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LET'S BUILD AN EFFICIENT EUROPE

Sustainability Assessment Workshop

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Political situation

- ▼ Mandate M/350 addressed to CEN in **2004**;
- ▼ Objective: promote **sustainability assessment standards**.

- ▼ 2008 **SCP Action Plan** objective: common methodologies for calculation of the carbon footprint of products;
- ▼ 2011 **Single Market Act** includes environmental footprint objective;
- ▼ 2011 **Resource Efficiency Roadmap** defines role of environmental footprint methodology ...

- ▼ Early 2012 EC **SCP consultation**;
- ▼ This led to adoption of **Building the Single Market for Green Products** in April 2013;
- ▼ And publication of EC Recommendation on the use of **PEF & OEF** ...

- ▼ Establishes PEF & OEF;
- ▼ Promote use;
- ▼ 3-year **multi-stakeholder** testing process;
- ▼ Provides principles for **communicating** environmental performance;
- ▼ Supports international efforts towards **more coordination** in methodological development and data availability.

Next steps

- ▼ Sustainable Building Communication;
- ▼ PEF projects development;
- ▼ CPE's involvement in PEF;
- ▼ CEN TC 350 debate on new indicators;
- ▼ **ECO Platform** European EPD initiative;
- ▼ CPR **BRCW7** development.

Conclusions

- ▼ Guests are users of our products so we supply reliable information;
- ▼ Schemes in place for buildings/works should use our input;
- ▼ Existing schemes now adopting EPD approach based on **EN 15804**;
- ▼ Alternative approach may jeopardise successful transformation

Conclusions

- ▼ Currently working in a voluntary system;
- ▼ Indication that **regulatory framework** to be developed soon;
- ▼ This could come as a declaration (BRCW7) or bench-marking (PEF);
- ▼ The former is based on modelling, whilst latter is prescriptive.

Conclusions

- ▼ We must provide reliable information via single harmonised system;
- ▼ Downstream operators must remain the decision-makers;
- ▼ Let us work together to make these simple targets a reality;
- ▼ **Next challenge:** development of reliable, low cost electronic management tools (BIM).

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