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TWEET OF THE MONTH



Construction needs a fair internal market on standardisation, posting of workers, late payments and public procurement! Thank you MEP [@Andreas_Schwab](#) for the honest and productive discussions at the monthly construction lunch organised by [@ConstructionEU](#) and hosted by EMO
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Daniel Calleja Crespo, Director-General at the European Commission Directorate-General Environment, discusses construction and the Circular Economy Action Plan with our President, Cédric de Meeûs.

DigiPLACE launch conference, Bologna 22nd November 2019

The DigiPLACE launch event will be held within the larger framework of [Digital & BIM Italia](#). DigiPlace is the name given to the European Commission Horizon 2020 research project on the use of a digital platform for European construction industry, of which we are a partner. [Read more...](#) and [registration](#).

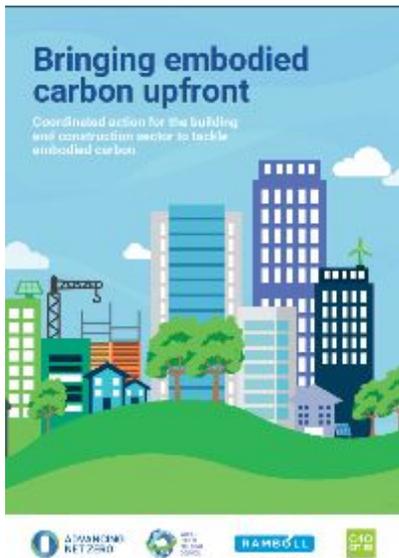
Meeting Daniel Calleja Crespo, Director-General at DG Environment

As DG ENVI is a key partner for the construction industry, Cédric de Meeûs and Christophe Sykes met Daniel Calleja Crespo on 1st October. Indeed, DG ENVI leads the work of the European Commission on the circular economy; the common framework of sustainability indicators for



— Eugenio Quintieri
(@eugenio_in_bxl) September 26,
2019

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construction, Level(s); and the Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) initiative. Mr Crespo drew our attention to the promise made by Commission President-elect Ursula von der Leyen to deliver a European Green Deal within the first 100 days of her mandate. As construction and buildings are essential in the fight towards a 2050 climate neutrality target, Mr Crespo invites us to maintain the high-level cooperation and to put forward ideas in terms of decarbonisation.

New Parliament, new Commission: discussion with MEP Dr Schwab

Dr Andreas Schwab, a leading German Member of the European Parliament, was the guest of the September edition of our monthly construction lunches. These bring together the leading figures of the Brussels-based construction network and on this occasion, our members European calcium-silicate (ECSPA) and mortar industries (EMO) co-sponsored the event and welcomed our guest. We touched upon numerous topics, including the potential revision of the Construction Products Regulation, but mostly discussed how the Brussels-based construction network can deliver information and opinion to policymakers. We will use the recommendations given by Dr Schwab to improve our promotion of the construction industry and the value it offers to EU citizens.

The UK's departure from the European Union

The UK is due to leave the EU on 31 October. The UK government is continuing preparations for a no deal Brexit and has made [legislation](#) to ensure businesses will continue to operate effectively after exit day. The UK government has recently updated [guidance](#) to highlight actions businesses need to take to prepare, including to place construction products on the UK market if the UK leaves the European Union in a 'no deal' scenario. Please contact [Kate Pickering](#) or [James Henry](#) for further advice.

Environmental Footprint transition phase

The European Commission has appointed Construction Products Europe as the official body representing the construction sector in the sub-group on the Environmental Footprint transition phase of the Sustainable Consumption and Production expert group (SCP). The second meeting took place on 24th September.

How to tackle challenges in a future-oriented EU industrial strategy?

On 25 September, Dr Julie Pellegrin, Director of the Regional Development unit at the Centre for Industrial Studies (CSIL), presented the results of the Policy department study to the European Parliament Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) Committee. [Read more...](#)

Investment in construction: new country fact sheets available online

New Country Fact Sheets are now available to download, focusing on the construction markets of Cyprus, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Spain and Sweden. The Reports provide an analysis of key figures, macroeconomic indicators, economic drivers, issues and barriers, innovation, the national/regional policy and regulatory framework, and the current status and national strategy to meet the European Commission Construction 2020 objectives. [Read more...](#)

International social LCA forum December 2019, Pescara

This event is organised by the Department of Economic Studies of the University "G. d'Annunzio" of Pescara-Chieti, in collaboration with Ecoinnovazione, the Social LCA Alliance, Region Abruzzo and in cooperation with UN Environment. It will host the second social LCA workshop organised by the European Commission (DG Growth). This forum is aiming to be the meeting place and an opportunity for academia, industry and policy makers to meet, discuss, network, find cooperation and business opportunities around the topic of social management of products, services and businesses from a life cycle perspective. [Read more...](#)

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