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- 26/11/2013 Ceramic Days
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- 28/11/2013 Exploring future solutions for industry for raw materials



## Our President meets with Environment Commissioner Janez Potočnik

Today on 7th November, our President, Jean-Marie Vaissaire, meets with Environment Commissioner Janez Potočnik. The objective of the meeting is to discuss recent EC initiatives related to the construction products sector. This also follows written exchanges on the EC Product Environmental Footprint projects. The announced Sustainable Buildings Communication will be discussed as our association is keen to offer its sector expertise to support the work of the Commission services.

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## Proposal of the EC on the Delegated Act: DoP available on websites

The [final text](#) of the Delegated Act with the conditions for making a declaration of performance of construction products available on a website is available. The document will be voted by the IMCO Committee of the European Parliament (27th November to be confirmed). After the approval in the Parliament and the Council it will be published and will entry into force. [Read more](#).

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- 28/11/2013 BUILD UP- Web Seminar- Statistics on Europe's building stock: A guide to collecting, harmonising and sharing data
- 29/11/2013 High Level Strategic Forum
- 29/11/2013 Round Table discussion on Scientific Support to Energy Efficient Buildings
- 05/12/2013 Conference on the EIP on Raw Materials
- 12/12/2013 Final Conference on Resource Efficiency in the Built Environment

### TWEET OF THE MONTH



@EU\_Commission  
 €40 million for new EU #research on resource efficiency  
<http://t.co/8tnXdfgrS9>

— European Commission (@EU\_Commission) October 31, 2013

### PUBLICATION OF THE MONTH



## Construction Products Europe sponsors award at MEP Awards 2014

As part of our lobbying strategy to increase the construction manufacturer sectors visibility within the European Parliament, our Executive Board has decided to sponsor the 2014 MEP Awards. We are creating an award for '**Sustainable Built Environment**' and three candidates will be selected on the basis of their good work in their policy area to be voted on by the MEPs themselves. More information will be available in the coming weeks and months.

## 2020 Construction strategy - Thematic Groups' recommendations to the High Level Forum under preparation

Over the last two months, the European Commission organised a second round of Thematic Groups meetings as part of the 2020 Sustainable Competitiveness of the EU Construction Sector. Our input so far into the meetings is available on our website. [Read more.](#)

## EC conference on innovation in construction - our President shares his views on the education of the value chain

In 2012, Vice-president Tajani announced a conference on innovation in the construction sector "to identify the technological gaps along the entire value-chain and to define an action plan to address them". DG Enterprise and Industry invited our President, Jean-Marie Vaissaire, to speak in one of their parallel session dedicated to the education of the value chain. [Read more.](#)

## Renovate Europe Day & World Demolition Summit

Over the past month, our secretariat attended two very interesting events on complementary subjects. On 9 October, the Renovate Europe campaign organised a conference tackling the question of how to design ambitious renovation programmes in the EU. On 30 October, the World Demolition Summit took place in Amsterdam, which gave an insight into the industry's economic situation, best practices and challenges. [Read](#)

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## Professional Qualification Directive adopted in European Parliament

The European Parliament adopted the modernisation of the Professional Qualifications Directive, which is one of the priorities of the Single Market Act, in October. The text adopted will make it easier for professionals who wish to establish themselves or provide their services in other Member States to have their qualifications recognised. This would apply to various professions that affect the construction industry. [Read more.](#)

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## New standard VAT return proposed by the Commission

A new standard VAT return was proposed by the Commission in late October. The proposal foresees a common format for the VAT returns which would be applicable in all Member States. The Commission states that the 'standard VAT return presents a win-win situation. Businesses will enjoy simpler procedures, reduced costs and less red tape. Governments will have a new tool to facilitate VAT compliance and boost their tax intake'. [Read more.](#)

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