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TWEET OF THE MONTH



Commissioner

@KarmenuVella encourages
#construction industry to embrace
#CircularEconomy and thanks frontrunning companies that are testing
Level(s) #buildcircular
#SustainableBuildings
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ConstructionProducts(@ConstructionEU) December 18,2018

PUBLICATION OF THE MONTH

Level(s) conference

On 18th December, the European Commission organised in Brussels a conference on Level(s) and how to bring buildings into the Circular Economy. The meeting room was filled with over 130 participants and the event was accessible online. Unfortunately, Environment Commissioner, Karmenu Vella, could not join but had recorded an extremely positive message for the construction industry thanking those front-running companies that are testing the Level(s) methodology.

The construction products industry was well represented. Our Vice-President, Cédric de Meeûs, was one of the keynote speakers whilst Christophe Sykes and Marc Bosmans took part in the afternoon panel debate. More so, Karl Downey (CRH), Vincent Briard (Knauf Insulation) and Pascal Eveillard (Saint-Gobain) shared information on their ongoing projects and ideas for the development of the assessment tool.

DG Growth Director, Gwenole Cozigou, closed the conference by stating that we need the whole value chain to help us demonstrate the feasibility of implementing Level(s). Read more...

Amendment to EN 15804 formal vote



The cost of housing is tearing our society apart



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CEN/TC 350 will send the amendment of EN 15804 for formal vote in the coming weeks according to the results of the internal ballot (15 positive votes, 2 negative votes and 4 abstentions). It is now time for the relevant mirror committees in Standardisation Bodies to assess the document.

Citation of EAD

In our last newsletter we informed about the new procedure for the citation of harmonised standards. We also reported that it was not applicable for EAD but finally the EC decided to change their position and now EAD will follow the same, or similar, procedure to be used for standards. The immediate effect is the suspension of the citation of EAD until the new procedure is ready.

New delegated act to be adopted by the EC

A new delegated acts will be adopted by the EC to fix the AVCP system applicable for the CE marking of balustrade kits and railing kits to prevent falls under the CPR. The final version will be sent to the European Parliament and the Council for scrutiny after the public consultation. Read more...

The standardisation request to develop harmonised standards for these products is not ready yet but will be discussed by the Standing Committee on Construction and Committee on Standards in future meetings.

UK government & Construction Products Regulation

The UK government has laid a statutory instrument to ensure a functioning Construction Products Regulation (CPR) regime if the UK exits the European Union without a deal in March 2019. According to the UK government, their approach will ensure that the Construction Products Regulation regime continues to operate effectively in the UK after they have left the European Union and will provide legal certainty in the event of no deal. Read more...

Unapproved use of company logos for commercial purposes

May we please draw your attention to the following misuse of construction products manufacturers logos by the German company ProMaterial GmbH. Some companies

are taking legal advice and you may wish to do the same should you be listed as a partner without any form of approval. <u>ProMaterial partners website...</u>

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