

## PRESS RELEASE

*The European Tyre and Rubber industry publishes its Annual report of activities for 2012-2013*

**Brussels, 4 November 2013** – It is with pleasure that ETRMA publishes the Activity Report 2012-2013.

Is the regulatory framework in which our industry operates still sustainable?

The report released today brings several elements of response for the actions that are needed to ensure sustainability both of the industry and of the environment in which it operates.

*“The commitment of our industry to sustainability and competitiveness has not faltered through the crisis and it needs to be supported by the political actors by removing the stumbling blocks that still stand in our way. The European tyre and rubber industry maintains a strong European presence and it positively contributes to the European objectives of growth and employment as well as to the achievement of a more sustainable mobility in Europe”,* Mr Patrick Lepercq said in his preliminary remarks.

The Report looks at the impact of the regulatory framework on the entire value chain of our products from the sourcing of raw materials, to the production process, the product itself and its end of life.

The report is available on [ETRMA's](http://www.etrma.org) website at this link:

<http://www.etrma.org/uploads/Modules/Documentsmanager/etrma-ar-2012-2013-final.pdf>

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*ETRMA's membership include the following tyre manufacturers: APOLLO VREDESTEIN, BRIDGESTONE EUROPE, BRISA, COOPER TIRES, CONTINENTAL, GOODYEAR DUNLOP TIRES EUROPE, HANKOOK, MARANGONI, MICHELIN, MITAS, NOKIAN TYRES, PIRELLI AND TRELLEBORG WHEEL SYSTEMS. Furthermore, members include Associations in the following countries: Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain and the UK. The industry provides direct employment for more than 360,000 people in the EU and supports another 800000 jobs in related sectors. ETRMA members' turnover in 2012 is estimated to € 46 b, of which up to 5% continues to be invested in R&D, annually.*