

Konnex Association and Ceced have signed a cooperation contract for the implementation of Ceced's application interface profiles, into Konnex Association's standard; KNX and its associated standard EHS 1.3a

Brussels, December the 9th 2003: A cooperation contract between **Konnex Association** and **Ceced** have signed with the aim to start a common development to implement the result of **Ceced's** workgroup "**CHAIN**"; the definition of common application interface profiles for household appliances, into **Konnex Association's** standard; **KNX** and its associated standard EHS 1.3a

Over the last four years **Ceced** developed its common home appliance interoperating network; called "**CHAIN**" to ensure the interoperability between household appliances.

From the start **Konnex Association's** legacy association EHS has strongly supported this development, which was seen as crucial step in the integration with the other applications in Home Control; like lighting, access, audio/video, intrusion & fire alarm.....

For both Associations it was therefore a logical next step to start immediately the common development; The implementation of **CHAIN** into the **KNX** standard and into its associated standard EHS 1.3a. We expect the first results in the first quarter of 2004 from a common expert workgroup.

Next to the implementation of **CHAIN** into the **KNX** standard an additional expert workgroup is preparing the extension of **KNX** certification to guarantee the interoperability of the household appliances to all other application fields in the Home and Building control.

The **KNX** standard has been approved, under EN 50090, as the world's first open, royalty-free and technology platform independent, standard for home & building control

The **KNX** standard is developed by the members of **Konnex Association**

Ceced (European Committee of Manufacturers of Domestic Appliances), established 1958 and headquartered in Brussels, includes in its 200-plus membership the 13 largest European producers of large and small electric household appliances, manufacturers of home ventilation, air conditioning and heating equipment, and national industry associations of 13 countries.

About **Konnex Association**:

Konnex Association is the creator of the **KNX** Bus Standard, a field bus technology for all applications in Home and Building Control. This standard is established upon over 10 years of experience in the market by its predecessors BatiBUS, EIB and EHSA. Their different configuration mechanisms and physical media have been integrated into the common KNX technology, in order to ensure a cost-performance appropriate for all types of buildings and applications.

As of December 2003 **Konnex Association** has 98 members, mainly manufactures of Home and Building Control, HVAC equipment, alarm and intrusion systems and household appliances. And, in addition to manufacturers, Konnex Association is also pleased to count energy distributors and telecom providers amongst its members.

Konnex Association has partnership agreements with more than 20.000 installer companies and around 70 technical universities within its scientific partner programme

For more information please contact

Harry Crijns
Marketing Director

Tel: +32 (0)2 775 85 90
Fax: +32 (0)2 675 50 28
Mob: +31 (0)6 53 22 53 82
E-mail: harry.crijns@konnex.org
Web: www.konnex.org