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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Conference: "Reducing energy poverty by energy efficiency projects in residential buildings - Brussels 24-25 April
- European Steel Day 2017 - Brussels 10 May
- DDR Fair and Expo 2017 - Brussels 14-16 June
- EU Sustainable Energy Week 2017 - Brussels 19-25 June

## TWEET OF THE MONTH

 Well attended and interesting programme at @ConstructionEU event on "High tech evolution in construction" at @Europarl\_EN @C\_Stihler\_MEP pic.twitter.com/XMU1B1qBeK



— EU Ceramics (@CerameUnie)  
March 21, 2017

## PUBLICATION OF THE MONTH



## European Parliament construction technologies workshop

On 21st March, UK MEP Catherine Stihler chaired a fully-booked workshop on new technologies in construction. From drones, to artificial intelligence, to robotics and BIM, many subjects were discussed with industry experts and academia. [Pictures...](#) and [videos...](#)

In their concluding remarks, our host, UK MEP Catherine Stihler, and our President, Dr Heimo Scheuch, repeated that we are an innovative industry that is ready to such technological developments. More so, our industry brings together world leading companies and SMEs that are headquartered in Europe. Behind the innovations, we should not forget the human aspects as we build homes and infrastructure for people. Last but not least, we indeed need to attract young talent to the industry but we are optimistic and we will develop networks that successfully connect players together. This was a great event thanks to the speakers and this exchange is most certainly the first of many others to come.

## EU Urban Agenda online

The Urban Agenda for the EU moves on with a new dedicated website. The Urban Agenda for the EU is a new working method to ensure maximum utilisation of the growth potential of cities and to successfully tackle social challenges. It aims to promote cooperation between Member States, Cities, the European Commission and



other stakeholders, in order to stimulate growth, liveability and innovation in the cities of Europe. [Read more...](#)

## DDR 2017 - Demolition, Decontamination & Recycling

Do not forget to [register](#) for the Forum and Expo DDR 2017 (demolition, decontamination and recycling). The event will focus on EU initiatives and legislation, projects, case studies and best practices. Construction Products Europe will host a session on the digitalisation of information from construction products the first day of the event (14th June). [Read more...](#)

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## hEN list in the OJEU updated

On 10th March the [updated list of harmonised product standards](#) under the Construction Products Regulation was published in the Official Journal. References to superseded standards for geotextiles are wrong and will be corrected in the next publication. The standards affected are: EN 13249:2016; EN 13250:2016; EN 13251:2016; EN 13252:2016; EN 13253:2016; EN 13254:2016; EN 13255:2016; EN 13256:2016; EN 13257:2016 and EN 13265:2016

## CEN/TC 351 Plenary meeting 2017

CEN/Technical Committee 351: "Construction products: Assessment of release of dangerous substances" met last month in Vienna. Some topics discussed during the meeting were the publication before the end of the year of EN 16516 (Test method for the release of substances to indoor air); The validation of the Technical Specifications for leaching, TS-2 and TS-3, and the revision of TS-1; The voting of documents on radiation and other topics such as ammonia emission and ecotoxicity. [Read more...](#)

## Fire performance of facades

EC launched last 22nd of March the project to develop a European approach to assess the fire performance of facades. The project includes 15 subcontractors to cover the situation at Member State level and is divided in different tasks. The original scope of the project was highlighted during the presentation: "to propose a complete and detailed product assessment method and a corresponding classification for fire performance of products (kits) for facades". Construction Products Europe is following this initiative through our Task Group Fire.

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