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CPE holds successful sustainability assessment workshop

Construction Products Europe hosted a workshop on sustainability assessments methodology which took place on 4th March. Construction Products Europe provided a comparative picture of sustainable assessment methodologies, looking at the European Commission's Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) and the assessment method of CEN TC 350 standards, the Environmental Product Declaration (EPD). The workshop then went on to examine the future of products and construction works assessment schemes. [More info...](#)

Nordic countries aspire to set the standard for green buildings in Europe

As part of The Nordic Prime Ministers focus on green growth, they have declared their ambition to develop common green technology norms and standards in the building sector, which should then go on to form the basis of common European standards. Nordic Innovation joined forces with the five Nordic standardisation organisations to create three projects for green building standards:

• Workshop on Ecotoxicity and biodegradability of construction products - 10/04/2014

• TEPPFA's annual conference - 28/04/2014-30/04/2014

TWEET OF THE MONTH



says

#EUcities @JHahnEU
Europe is built on its #cities. We clearly need an EU #urbanagenda. Question now is: what should it contain? /SP— EURO CITIES network (@EUROCITIESweet) February 17, 2014

PUBLICATION OF THE MONTH



**Towards the Circular Economy:
Accelerating the scale-up
across global supply chains**

Prepared in collaboration with the Ellen MacArthur Foundation and McKinsey & Company



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1. Sustainable renovation of buildings,
2. Indoor climate and voluntary classification standards, and
3. Nordic contribution to future EU regulations and standards in environmental product declarations and sustainable construction.

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Three MEPs announced as candidates for our Sustainable Built Environment Award at MEP Awards!

We are pleased to announce that Jan Olbrycht, Catherine Stihler and Heide Ruhle make up our shortlist this year for our sponsored award. They have all done great work that touches upon the construction industry and one of them will receive the award on 18th March in Brussels. [More info...](#)

Cities of Tomorrow conference - CPE's response

Between 17th and 18th February, the European Commission hosted the Cities of Tomorrow Conference in Brussels. Given the strategic importance of the construction sector, Construction Products Europe took part in the debate on the need for a European Urban Agenda and paid close attention to the foreseen policy priorities. This was a first step in the drafting of this European Urban Agenda and Construction Products Europe aims to be a responsible partner to policy-makers and other stakeholders. We published a press release in response to the conference. Read it [here](#).

CPR update

The delegated act to make Declarations of Performance available on the internet is now published and in force. You can find out more information on the subject through our blog article [here](#). The next two delegated acts, Annex III including the DoP template and Annex V with the tasks to be developed in relation to the AVCP system, will be voted on soon in the European Parliament and the Council. Publication is forecast for before summer. You can access the official documents through the following links:

[EC proposal Delegated Act Annex III Introduction](#)

[EC proposal Delegated Act Annex III](#)

[EC proposal Delegated Act Annex V Introduction](#)

[EC proposal Delegated Act Annex V](#)

Scenarios towards a resource efficient Europe workshop

On 20th of February the final report of the Scenarios towards a resource efficient Europe study was presented at a workshop. Both the macroeconomic approach and the analysis of the technical improvements were discussed in deep by the participants. The event was closed by a panel of experts including Pavel Misiga from DG Environment who encouraged the participants to support the activities of his DG to promote resource efficiency, in particular in the construction sector. This project is one of the inputs for the Communication on Sustainable buildings which will be published soon (latest unofficial estimates point to April). [More info...](#)

Two new articles on our blog!

We posted two articles on our blog last month. The first looks into the major changes at a European level with the European Elections this year and also at relevant policy developments for the construction sector. The second heralds the release of delegated act for declarations of performance for construction product regulation (CPR). Visit our blog to read the full articles and to comment: <http://constructionproductsblog.eu/>

The European Commission release their 2013 industrial structure report

The European Commission released 'industrial structure report 2013: Competing in Global Value Chains' last month, which coincided with the of release of their Industrial Renaissance Communication (for our views on this Communication, please click [here](#)). The EU Industrial Structure Report 2013 analyses the performance of EU industrial and service sectors in terms of productivity. According to the report, most sectors have still not regained their pre-crisis level of output and significant differences exist between sectors and Member States. [Read more...](#)

Connect & Construct call for pilot projects

Connect & construct are calling for phase 2 pilots. [This document](#) provides insight into the second round of Connect & Construct pilots for possible participants, based on an improved C&C platform with underlying principles and rules. Participants will help to improve the tools developed and at the same time they will receive the support of the project leaders as regards the smart exchange of information with their providers and clients. [More info...](#)

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