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Latvian Presidency
of the Council of the
European Union

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Latvia took over from Italy the rotating EU Presidency on 1st January. The crisis in Eastern Ukraine will be the main priority of its six-month Presidency. However, as Italy, Latvia and Luxembourg had coordinated the trio's priorities, there will be a continuum in the 2015 work programme that includes resource efficiency and green growth. [Read more...](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Advisory Group for the SCC - Brussels 19 Jan.
- European Commission Apprenticeship Pledge in the construction sector, information meeting - Brussels 20 Jan.
- Planning tomorrow's smart city: Turning plans into reality, UITP - Brussels 22 Feb.
- Standing Committee on Construction (SCC) - Brussels 05-06 Feb.
- Ecobuild 2015 - London 03-05/03/2015
- CEN/TC 351 Dangerous Substances Plenary meeting - Copenhagen 04-05 March
- EOTA Technical Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting - Brussels 13 March (new date)

EU Fund for Strategic Investments

The Commission proposal includes the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI), Member States' participation and Stability and Growth Pact treatment. [Read more...](#)

Review of the Circular Economy package

80 pending bills are to be withdrawn from the 2015 European Commission Work Programme, including the Circular Economy package and the Air Quality package. [Read more...](#)

Committee of the Regions & sustainable building policies

The members of the Committee of the Regions (CoR) are looking to set up a platform with the Committee of the Regions to influence sustainable buildings policy. [Read](#)

TWEET OF THE MONTH



— joachim (@joachimroncin)
January 7, 2015

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EU social partners for the construction industry & youth employment initiatives

The EU sectoral social partners for the construction industry, the European contractors Federation (FIEC) and the European Federation of Building and Wood Workers (EFBWW), have launched a joint website presenting national initiatives for youth employment. [Read more...](#)

New CEN/TC on BIM

After one year, the participants of the CEN/BT/WG 215 agreed by unanimous consensus to create a new Technical Committee, CEN/TC xxx 'Building Information Modelling (BIM)'. [Read more...](#)

CEN/CENELEC 2015 Work Programme

The CEN and CENELEC Work Programme 2015 provides an overview of our most important standardization activities that will be developed this year. It covers. This year's edition includes specific details about the relevant Technical Bodies and the number of standards and other deliverables that have been published by CEN. It also highlights how many standardization requests (Mandates) from the European Commission have been accepted by CEN and identifies the most relevant corresponding elements of the EU Work Programme for European standardization 2015. [Read more...](#)

Delegated acts for classes of performance

The European Commission has drafted the first delegated act containing classes of performance. The document will be discussed during the next Advisory Group for the SCC (19 January). [Read more...](#)

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