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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 09/10/2013- **Renovate Europe Day**
- 14/10/2013- **Stakeholder meeting of the evaluation of the Energy**



Welcome to [Construction Product Europe's](#) October newsletter! This month's newsletter updates you with the consultations and events that we have taken part in as well as other industry news and European construction-related policy issues.

If you know of anyone else who would be interested in receiving this newsletter, it is possible to sign up on the [homepage of our website](#).

Our President discusses his vision for the construction industry in Construction Europe Magazine

Construction Product Europe President Jean-Marie Vaissaire has the honour of featuring in the magazine Construction Europe this month. He talks about his vision for the industry and our association's aims for the future. For the online version of the interview click [here](#). The full length dialogue can be found on our website though [this link](#).

An industry-friendly EU not yet achieved

Labelling Directive and aspects of the Ecodesign Directive

- 15/10/2013- **EOTA seminar on construction newness & innovation through the CPR**
- 16/10/2013- **Eurogypsum Forum: The three R's: Renovation- Resource Efficiency- Recycling**
- 17/10/2013- **TG5 2020 Sustainable Competitiveness of Construction Strategy**
- 21/10/2013- **EC conference on innovation in construction**
- 29/10/2013- **Hazardous chemicals in Construction**
- 31/10/2013- **World Demolition Summit**

For further events please visit our events page on our website

TWEET OF THE MONTH



@BarrosoEU

"Europe must focus on where it can add most value." #SOTEU
pic.twitter.com/COvme6L6Gc



— European Commission (@EU_Commission) September 11, 2013

PUBLICATION OF THE MONTH

Mr Tajani, Vice-President of the EC, has presented two reports for the strategy of the re-industrialisation of Europe. The first is on Member States' industrial competitiveness and the second is on the competitiveness of European industry. As both reports show a mixed picture, the EC is now drafting another policy document. It is due out later this year and will serve as a basis for the February 2014 EU summit. [Read more.](#)

EC innovation in construction conference: Mr. Vaissaire as guest speaker

The European Commission is organising a one-day conference in Brussels on 21 October 2013 under the theme "Innovation in Construction". This Conference is part of the 2020 EC Strategy on the sustainable competitiveness of the construction sector. Our President, Mr Jean-Marie Vaissaire has been invited to make a presentation based on his experience at Saint Gobain. [Read more](#)

Product Environmental Footprint (PEF) projects selected

The European Commission has published the selected projects for the second Pilot phase for the Product Environmental footprint. The projects related to construction are for decorative paints, hot and cold water supply pipes, metal sheets and thermal insulation. [Read more.](#)

ECO Platform launch event

The successful launch of ECO Platform occurred on the 24th September and the secretariat of Construction Products Europe were invited to speak at the event. Please find the presentations made at the event on ECO Platform's website [here](#). A selection of photos are available on our Flickr account as well, which can be found [here](#).

Waste management targets consultation: our position

In parallel to our reply to the EC Consultation on the European Waste Management Targets, Construction Products Europe issued a position paper in which the



industry describes its expectations regarding possible European policy measures on waste. You can find a summary of our position and the full position paper on our website. [Read more.](#)

Sustainable buildings consultation: our views

To fully express our analysis regarding the policy needed to promote Sustainable Buildings, Construction Products Europe decided to attach a position paper to the set of answers to the [EC Sustainable Buildings Consultation](#). For a summary of the position paper [read more.](#)

Housing investments & European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

In September, the EC released a study carried out by Ecorys on housing investments & European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) for 2007-2013. The objective is to help reshape the next ERDF for 2014-2020. The study, initiated by the European Parliament, reports that achieving sustainability in such projects is not an easy task and that often sustainability is seen as energy efficiency. [Read more.](#)

New Directive on Mortgages agreed: better protection for European consumers

The construction of buildings is interlinked and dependent on the mortgage industry, which itself is a major driver of the EU economy. For example, according to the European Mortgage Association (EMA), mortgages provide access to housing for 69% of the EU population. The European Parliament has now debated and voted on an agreement reached last April with the Commission and the Council on a new Mortgage Credit Directive (MCD). [Read more.](#)

Delegated Acts- Construction Products Regulation

The European Commission is finishing the formal procedure for the voting of the Delegated Acts on Article 7.3 (DoP on websites) and Annex III (DoP model) of the Construction Products Regulation. The process is being delayed due to internal discussions at the Commission.

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Hopefully the voting will take place by the end of October.
The drafting of the Delegated Act on Annex V (AVCP) is
now being discussed.

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