise. Turkish window, door and facade manufacturers have successfully established themselves across the Middle East, and even as far as India.



**Fig. 1**

Üzeyir Karagöz (TSE Secretary General) and Professor Ulrich Sieberath (Director of the ift Rosenheim) at the signing of the agreement

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Manufacturers will need an in-depth knowledge of the relevant standards, design requirements and quality assurance systems if they are to successfully produce high-quality components suitable for use in sustainable residential and commercial buildings.

The cooperation agreement between the ift Rosenheim and TSE marks the start of a process of knowledge-sharing between specialists in the two countries, aimed at achieving concrete improvements in product quality. The agreement entitles ift Rosenheim to use the TSE's test facilities, and stipulates that both ift and TSE should promote the ift's certification schemes in Turkey in order to support quality-conscious Turkish manufacturers. The cooperation agreement will also benefit internationally-active Turkish manufacturers in the following ways:

- Simplified logistics and no need to pay customs duties on test specimens, because testing takes place within Turkey
- Better access to the expertise of the ift Rosenheim
- High level of acceptance of ift test certificates and approvals within the EU and international markets


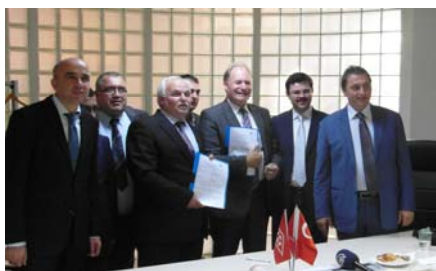
Established in 1954, the standardisation institute TSE is headquartered in Ankara, Turkey. TSE has some 1,600 employees who draft standards, and conduct tests, certifications, surveillance visits, inspections and training courses. It is the TSE's policy to strive towards the harmonisation of Turkish standards with European EN standards, and is already 95 percent of the way to achieving that goal.

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### About the ift Rosenheim

The ift Rosenheim is a European notified testing, surveillance and certification body that is internationally accredited according to DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025. Its focus is on the practice-oriented, holistic and rapid testing and classification of all characteristics of windows, facades, doors, gates, glass and building materials. It aims to bring about sustained improvements in product quality, design and technology, and in standardisation and research. Certification by the ift Rosenheim ensures acceptance throughout Europe. The ift also sees the dissemination of knowledge as an obligatory part of its work. As an independent institute, the ift enjoys a special status among the media, and its publications document the current state of the art.


### Pictures (available to download from the picture library at [www.ift-rosenheim.de/bildarchiv](http://www.ift-rosenheim.de/bildarchiv))

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1	<p>Üzeyir Karagöz (TSE Secretary General) and Prof. Ulrich Sieberath (Director of the ift Rosenheim) at the signing of the agreement</p> <p><i>File name:</i> PI1411103_Fig_01_Signing_of_agreement_TSE_ift.jpg</p> <p>Source: ift Rosenheim</p>	
2	<p>Group photograph showing the TSE delegation with Prof. Ulrich Sieberath following the signing of the agreement</p> <p>(l to r: Adnan Akbas, Zafer Dilci, Yasar Erciyas, Üzeyir Karagöz, Attila Özcelik, Prof. Ulrich Sieberath, Metehan Calis, Mehmet Hüsrev)</p> <p><i>File name:</i> PI1411103_Fig_02_TSE_Delegation_with_Prof_Sieberath.jpg</p> <p>Source: ift Rosenheim</p>	

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3	<p>Group photograph showing the TSE delegation with Prof. Ulrich Sieberath in front of the main entrance at TSE</p> <p>(l to r: Metehan Calis, Prof. Ulrich Sieberath, Adnan Akbas, Zafer Dilci, Yasar Erciyes, Tuncay Okay, Attila Özcelik)</p> <p><i>File name:</i> PI1411103_Fig_03_TSE_Delegation_with_Prof_Sieberath.jpg</p> <p>Source: ift Rosenheim</p>	 A group photograph of seven men in business suits standing in a line on a red carpet in front of a building entrance. The entrance has a sign that reads 'BAŞKANLIK' and 'TSE' on either side. The men are smiling and looking towards the camera.