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#### TWEET OF THE MONTH



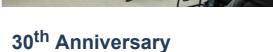
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— Philippe Moseley(@PhilippeMoseley) January 10,2018

PUBLICATION OF THE MONTH





## Digital construction workshop 2018 EU Industry Days

On 22nd February, CECE, FIEC, EBC and Construction Products Europe will co-host a "Digital Construction" seminar in Brussels as part of the 2018 EU Industry Days. The programme is under preparation and will be released soon but you can already register with us. This initiative follows the recent European Commission event on this topic and aims to review and answer some of the questions posed by DG GROW. Read more...

### **Smart CE marking**

The successful kick-off meeting of the Smart CE marking CEN Workshop Agreement took place last 8th of December. The meeting room was full and we had the opportunity to discuss the concept and its implementation. The next two meetings will take place the 22nd of February and the 7th of May at CEN in Brussels. Please send your confirmation to participate to the secretariat as soon as possible. Read more...

## **Construction Products Regulation** (CPR) future





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The EC will launch very soon a public consultation on the potential revision or repeal of the CPR. The results will be validated in a workshop. This information will be considered together with the results of the studies: Economic impact of the CPR; Cross-border trade of construction products and Construction products users' information needs. The recommendation of the EC on the future of the CPR will be taken in Autumn.

### Council conclusions on ecoinnovation

On 18th December, the Council published its conclusions on eco-innovation, enabling the transition toward a circular economy. In summary, the Council asks for more environmental and health-related product information; it recommends the further development and use of ecolabel, ecodesign and Product Environmental Footprint (PEF); it requests an assessment of product categories with high circularity potential; it supports the development of quality standards and criteria for secondary materials; it calls for an ambitious strategy for non-toxic environment for 2018 and, finally, the further use of Green Public Procurement (GPP) and Extended Producer Responsibility are recommended. Plenty of ideas to review and comment in the coming weeks and months. Read more...

### Provisional agreement on new EU waste rules

Council and Parliament reached a provisional agreement on all four legislative proposals of the waste package. The final analysis and endorsement on behalf of the Council is planned for the first quarter of next year. The agreed waste legislative proposals establish binding waste reduction targets and updated rules to decrease waste generation, ensure a better control of waste management, encourage the reuse of products and improve recycling in all EU countries. These new targets and rules will promote a more circular economy. Read more...

### Official Journal hEN and EAD citation

EC published in December the <u>updated list of hEN</u> and the <u>updated list of EAD</u> in the Official Journal.

The dates for references to ENs 998-1:2016 and 998-2:2016 were corrected but remain wrong. The date of applicability is given as 11/08/2017 but the end of the coexistence period is 11/08/2017 and should be 11/08/2018. The superseded versions of EN 13249 to EN 13253 refer to the version 2000+A1:2015 but the last version cited was

2000+A1:2005.

There is a discrepancy in the last digit of EAD 350402-00-1101. It should be EAD 350402-00-1106, the <u>version</u> <u>published by EOTA</u>.

# Product Environmental Footprint (PEF)

The second Stakeholder Workshop of the project PEF4Buildings will take place next 29th of January, the main topics under discussion will be benchmarking and definition of performances classes for office buildings. The link between PEF for products and buildings is also included in the agenda. Read more...

On the general initiative you can <u>express your interest</u> to become member of the Technical Advisory Board during the upcoming EF transition phase.

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