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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- COP21 RIPPLES and EUCalc Policy Dialogue - Brussels 30 January
- Level(s) Conference - Brussels 20 February
- 2020 Concrete Dialogue - Brussels 17 March

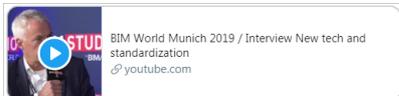
## TWEET OF THE MONTH



Interviewed at

@BIMWorld\_DE and speaking on behalf of @ConstructionEU my keywords were #Construction Products Regulation, Level(s), @Digi\_PLACE #EPBD #standards #CEmark #circulareconomy #digital and building passports

— Christophe Sykes (@SykesChris)  
December 9, 2019



## PUBLICATION OF THE MONTH



[#Industry4Europe](#) delegation presenting at this week's Council Industry Working Party, including our members Simona Vackeová from Cerame-Unie and Jean-Baptiste Gomes from Cembureau, and Christophe Sykes, our Director General.

## European Green Deal

The European Commission published its much-anticipated European Green Deal. It aims at putting the EU on track to reach net-zero global warming emissions by 2050. Construction, along with transport, food and agriculture, is highlighted in the document.

For our sector, the Green Deal invites Member States to address the challenges of energy efficiency and affordability by engaging in a "renovation wave" of public and private buildings. The Commission proposes a new initiative on renovation in 2020, including a stakeholder platform to address the barriers to renovation and innovative financing schemes under InvestEU.

Furthermore, we learn that the Commission will reinforce the energy performance of buildings legislation and that it



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may include CO2 emissions from buildings in European emissions trading. There is then a clear reference to the expected revision of the Construction Products Regulation, circular economy, digitalisation and climate-proofing.

We look forward to a busy but fruitful year of exchanges with other stakeholders and EU authorities on the solutions that construction can deliver to our society. [Read more...](#)

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## Circular economy action plan

The European Commission opened a consultation until the 20th of January on the Roadmap for the new Circular Economy Action Plan announced as part of the European Green Deal to guide the transition of all sectors. The plan is expected to be released in March, along with the EU Industrial strategy. [Read more...](#)

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## Sustainable finance taxonomy

On 18th December, Finland's Presidency of the Council and the European Parliament reached an agreement on a EU-wide classification system, or "taxonomy", that will deliver a common language to identify those economic activities that can be considered as sustainable. The taxonomy will be instrumental for the EU to become climate neutral by 2050. By the end of 2020, draft technical thresholds will determine which industries may qualify as "low-carbon", "transition" or "enabling" activities. A detailed File Status Report is available for our members on the intranet. [Read more...](#)

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## Leve(s) conference

Save the date for this conference on the 20th of February in Brussels. 136 pilot projects tested the methodology to assess sustainable performance of buildings during the last months. The importance of this initiative is magnified by the plans of the European Commission related to construction. The event will be officially announced soon in the Level(s) website. [Read more...](#)

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## Sustainable Built Environment & Horizon Europe

Following the 12th of December stakeholder meeting on a Sustainable Built Environment R&I partnership under Horizon Europe ("Built4People"), [the event webpage](#) has been updated with the recordings and the presentations of the day.

Following the meeting, the European Commission is

calling for written comments to the proposed R&I partnership on “People-centric Sustainable Built Environment” to be set up under the Horizon Europe programme. The [online survey](#) is open until the 15th January.

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## DigiPLACE

The [DigiPLACE website](#) has been launched. It includes a short project description, information on the consortium partners and feedback on the launch event that was held in Bologna. Additional content will be posted very soon.

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