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## **ARGE GUIDELINES N°1: PANIC & EMERGENCY EXIT DEVICES or SYSTEMS**

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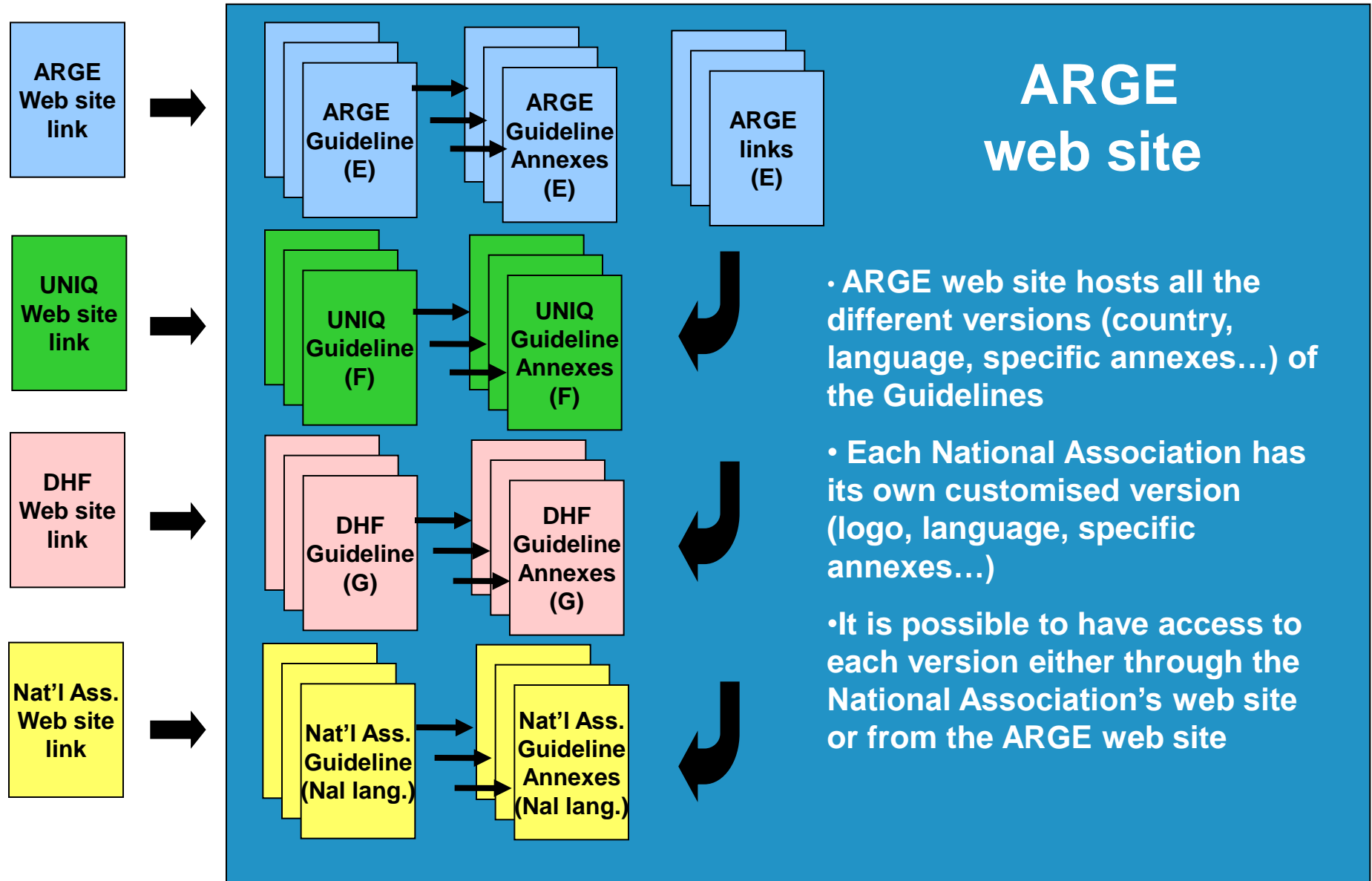
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- **Objective: to educate the Market**
  - giving state of the art on environment (regulations, standards, liability, etc.) and products
  - advising on the choice, installation and maintenance of products
  
- **Stakeholders**
  - Specifiers, Manufacturers, Suppliers, Installers and Maintenance people.
  - All people involved in the choice, installation and maintenance of the products

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## Final version completed in July 09...

