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- 2nd Stakeholder Forum of the EU Environmental Technology Verification - 07/04/2014
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- Workshop on Ecotoxicity and



MEP awards - reflections

The 2014 edition of the MEP Awards took place on 18th March and 16 Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) were rewarded for their outstanding work in a variety of policy areas. We are happy to announce that it was Polish MEP Jan Olbrycht (pictured above) who won our sponsored award, 'sustainable built environment'. We have released a [blog article](#) reflecting on how highlighting the concept of 'sustainable built environment' could impact our industry and we also have a dedicated [website page](#) that provides an overview of the MEP awards.

CPE exchange of information and BIM workshop

Construction Products Europe will be holding a workshop on 'exchange of information across the supply chain' for members and representatives from construction product manufacturers at our offices on 30th April 2014. This workshop will be particularly useful for construction product manufacturers and enterprises. For more information, please click [here](#). If you would like to attend please email info@construction-products.eu.

biodegradability of construction products - 10/04/2014

- TEPPFA's annual conference - 28/04/2014
- Workshop on the exchange of information across the supply chain (CPE) - 30/04/2014
- Construction21EXPO - 14/04/2014
- EFCA seminar on the transposition and implementation of the new public procurement legislation - 14/05/2014
- Construction21EXPO– the virtual tradeshow for Green Buildings for Europe! - 14/04/2014 - 15/04/2014
- Building Renovation Strategies, from Directive to Delivery - 16/04/2014
- BIBM Congress 2014 - 21/04/2014-23/04/2014

TWEET OF THE MONTH



@JanOlbrycht takes home the Sustainable built #environment sponsored by @ConstructionEU— Parliament Magazine (@Parlimag) March 18, 2014

PUBLICATION OF THE MONTH

EOTA update

The European Commission has agreed to accept the use of some European Technical Approval Guidelines ETAGs (developed according to the CPD) as European Assessment Documents EAD (according to the CPR). The definitive list will be proposed by the organisation [EOTA](#) and will be submitted to the approval of the European Commission. [More info...](#)

Market Surveillance Package position paper online

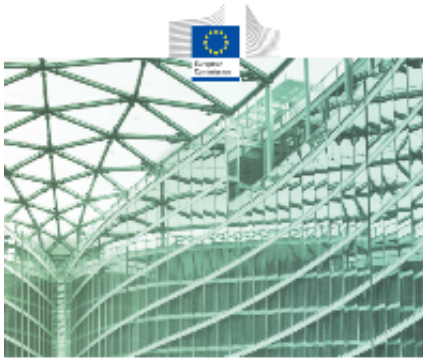
Construction Products Europe's position paper on the [European Commission's Market Surveillance Package](#) is now available to download from our website. It provides an overview of the package, how it affects our industry and what actions we will take. You can access it [here...](#)

Thematic group update

In the summer of 2012, Vice-President Tajani released the EC Communication to the European Parliament and the Council entitled "[Strategy for the sustainable competitiveness of the construction sector and its enterprises](#)". DG ENTR then invited stakeholders to join five thematic groups to draft policy recommendations. DG ENTR has invited us to reconvene for a new round of discussions in the thematic groups. With our reduced human resources, the Secretariat will only report back from three of the five meetings, excluding skills and international competitiveness.

Project launched to integrate green features in buildings into property valuations

On Tuesday 1st April, RenoValue was launched in Brussels, a project that will develop training for property valuation professionals on how to factor energy efficiency and renewable energy issues into the valuation process. This initiative has come about from the increasing amount of evidence that high performing buildings do not only perform better in terms of energy efficiency but also in financial terms. Market demand for energy efficient



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buildings is increasing, and with property valuation an essential part of the property lifecycle, the need for better education about how to integrate the effects of energy performance into the valuation process has become crucial.

MEPs approve strong rules for Environmental Impact Assessment Directive

The European Parliament Plenary Session approved a proposed update of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (EIA) on 12/03/2014. The update of the EU law will make the environmental impact assessments clearer, ensure biodiversity and climate change are taken into account and facilitation through public participation via a central web portal will now be possible. [More info...](#)

Directive for electronic invoicing adopted by European Parliament

The European Parliament adopted the directive on electronic invoicing in public procurement on 11th March. The Directive will introduce a practical European standard for electronic invoicing, which needs to be accepted by all local governments. This means that contracting authorities and entities will be required to receive and process electronic invoices. This should make invoicing significantly easier for local governments. [More info...](#)

Advanced manufacturing report released

The Task Force for Advanced Manufacturing Technologies for Clean Production is co-ordinating European Union efforts to increase the competitiveness of Europe's manufacturing industry. During 2013, the Task Force consulted with EU Member States, industry and other stakeholders: 2 public hearings were held, a series of workshops was organised and a dedicated online consultation was open from March to June 2013. They have now released an Advanced Manufacturing Report, which you can read [here](#).

Survey reminder for members

We would like to remind all members that our association satisfaction survey is still open for responses. If you have not yet responded, the link is available in the intranet's latest news section. Alternatively you can email communications@construction-products.eu for access. We would like to thank those who have already taken part in the survey.

Updates on CPE website

We have added two new webpages on our website. One includes a list of the European Commission's webpages relating to construction. To view it, click [here](#). The other contains a list of other useful construction sector associations and organisations, which you can view [here](#).

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