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- 17/02/2014-18/02/2014 - Cities of tomorrow: investing in Europe
- 18/02/2014-19/02/2014 - Eco-design third stakeholder meeting
- 20/02/2014 - Final Conference on Resource Efficiency in the Built



What to expect when you're expecting: a pragmatic analysis of the Commission's Industrial Renaissance Communication

The European Commission (EC) released its Communication for a European industrial renaissance on 22nd January. Christophe Sykes, Director General of Construction Products Europe, reflects on the policy framework set out in this communication and analyses how it affects the construction industry. Read the article [here](#).

Our views on Eco-design

The European Commission is considering a review of the Ecodesign Directive in 2015. To prepare for this review, it launched a stakeholders' consultation in the last part of 2013 on both the Ecodesign and the Energy Labelling directives. We therefore decided to publish our views on the Directive and its relation to construction products. The document is available on our website [here](#). Two events will take place in February on the topic, please see the Events column for more information.

Delegated act: DoP available on

Environment

- 20/02/2014 - Conference on Product Policy - International Trends in Ecodesign & Energy Labelling
- 27/02/2014 - European Nearly Zero Energy Buildings Conference
- 18/03/2014 - MEP Awards

TWEET OF THE MONTH



Housing Europe

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Let's try to create a **#housing** agenda for the **#EP2014** under the hashtag **#housingep14**. What do you think? All contributions welcome!

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The European Council decided last week, at working party level, not to object to this [delegated act](#). Following this, a formal Council decision will probably be adopted next week, which would allow the publication of the final [document](#) in the Official Journal of the European Union before March. After the official publication manufacturers will be able to make available their DoPs on websites instead of supplying it in paper form or by electronic means.

2030 Energy and Climate Change Package

The European Commission released the 2030 policy framework for climate and energy on 22nd January, aiming to make the European Union's economy and energy system more competitive, secure and sustainable. They have set out objectives concerning greenhouse gas emissions and renewable energy, amongst others. [Read more...](#)

LIFE environmental funding needs design and implementation improvements, say EU Auditors

[LIFE \(L'Instrument Financier pour l'Environnement\)](#) is an additional financial instrument supporting environmental and nature conservation projects throughout the EU, which is managed directly by the Commission. The Court of Auditors carried out an audit and found that, overall, the LIFE 'Environment' component was not operating effectively because it was not sufficiently well designed and implemented. [Read more...](#)

Elios 2 Project

This project of the European Commission aims to stimulate innovation and eco-technologies in the European Union with a particular emphasis on insurance of SME. During the last meeting in January the outcome of the three work packages (directory of quality signs, pathology database and transnational communication) was presented. You can check the website of the project for more information [here](#).

MEP Awards next steps

The nominations for our award at the [MEP awards, Sustainable Built Environment](#), are now closed and will now be collated by The Parliament Magazine. A shortlist for each category will be drawn up by The Parliament Magazine based on who they feel has the strongest case made by the organisations who have nominated them. The shortlist will be announced on 17th February and voting will be open to all MEPs. Only MEPs can vote. The winners of the awards will then be announced on the night of the MEP awards. Construction Products Europe Secretariat will be attending the Awards Ceremony on the 18th March. If you are interested in attending please email communications@construction-products.eu.

First stakeholder meetings of PEF pilots

This month the first stakeholder consultation meetings for the PEF pilots will take place in Brussels. The groups will discuss the definition of the product group, the existing Product Category Rules and the "representative product". E-commenting wiki pages have been launched to register stakeholders for the meetings and to send your inputs. You will find more information about the dates and how to register in the wiki page [here](#).

Mortgage Credit Directive adopted

On 28 January, the Council adopted a Directive aimed at creating a single market for mortgage credits, with a high degree of consumer protection. By ensuring that mortgage credit markets operate in a responsible manner, the text also seeks to promote financial stability. The Directive establishes conditions to ensure a high degree of professionalism amongst creditors and credit intermediaries. It sets out principles for marketing and advertising, and obligations for pre-contractual information, as well as requirements for information concerning credit intermediaries and for information on the borrowing rate. Member states have two years to transpose the Directive into their national laws, regulations and administrative provisions. For more information, click [here](#).

International Property Measurement Standards (IPMS) Consultation

The IPMS Coalition aims to harmonise national property measurement standards through the creation and adoption of agreed international standards for the measurement of office, residential, industrial and retail property. The IPMS Coalition invite your comments and feedback on their draft of International Property Measurement Standards for Offices. They will produce a final standard after they receive the consultation's feedback. The aim of the standard is to enable properties to be measured on a transparent basis that promotes market efficiency through greater confidence between investors, occupiers and funds. For more information and for the questions to respond to in the consultation please visit their [website](#).

Construction Products Europe Farewells

We take this opportunity to announce that our Public Affairs Manager, Chloé Fayole, will leave our team at the end of the month. We also say farewell to Frédéric Poeydemenge, who was convenor of the CPR implementation task group. [Read more...](#)

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