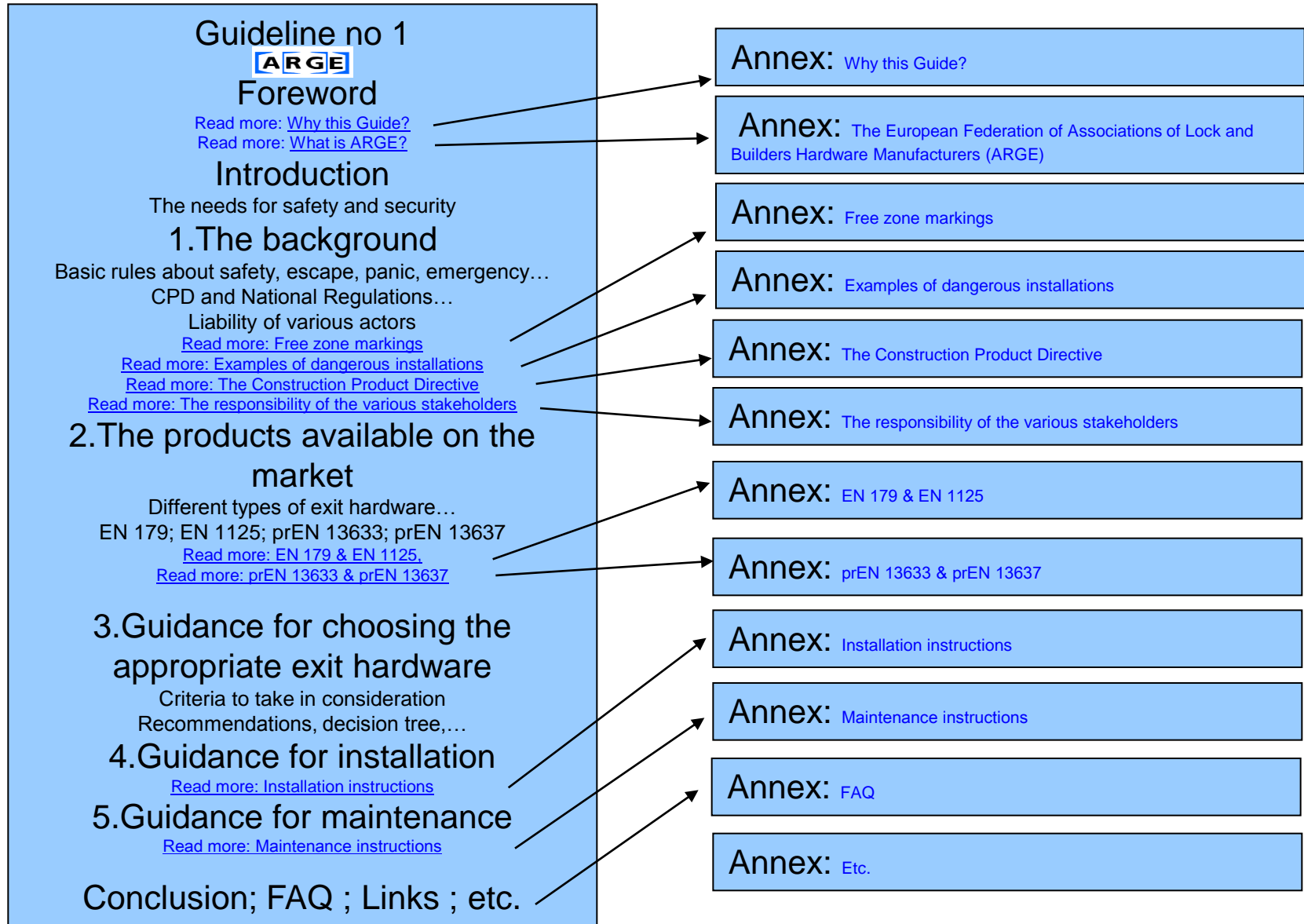
- From February to June 09, several conference calls and meetings have been held to amend and finalise the document, on the basis of the initial draft issued by Alain Varenne
- The most critical part was the Chapter 3: “*Guidance for choosing the appropriate exit hardware*”, since no common regulation or guideline exist for this in Europe.
- The document has been approved by Presidential Team yesterday.

# Contents

- **Foreword**
- **Introduction**
- **1. The background**
  - Basic rules about safety, security, panic & emergency
  - The role of Exit hardware
  - CE Marking, CPD, regulations
  - Liability of the various actors:
- **2. The products available on the market**
  - Different types
  - Main characteristics
  - Main functions and features

# Contents (suite)

- **3. Guidance for choosing the appropriate exit hardware**
  - Criteria for the choice of the products
  - Recommendations by ARGE professionals
    - Decision tree
  - Examples of regulation
- **4. Guidance for Installation of exit hardware**
  - Recommendations to consider before & after fitting an exit hardware
- **5. Guidance for Maintenance of exit hardware**
- **6. Disclaimer**
- **7. Conclusion**
- **Annexes**





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*Guidelines for the choice, the installation and the  
maintenance of exit devices or systems for use on escape  
routes*

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## Next steps from now...

- Obtain the endorsement of EFSAC 15 Nov 09
- Publish the document in ARGE website in english. 30 Nov 09
- Translate it in German and French and publish it in local websites 31 Jan 10
- Use this document as template for similar guidelines for door closers, hinges, locks... TBC

**Thank You for  
your attention !**



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