



Plastic pipes for water and sewers

## The Nordic water utility associations take a step aside in cooperation with NPG, the Nordic plastic pipe producers' organization.

The well-known voluntary product certification scheme NPM – Nordic Poly Mark has since the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century been the guaranty for quality of plastic pipes meeting Nordic standards and the users' requirements. The scheme has become a success, producers from all over Europe have applied for the NPM mark and new products have been developed. Therefore today it is not only pipes expressed as "Nordic Standard" to have the mark.

Through these years NPM has been cooperation between the Nordic water utility associations, the Nordic Plastic Pipe Producer organization and INSTACERT - a Nordic cooperation of certification institutes. Now the Nordic water utility associations have decided to take a step aside in the cooperation, due to some disagreements on which pipes or fittings that should have NPM-mark. We still recommend our members to buy products produced with third part control certification, like Nordic Poly Mark. But beware of checking if the offered products meet with requirements according to your "material quality policy for pipes and fittings" and also check carefully what is delivered.

The water utility associations will still be in contact with the producers and the certification institutes, both locally in each country and together in joint yearly arranged events.

Every year the producers' organization will call for a meeting together with the associations and INSTACERT.

The water utility associations will call experts, producers, members, certification bodies, as well as to whom it concerns to events when needed. These events / workshops/ lectures/ etc. will be arranged in connection with NORDIWA conferences.

The water utility associations still have the possibility to appoint experts to INSTACERT working groups.

Furthermore, we can inform, that the four Nordic water utility associations will continue sharing experiences for the common best, produce guidelines to find the best pipe to the right purpose, guidelines for delivery control and still work together in European standardization matters.

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