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UPCOMING EVENTS•

- Smart buildings for a greener Europe - Malta 14 February
- 4th QUALICHECK Conference - Brussels 21 February
- Nordic workshop on PEF - Stockholm 23 February
- European industry day 2017 - Brussels 28 February
- EC Circular Economy stakeholders platform - Brussels 9-10 March
- High-tech evolution in construction - Brussels 21 March
- MEP awards 2017 - Brussels 22 March

TWEET OF THE MONTH



The impact of new tech in #construction. 21 March at @Europarl_EN Brussels.
<https://t.co/EMCTLOF25Y> #BIM #3Dprinting #drones #AI
pic.twitter.com/u4necrwixB



— Philippe Moseley
(@PhilippeMoseley) January 30, 2017



European Parliament hearing on the CPR

Mrs Stihler MEP hosted on 31 January a public hearing on the CPR and its impact on the internal market. The meeting focused on the future of the legislation and the improvements required to better apply it. Mr Cozigou from the European Commission presented different alternatives including revision of the legal text and the possibility to change completely the approach. Representatives from FIEC, EBC, The Finnish Ministry in charge of the CPR and Construction Products Europe provided their views and suggestions for the future. [Read more...](#)

Study on economic impacts of the CPR

The European published this study developed by VVA Europe, DTI and TNO. It addresses the cost of the implementation of the Construction Products Regulation since its entry into force compared with the previous legal framework (CPD). One of the key figures of the study is the cost to comply with the CPR obligations by the European industry: 2.62 billion € / year about 0.6% of the total turnover. [Read more...](#)

EC Circular Economy stakeholders platform

European Commission and the European Economic and Social Committee are organising a Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference 9-10 March 2017 in Brussels. The two-day conference will culminate with the formal launch of the European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform

PUBLICATION OF THE MONTH



The Juncker Commission's ten priorities

State of play at the start of 2017



IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS

EPRS | European Parliamentary Research Service
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whose purpose and implementation will be discussed during the second day. [Agenda and registration...](#)

Smart CE marking

Our Task Group Digitalisation will analyse the first technical proposal of the proof of concept on Smart CE marking next 9 February. The initiative is working with calcium silicate and clay masonry units and adhesives and will assess the implementation of the electronic formats to real Declarations of Performance. The work is being followed by CEN/TC 442 experts to guarantee compatibility and coordination of their initiatives.

EC Technical Platform CPR

The second Technical Platform on the CPR discussed the implementation of the simplified procedures in the legal text. Experts agreed on the difficulties to apply some of the articles of the regulation and highlighted the uncertainty on their interpretation. The representatives from the European Commission collected the feedback from the participants and explained how the final solutions will be discussed together with the other issues. As stated in the winter package a potential revision of the CPR is on the table.

High-tech evolution in construction

Last places available for our event in the European Parliament on 21st March hosted by Ms Stihler MEP. Our speakers will address how technology is implemented in construction from both the research and actual improvements. [Agenda and registration...](#)

REACH 162 substances for possible regulatory action

ECHA has selected 162 substances from REACH registrations for further scrutiny by the Member State competent authorities in its annual IT screening exercise. The competent authorities will carry out a manual examination of the dossiers they prioritise to decide whether regulatory action is needed. [Read more...](#)

ACE study on the state of architectural profession

The document shows that the profession may be returning to something nearer normality, after the 2008 economic crisis, and reveals positive prospects for the profession.

The research confirms that architecture is a growing profession – 4% increase since 2014. The value of the architectural market has increased; the average revenue is higher for most sizes of practices; the number of independent architects has fallen – suggesting that architects are returning to more formal employment within practices; and more importantly, architects in a majority of countries feel confident about their future prospects, anticipating more work for the coming year.

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