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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- CEN internal regulations 3 updates - Online 26 September
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## TWEET OF THE MONTH



Glad to be at the @EU\_H2020 DigiPLACE kick-off meeting: construction stakeholders will assess the feasibility of a European digital platform for the sector! [pic.twitter.com/ff2CqsgslS](https://pic.twitter.com/ff2CqsgslS)

**DigiPLACE Kick-off meeting**  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
Brussels - Avenue de la Joyeuse Entrée 1-1040 –  
Confindustria delegation



After two consecutive two-year mandates, Dr Heimo Scheuch, CEO of Wienerberger, hands over our presidency to Mr Cédric de Meeûs, Vice-President, Group Public Affairs and Government Relations at LafargeHolcim.

## DigiPLACE The Digital Platform framework for Construction in Europe

The kickoff meeting of DigiPLACE took place in Brussels on 3 and 4 September. This EU-funded project will run for 18 months and aims to draft a roadmap for a Digital Platform for Construction in Europe. It is the first ever proposal targeting the digital transformation of the construction industry to receive EU funding from Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT). Construction Products Europe is one of the project partners. A full calendar of public events will be available soon, starting with the launch conference taking place in Bologna, on 21 and 22 November.

## Material - Value chains for circular economy

— Eugenio Quintieri  
(@eugenio\_in\_bxl) September 3,  
2019



## PUBLICATION OF THE MONTH



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This stakeholder workshop will take place next 29th of October in Brussels and will address the challenges linked to the circularity of material-use at every phase of the value chain. Mr Nieto, from Construction Products Europe, will participate in one of the panels dealing with standardisation related to circular economy for construction products. [Read more and registration...](#)

## EC recommendation on building modernisation

The EC published before the summer break a Recommendation on building modernisation. The aim of this Recommendation is to help ensure full implementation and enforcement of Union energy legislation. It provides guidance on how to understand and transpose the EPBD, specifically those provisions that concern technical building systems and their inspections, including: requirements on installing self-regulating devices and building automation and control systems, electromobility recharging infrastructure and the calculation of primary energy factors. [Read more...](#)

Linked to EPBD, EC launched a consultation on the establishment of a smart readiness indicator for buildings. It will run until 3 October 2019. [Read more...](#)

## EN 15804 second amendment

The amendment of EN 15804 to follow revised mandate M/350 was approved by CEN/TC 350 and will be published soon. The document will contain the product category rules for the assessment of Life Cycle Analysis of construction products including LCA indicators and characterisation factors aligned to the Environmental Footprint methodology. The publication of the amendment is a step forward towards a European declaration of environmental performance.

## Assessment of release of dangerous substances Conference

Next 16 and 17 October, CEN/TC 351 organises a conference in Vilnius, Lithuania. The conference aims at presenting the CEN/TC 351 deliverables and discussing the implementation of the horizontal standards in construction product standards and the subsequent implications for regulations of Member States. [Agenda and registration...](#)

## CPR amendment on market surveillance and compliance of products

Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 on market surveillance and compliance of products amending Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 was published recently. The new legal text introduces additional articles on the surveillance of distant sales (online), coordination of authorities, market surveillance powers and the creation of the Union Product Compliance Network. The regulation also amends Article 56(1) of Regulation (EU) No 305/2011. [Read more...](#)

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## CPR delegated act

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/1188 of 14 March 2019 establishing classes of performance in relation to resistance to wind load for external blinds and awnings has been published in the Official Journal. [Read more...](#)

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## EC & Construction 2050 strategy proposal

European construction stakeholders call upon the European Commission to strengthen the current construction policy context by creating a new vision for the built environment: "Construction 2050: Building tomorrow's Europe today". [Read more..](#)

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## Sustainable financing taxonomy consultation

Following its March 2018 strategy for a financial system that supports the EU's climate and sustainable development agenda, the European Commission published unveiled Technical report on EU taxonomy on 18 June 2019. It includes building construction and renovation are as macro-sectors and economic activities for climate change mitigation. Stakeholders are invited to provide feedback until 13 September. [Read more...](#)

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