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TWEET OF THE MONTH



Meeting MEP:s from IMCO and ENVI with best practice from Sweden and Construction Products for a sustainable and circular future
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— Byggmaterialindustrierna (@Byggmaterialet) January 28, 2020

PUBLICATION OF THE MONTH



EBC Vice-President, Philip Van Nieuwenhuisen, addressing the January construction lunch kindly sponsored by EBC, with our guests, Diederik Samsom, Chief of Cabinet for European Commissioner Frans Timmermans, and Fulvia Raffaelli, Head of Unit Circular Economy and Construction at DG Growth.

Construction Products Regulation & European Parliament hearing

On 22 January, the European Parliament Internal Market Committee (IMCO) held a Legislative scrutiny session on the implementation of the Construction Products Regulation (CPR). Gwenole Cozigou, acting Director General of DG Growth, presented the [European Commission's evaluation report](#) and further plans. A great number of Members of the European Parliament took part in the debate, including Petra De Sutter, the IMCO Chair, who announced that the Committee will draft its own report on this topic.

Circular economy action plan

One of the preliminary drafts of the EC Circular economy action plan to be published in March was published by the press. The proposal mainly deals with products and waste but also contains a reference to the level(s) methodology as one of the strategic milestones for the further development of the circular economy in Europe. [Read more...](#)



Construction and demolition waste: challenges and opportunities in a circular economy

Construction and demolition waste (C&DW) comprises the largest waste stream in the EU, with relatively stable amounts produced over time and high recovery rates. Although this may suggest that the construction sector is highly circular, scrutiny of waste management practices reveals that C&DW recovery is largely based on backfilling operations and low-grade recovery, such as using recycled aggregates in road sub-bases. This briefing examines how circular economy inspired actions can help achieve waste policy objectives, namely waste prevention and increase both the quantity and the quality of recycling for C&DW while reducing hazardous materials in the waste.

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Construction SMEs & digital tools – DigiPLACE survey

Under the DigiPLACE initiative, our colleagues from EBC are running a survey to assess the digital maturity of the construction sector, with a specific focus on SMEs. The survey is available in English, Spanish, French, Italian, Greek, German, Finnish, Dutch, Croatian, Latvian, Romanian, Slovakian, Swedish, Polish. Please take part and share it, the deadline is set for 14 February. [Read more...](#)

Leve(s) conference

After a long process to test the methodology the EC is organising this conference to report the outcome of the pilot projects and to discuss its practical implementation. The event will focus on the technical issues identified and how the methodology can be integrated in the existing or future assessment approaches. [Read more...](#)

Sustainable Europe Investment plan

EC published in January a communication focused on the funding instruments to achieve the goals presented in the Green Deal. The document reports as crucial areas: the implementation of climate neutral production processes, the improvement of the energy efficiency of buildings, the development of district heating systems and the transition to a more circular economy. [Read more...](#)

European Green Deal – Just Transition Fund

Another initiative related to the investment plan is the creation of the Just Transition Mechanism focused on regions and sectors that are most affected by the transition. The dedicated Invest EU scheme will cover projects for energy and transport infrastructure, including gas infrastructure and district heating, as well as decarbonisation projects and renovation of buildings. EC opened a consultation process related to this initiative until 12 March. [Read more...](#)

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