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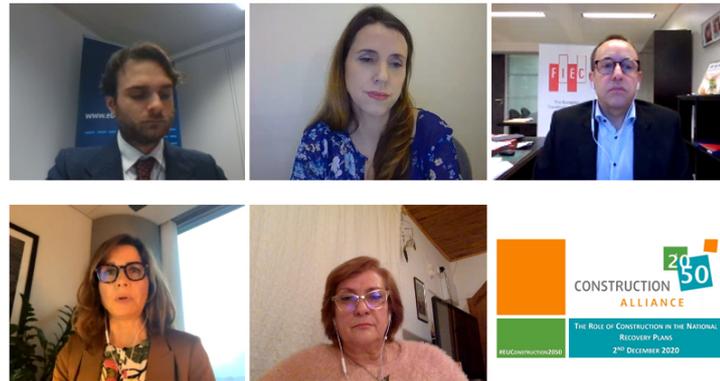
TWEET OF THE MONTH



Looking forward to presenting my Own-Initiative Report on the revision of the Construction Products Regulation (CPR) at the @EU2020DE high level conference on the Future of the CPR this morning! Follow the livestream here <https://t.co/7QuyX2xlq> #cpr #construction

— Christian Doleschal MdEP_{EU} (@Doleschal) November 20, 2020

PUBLICATION OF THE MONTH

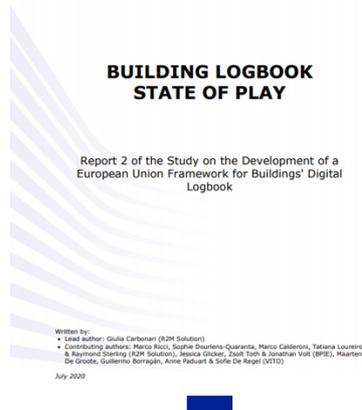


On 3rd December, the Construction 2050 Alliance brought together experts from all over Europe, including representatives from the European Commission, the European Parliament, and national governments. They discussed the important role that construction may play as the severely hit European economy recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Alliance's key message is that the built environment must be a key priority in all national Recovery plans and in the new EU funding initiatives. [Watch the recording of the event](#) and [see the press release...](#)

German EU Presidency & CPR conference

We were honoured to have been invited to take part in this prestigious event, with Oscar Nieto taking part speaking in the technical debate and our President, Cédric de Meeûs, in the political discussion. Mr de Meeûs explained that whilst we are available to discuss the revision of this crucial piece of legislation, we call on the European Commission and Parliament to urgently come together with CEN, industry and other stakeholders to resolve issues preventing an efficient CPR implementation. [Watch the recording of the event...](#)

Digital Building Logbook



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The final stakeholder meeting of this European project took place on 17th November and included the presentation of the findings obtained from the opinions expressed by over 120 stakeholders that were consulted through a combination of interviews, surveys, and workshops. In our last newsletter, we included as publication of the month the [Report 1](#) of the study and in this issue we include [Report 2](#). The final deliverable of the study will be the recommendations to the EC on this important topic.

CEN/TC 350 sustainability of construction works

The last plenary meeting took place on 26th November. This was the last meeting for the chairman, Ari Ilomäki. Experts thanked him for his involvement and efforts and agreed on the role he played in the development of our European standardised approach to the assessment of sustainability of construction works.

In addition to the usual update about the revision of standards and the development of new ones on data quality, communication business to consumer and the methodology for the assessment of the sustainability of civil engineering works, the group discussed the creation of a circular economy subcommittee and the standardised digitalisation approach for Environmental Product Declarations (EPD). [Read more...](#)

EU taxonomy - economic activities contributing to climate change mitigation and adaptation

EC is collecting feedback until 18th December on the delegated act defining the conditions under which an economic activity qualifies as contributing substantially to climate change mitigation or climate change adaptation and for determining whether that economic activity causes no significant harm to any of the other environmental objectives. The annexes of the delegated act include relevant clauses for the industry, clause 3 related to manufacturing deals covers some construction products and clause 7 refers to the construction activity. [Read more...](#)

European Parliament adopts “A New Industrial Strategy for Europe”

In a report adopted on 25th November with 486 votes in favour, 109 against, and 102 abstentions, Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) call for a shift in the EU's approach to industrial policy, to help businesses cope with the ongoing health crisis and face the digital and environmental transitions. [Read the report...](#)

New EU Bauhaus, investing in Europe's cities

The European Commission (EC) held an online event today, co-organised by the EU Joint Research Center, to help shape the New European Bauhaus project.

The EC describes its New European Bauhaus movement as a bridge between the world of science and technology and the world of art and culture. It is about the Green Deal and combining good design with sustainability for construction and cities as good design can improve lives.

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