

# Europe: Let us focus on product performance

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careful of this.

I don't believe there is anything deliberate or anti-UK about Europe, more I believe it is the route taken to harmonise standards.

Europe is obsessed with the measurable; it is easy to change things that can be benchmarked, scored, assessed and then re-assessed at a later date, noting the positive percentage change

and shouting 'oooh look improvement.'

The flaw is that the measurable doesn't necessarily mean improving quality or performance. Reducing the level of volatile compounds in a product does not measure its performance.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not suggesting that we shouldn't strive to reduce such things as VOC levels in products, I'm just saying that we must not neglect

performance as a standard too.

Surface membranes are another anomaly as they are not properly understood by Europeans, so is the UK the only country with a moisture problem? Does harmonisation mean that everyone must let the floor dry as we manufacturers keep preaching?

And there are the environmental issues regarding recycling and sustainability, which

already impact on our day-to-day working. These will increase with our closer ties with Europe.

A lot of good can come out of a more integrated Europe, but any change must be managed and our voice must be consistent and strong to ensure that the UK leads rather than simply adopts. With all this change ahead, the role of CFA and your support for it have never been more important – it really can make a difference!



## Basic carpet fitting

(5 days) Jan 11; Mar 1; Apr 19; Jun 7;

## Intermediate carpet fitting

(4 days) Jan 18; Mar 8; Apr 26; **Advanced carpet fitting** (4 days) Mar 29;

## Essential wood fitting

(3 days) Feb 3; Mar 24; May 12; June 30;

## Intermediate wood fitting

(3 days) Feb 15; Apr 7; May 24;

## Solid wood sanding & finishing

(2 days) Jan 28; Mar 18; May 6; Jun 24;

## Laminate & floating wood

(2 days) Feb 1; Mar 22; May 10;

## Domestic vinyl fitting

(2 days) Jan 13; Mar 3; Apr 21; Jun 9;

## Safety & smooth vinyl

### (commercial) fitting

(4 days) Feb 22, Apr 12; Jun 1; Courses also in Manchester on Jan 25; Mar 15; May 4; Jun 21;

### Luxury vinyl tile fitting

(4 days) Feb 8; May 17;

### Estimating and planning

(2 days) Jan 11; Apr 19; Jun 7;

### Damp testing floors

(1 day) Feb 9; Mar 30; May 18;

All courses are at Loughborough unless otherwise stated. Please enquire about course fees when booking. Check out the FITA website for the latest course information.

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### National Construction College, Erith.

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## Fitting courses



## THE ACADEMY OF FLOORING

**SKILLS** (TAOFS) established by John Roberts has a training centre in Pentlow near Sudbury, Suffolk.

Courses on moisture surveying skills are being planned. The scheduled dates can be changed to suit five or more people and one-to-one tuition can be arranged on request.

■ [www.taofs.co.uk](http://www.taofs.co.uk)

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### PREMIER PRODUCTS

Cleaning, floor preparation and

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## NVQ COURSES



maintaining standards in flooring installations

Floortrain (GB) is a registered City & Guilds assessment centre for NVQs in textile, impervious and wood flooring. Full funding is available in 95% of cases. Training packages are offered to intermediate or advanced levels. Contact Dominic for details:

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maintenance courses.  
Contact Maureen Scott.  
■ T: 01242 537174  
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**PROCHEM** offers carpet cleaning courses. ■ T: 020 8974 1515

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**January 16-19**

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**INTERIORS**

**January 24-27**

NEC, Birmingham

[www.interiorsbirmingham.com](http://www.interiorsbirmingham.com)

**SURFACES**

**February 2-4**

Las Vegas, USA

[www.surfaces.com](http://www.surfaces.com)

**OFFICES EXHIBITION**

**February 9-11**

Dubai, UAE

[www.theofficeexhibition.com](http://www.theofficeexhibition.com)

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**CEVISAMA**

**February 9-12**

Valencia, Spain

<http://cevisama.feriavalencia.com>

**SURFACE DESIGN SHOW**

**February 16-18**

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[www surfacedesignshow.com](http://www surfacedesignshow.com)

**ECOBUILD**

**March 2-4**

Earls Court, London

[www.ecobuild.co.uk](http://www.ecobuild.co.uk)

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