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- Stakeholders dialogue on sustainable financing - Brussels 12 March
- 2020 Concrete Dialogue Brussels
 17 March
- Introducing the SCIP database prototype - Online 17 March
- Towards the energy system of the future Brussels 3 April

TWEET OF THE MONTH

Many thanks to

@EBC_SMEs @FIEC_Brussels

@ConstructionEU and

@CECE_Europe for gathering so
many actors of the construction value
chain willing to engage into a new

#Construction2050 Alliance. A major
role can be played by the

#construction sector under the

#EuropeanGreenDeal!

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EU Construction 2050 alliance kick-off meeting.

EU Construction 2050 alliance invitation & launch event

On 19th February, over 40 construction-related EU association came together to discuss the launch of a EU Construction 2050 alliance. Most agreed that so many construction stakeholders have rarely come together. The initiative comes from FIEC, EBC, CECE and Construction Products Europe that make up the steering committee. All our members have been invited to join the alliance and to do so in writing no later than Friday 6th March.

The official launch should have been held in the European Parliament on 17th March but, regretfully, we have fallen victim to the precautionary principle and the closure of the European Parliament means that we will postpone to a later date. However, logo, social media account and work programme will follow soon, so stay tuned and look for #EUconstruction2050

European Climate Law

Yesterday, the European Commission unveiled a "climate law" to make the EU's 2050 net zero emissions target legally binding. Should the proposal be approved by the European Parliament and member states, it would commit the EU to reduce its net greenhouse gas emissions to zero by 2050 but foresees the possibility that some Member States could reduce their emissions to net zero at a later

— EU Ceramics (@CerameUnie) February 19, 2020

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date if other countries decarbonize early.

It is worth noting that the Commission also launched a public consultation on the future European Climate Pact and, more importantly, starts work on the future Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism and the review of the Energy Taxation Directive, two important policy instruments of the European Green Deal. Read more...

EC Communication on 'Shaping Europe's digital future'

The European Commission published its <u>Communication</u> on 19th February as part of a package which includes a <u>White Paper on Artificial Intelligence</u> and a <u>European Data Strategy</u>. It aims at prioritising the development, deployment and uptake of technology within a frictionless single market, where companies of all sizes and in any sector can compete on equal terms.

Level(s) conference and consultation

Test results of Level(s) pilot phase were presented during the conference on 20th February. During the conference, developers of the framework and participants in the pilots presented the analysis and findings of the test phase and debated with participants about the challenges, potential improvements and implementation in practice. EC opened a consultation period until 20th May to submit your comments and remarks. Read more...

#TrustStandards: Building Digital Solutions in Construction

CEN has launched a new communication campaign aimed at the construction industry: #TrustStandards and for which our Director General, Christophe Sykes, provided some input along with our colleagues from EBC, FIEC and CECE. Watch the video...

DigiPLACE introductory video

The aim of the video is to introduce the project DigiPLACE to policy makers, industry and the general public as an EU-wide collaboration of 19 partners, including Construction Products Europe, from 11 countries to build the foundation for a digital collaborative future for the European construction industry. Watch the video...

Swedish promotion campaign: Construction Products are fantastic!

What would society, buildings, roads and sustainable development be without the fantastic innovations of construction products? Our Swedish member, "Byggmaterialindustrierna", have launched a promotion campaign and selected 100 examples of innovations, creativity and development which we believe will lead to increased sustainability. Each innovation supports one of the goals in Agenda 2030. Read more...

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