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TWEET OF THE MONTH

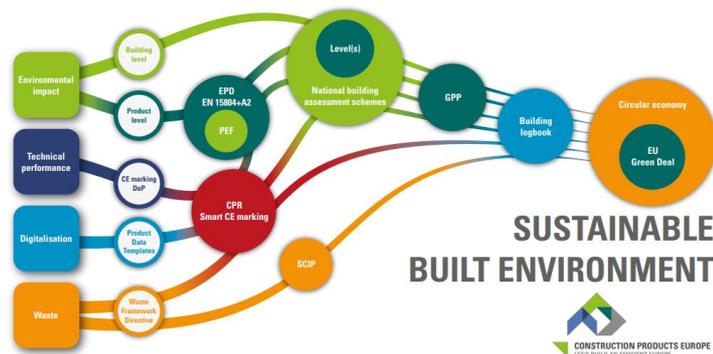


Many thanks for hosting today's [#Brexit](#) webinar @ConstructionEU. Looking forward to the next one! [#jobs](#) [#growth](#) [#housing](#) [#CEmark](#) <https://t.co/1mdhFCeYoi>

ConstructionProducts @ConstructionEU · Feb 23
Close to 300 participants in today's #construction #Brexit webinar, clearly shows the concern of our industry and underlines the need for a solution. Thank you to @CPA_Tweets for their support. Already working on the 2nd session scheduled for April
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— Construction Products Association (@CPA_Tweets) February 23, 2021



A review of EU sustainable construction initiatives & our taxonomy challenge

Read some thoughts from our Director General, Christophe Sykes about the sustainable construction initiatives in light of the 2050 climate targets set by the European Union and their link to the European taxonomy. [Read the full article...](#)

European Parliament Own Initiative Report on the Construction Products Regulation

MEP Mr Doleschal will present the Report on the implementation of Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 laying down harmonised conditions for the marketing of construction products (the Construction Products Regulation) (2020/2028(INI)) to the European Parliament next 8th of March after its adoption by the IMCO Committee last January. The report insists on the need for a deep involvement of the industry in the implementation of the regulation and to find short term solutions to key topics such as the blockage in citation of harmonised standards. [Read more...](#)

European Commission EPBD consultation

The inception impact assessment for the “Energy efficiency – Revision of the Energy Performance of

PUBLICATION OF THE MONTH



Brussels, 24.2.2021
COM(2021)82 final

COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

Forging a climate-resilient Europe - the new EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change

(SEC(2021)89 final) - (SWD(2021)26 final) - (SWD(2021)26 final)

EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change

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Buildings Directive” (EPBD), was published on the European Commission website. Feedback will be taken into account for further development and fine tuning of the initiative. All interested parties are invited to provide feedback until 22nd March. [Read more...](#)

Aligning infrastructure standards with climate information

Are you interested in how future climate information will be dealt with in standards and how standards can help us build resilience into infrastructure? If so, you are invited to attend the virtual workshop entitled “Climate resilience and design codes – factoring in climate projections. Aligning infrastructure standards with information about the future climate” which will be held on the 17th and 18th March.

[Read more...](#)

Brexit webinar, CE marking and UKCA

With the support of the UK Construction Products Association (CPA), on 23rd February we brought together close to 300 participants to discuss the impact of Brexit on the construction products industry. The main topic was the need for mutual recognition and how to achieve it. Whilst there was no European Commission (EC) official with us, we reported that according to the EC, the UK marking can be affixed to a product which bears the CE marking provided that such marking does not create confusion with the CE marking. This confusion may either refer to the meaning or the form of CE marking (Article 30(5) of Regulation 765/2008). Therefore, the UK marking as well as any other information concerning UK legislation must be separate from the CE marking and information concerning EU legislation. This applies also to the Declaration of Performance/Conformity under EU law. This is drawn for the purposes of compliance with EU legislation and should not be used for the purposes of UK legislation.

We are currently preparing a follow-up event scheduled for 21st April.

French notified regulation for the assessment of products

The French Government notified a draft regulation including “dynamic” Life-Cycle Assessment (LCA) to construction products instead of the reference European standard, EN15804 recently aligned to the European Commission needs and used as reference by the whole construction industry. [Read more...](#)

European Sustainable Built Environment Strategy

In March 2020, the European Commission (EC) committed itself to come forward with a sustainable built environment strategy, in the new circular economy action plan and in the new industrial strategy for Europe. However, the EC Renovation Wave Strategy that was published in October includes a chapter on creating a sustainable built environment, which surprised many of us. Having checked with the EC, they confirmed that the two initiatives were combined and that they will not publish a separate Sustainable Built Environment Strategy later this year as previously announced.

EU Adaptation Strategy

The European Commission adopted its new adaptation to climate change strategy on 24th February. The Strategy recommends the use of robust data and risk assessment tools and uses construction and housing as key examples of its implementation. [Read more...](#)

Urban dimension of the European cohesion policy 2021-2027

The European Parliament Urban Intergroup held an online seminar on the urban dimension of cohesion policy 2021-2027, an article and the recording of the event are available on the URBAN Intergroup website. [Read more...](#)

Construction Products Regulation - validation workshop

The validation workshop to discuss the outcome of the consultation launched recently about the future options for the regulation was postponed to 24th March. Respondents to the consultation will receive an invitation to participate soon.

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