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# LINDAL Wins BAMA Social & Community Initiative Award

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*From left to right in the picture: Marcus Brigstocke, Joe Tyrrell, Abdul Farooq, John Downes, Paul Wharton, NeilBolton*

Long-standing partnership with ESAT AEIM Val de Briey recognised at the 2026 BAMA Forum

LINDAL Group has won the Social & Community Initiative Award at the 2026 BAMA Forum, recognising LINDAL France's long-standing partnership with ESAT AEIM Val de Briey and ESAT. The award celebrates an initiative that has embedded social inclusion into everyday business operations for 25 years, creating meaningful employment opportunities for people with disabilities while strengthening connections across the local community.

## Creating inclusion through partnership

Since 2001, ESAT employees have supported LINDAL France by assembling selected actuator components, becoming an integral part of the company's supply chain. But the partnership extends beyond manufacturing. Colleagues from ESAT regularly share lunch with LINDAL employees in the Restaurant AEIM Equi'Table at site, creating daily opportunities for interaction, mutual respect and a genuine sense of belonging. By bringing people together through both work and everyday social contact, the initiative shows that inclusion is not simply promoted at LINDAL—it is experienced.

## Measurable, lasting impact

The results demonstrate the scale and continuity of the programme. Depending on production needs, approximately 30 to 90 ESAT employees support LINDAL France's operations during the year. Every day, an average of 15 to 20 LINDAL employees also share lunch with ESAT colleagues the Restaurant AEIM Equi'Table premises.

This project stand for regular employment, practical skills development, increased confidence and sustained social inclusion. For LINDAL, the partnership strengthens local relationships, supports a diverse workplace culture and demonstrates how responsible business practices can be integrated successfully into day-to-day operations.

*"This award recognises 25 years of partnership and, above all, the people who bring it to life every day. Through our collaboration with LINDAL France, workers with disabilities contribute their skills to real production needs, see their work valued and build lasting relationships. We are proud to share this recognition with LINDAL and to show what inclusion can achieve when it becomes part of everyday working life." - Caroline Martinaud, Director of ESAT AEIM Val de Briey.*




## Recognition for a different approach

Rather than treating community support as a one-off charitable activity, LINDAL France has built a sustainable model in which social impact and business activity reinforce one another. Winning the BAMA award recognises the practical, measurable and human value of this long-term commitment.

Judges' comments: "*A praiseworthy, long-term initiative that has been embedded into the supply chain every single day – a very worthy winner.*"

The achievement reflects LINDAL's values of respect, collaboration and innovation, and highlights how long-term commitment can deliver meaningful benefits for individuals, businesses and the wider community. LINDAL is proud to share this recognition with its ESAT partners and everyone who has helped make the collaboration a success.