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## TWEET OF THE MONTH

 Household debt in Europe is hitting new records, as people take on bigger mortgages



## Sustainability Assessment Workshop - Save the Date

Following the successful Sustainability Assessment Workshop we organised in March for our colleagues in construction-related European associations, we are pleased to invite our members to a full-day event on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. [More info...](#)

## New Communications Officer

We would like to welcome Rachel Smedley to the association as the new Communications Officer. We wish Catherine every success as she returns to University in September to study for her Master's degree.

Before moving to Brussels Rachel was a Marketing Advisor at an Accountancy firm in London. Rachel is also currently studying for her Master's degree in Political Strategy and Communications at the University of Kent, Brussels School of International Studies. [More info...](#)

## International competitiveness of EU construction: EC data collection

Within the activities of the High Level Forum on Sustainable Construction set up by DG Enterprise, Thematic Group 5 (TG5) focusses on international

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— The Economist (@TheEconomist)  
September 2, 2014

## PUBLICATION OF THE MONTH



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competitiveness. In October 2013, we submitted a position paper that called for detailed and accurate construction products statistics. We went as far as suggesting collaboration between the EC and our association to collect data and to set up a trade barriers inventory of the construction products market.

[More info...](#)

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## Presentation of the first ECO Platform EPD

On 16<sup>th</sup> October, the ECO Platform will hold its General Assembly in our Brussels office. It will be an opportunity to find out about the latest developments in the development of a harmonised European system to provide Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs). More so, the first ECO Platform EPDs will be officially presented to the industry.

For more information, please check

<http://www.eco-platform.org/>

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## Revision of the list of hEN in the OJEU

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2014, new and revised harmonised European standards (hEN) were cited in the OJEU (series C 259) under the framework of the CPR. Please [click here](#) to view the journal.

Due to a technical error, a number of standards were not or not completely cited in this publication. The Commission is working on rectifying this and will cite, as soon as possible in the OJEU, the complete list with all currently accepted versions of hENs.

Please note that the above standards are all listed on NANDO: please [click here](#) to view.

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## The Urban Dimension of EU policies

The European Commission has recently published Communication on the EU Urban Agenda. The Commission's Communication "The Urban Dimension of EU Policies" describes the situation of cities across the EU and urban policies in the Member States as well as the global dimension of urbanisation. More information can be

found [here](#).

It stresses that an EU Urban Agenda should reflect the EU's overall objectives and must also complement national policies in the Member States.

For information regarding the consultation please [click here](#).

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## **European Commission holds “Renaturing Cities” conference**

The European Commission's conference, “Renaturing Cities: Addressing Environmental Challenges and the Effects of the Economic Crisis through Nature-Based Solutions” was held on the 13-14 May 2014. Mr Kurt Vandenberghe, Director of Climate Action and Resource Efficiency at DG Research and Innovation, opened the event and pointed out the need to explore innovative tools, strategies and best practices in the field of Nature-Based Solutions that European cities are adopting in order to combine tradition and modernity while addressing environmental challenges and the impacts of the economic crisis. [More info...](#)

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## **The Architects’ Council of Europe supports the 2050 Imperative Declaration**

At the 25<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Union of Architects, the Architects’ Council of Europe (ACE) co-signed the Declaration on the 2050 Imperative supporting the phasing-out of CO2 emissions in the built environment by the middle of the century. They unanimously adopted a Declaration committing them to promote environmental and social sustainability in the built environment. [More info...](#)

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## **Newsletter launched for Ecolabel**

ECOLABEL is a 36-month EC funded FP7 project that started in October 2013. It aims to develop a novel ECO-LABELing EU-harmonized methodology for cost-effective, safer and greener road products and infrastructures.

The project has released its newsletter, which will focus on the highlights of the work carried out so far as well as some upcoming events.

For more information please visit: [www.ecolabelproject.eu](http://www.ecolabelproject.eu)

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