# ERC and ACMA Sign Agreement to Advance Composite Rebar Adoption

*Arlington, VA & Brussels, Belgium, September 30, 2026* – The European Rebar Council (ERC) and the American Composites Manufacturers Association (ACMA) today announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishing a formal framework for collaboration between the two organizations. The agreement brings together the leading European and North American industry bodies for composite reinforcement, with a shared aim of accelerating the adoption of Glass Fibre Reinforced Polymer (GFRP) and other composite rebar technologies in concrete structures worldwide.

The MOU was signed at the 2026 Composites and Advanced Materials Expo (CAMX) in Atlanta, GA by Dr. Chris Skinner, Chairman of the European Rebar Council, and Cindy L. Squires, President and CEO of ACMA.

Composite rebar is gaining recognition among engineers, asset owners and specifiers as a durable, corrosion-resistant alternative to steel reinforcement, particularly for infrastructure exposed to aggressive environments such as bridges, marine structures and transport networks. Wider adoption, however, depends on consistent standards, design guidance and market confidence on both sides of the Atlantic. The MOU is designed to address these needs by creating a structured relationship between the two regions.

Under the agreement, the ERC and ACMA will work together in six areas:

• **Information exchange:** sharing technical research, case studies, market data, sustainability information and updates on standards and regulations.

• **Standards alignment:** supporting alignment between Eurocode-based frameworks and ACI/AASHTO frameworks, including building codes and relevant test methods.
• **Governance collaboration:** each party may appoint a non-voting observer to the other's council board or steering committee.
• **Joint communications:** collaborating on press releases, industry events, white papers and outreach.
• **Education and market development:** training programs, design guides, university engagement, research and demonstration projects.
• **Sustainability:** cooperation on lifecycle assessment, product category rules, environmental product declarations and circular economy initiatives.

**Dr. Chris Skinner**, Chairman of the European Rebar Council, commented:

"Composite reinforcement is a global technology, and its adoption should not be held back by regional differences in standards and practice. This agreement with ACMA allows Europe and North America to learn from each other, align where it matters, and speak with greater clarity to engineers, specifiers and infrastructure owners about what composite rebar can deliver."

**Cindy L. Squires Esq.**, President & CEO, ACMA, commented:

"ACMA's FRP Rebar Manufacturers Council has worked for many years to build acceptance of composite reinforcement in North American codes and specifications. Partnering with the European Rebar Council gives our members a direct link to parallel work in Europe and strengthens the case for composite rebar internationally."

**About the European Rebar Council (ERC)**

The European Rebar Council is a sectorial alliance established in 2025 under the European Composites Industry Association (EuCIA). It brings together manufacturers, suppliers, engineers, researchers and infrastructure stakeholders committed to making composite rebar competitive, approved, performing, reliable and available across European building, construction and infrastructure markets.

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**About the American Composites Manufacturers Association (ACMA)**

ACMA represents the complete North American supply chain for the fiber reinforced polymer (“FRP”) composites industry. ACMA is dedicated to advancing the composites market for its members, which include manufacturers, material and equipment suppliers, distributors, academia and end users. ACMA has members in 49 states, manufacturing across the country.

ACMA serves its members and the industry by promoting the competitive advantage and versatility of composite materials across all industries. ACMA offers composites industry educational resources through its Education Hub, The Composites and Advanced Materials Expo (CAMX), conferences, webinars, and Certified Composites Technician (CCT®) Program. ACMA develops standards and specifications that drive preference for the use of composites in place of traditional materials due to their superior performance and versatility. ACMA leads advocacy efforts via legislative and regulatory channels to achieve a more viable composites industry.

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