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UPCOMING EVENTS

- A Circular & Carbon Neutral Europe: The Role of Co-processing - online, 18 May
- ECCA 2021 – Webinar series on Climate Change Adaptation - online, 25 May - 10 June
- DigiPlace closing conference - online, 27 May

TWEET OF THE MONTH



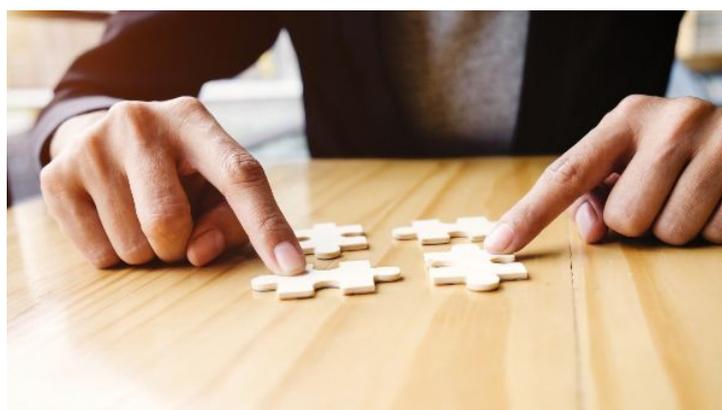
Useful FAQ on trading construction products to Europe post #Brexit from @ConstructionEU
<https://t.co/WoaEhh4A7I>

ConstructionProducts @ConstructionEU · Apr 22
As a call-to-action for the @EU_Commission & @GOVUK we published a FAQ on #Brexit and #trade of #construction products. We need #MutualRecognition to resolve this costly burden allowing delivery of #housing & #infrastructure solutions lnkd.in/dcat3sQ



— UK Construction
(@UKConstruction) April 23, 2021

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2021, a year for (re)construction

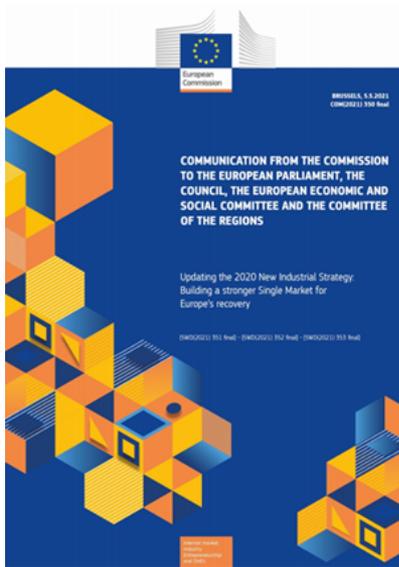
In a recent article, our Director General, Christophe Sykes, brings some perspective to the ongoing European Commission initiatives, suggesting that these be brought together under an overall strategy with a single set of EU harmonised indicators. [Read the article...](#)

Brexit recommendations for construction trade

Following our successful webinars on Brexit that allowed us to agree on the urgent need of clear trade rules for construction products, our recommendations were published on our website and shared with the European Commission. [Read the FAQ about Brexit...](#)

New European Bauhaus webinar

Construction Products Europe organised last month an informal exchange about the New European Bauhaus, a creative and interdisciplinary initiative, convening a space of encounter to design future ways of living, situated at the crossroads between art, culture, social inclusion, science and technology. The event was presented and moderated by our President, Cédric de Meeûs and included an



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inspirational keynote by Bjarke Ingels (Founder, BIG) and the presentation of the initiative by Ruth Reichstein (I.D.E.A. Advisory Board to the President / Green Deal & New European Bauhaus, European Commission).

Construction Products Regulation acquis

The European Commission is working on the consolidation of the CPR technical content: harmonised standards, European Assessment Documents and CPR related delegated acts. The work is expected to unblock the citation of harmonised standards and to provide a technical framework for the future revision of the legislation. The first two product groups addressed are precast concrete and structural metallic products. [Read more...](#)

European Property Owners' capacity and willingness to renovate

Between January and March 2021, the International Union of Property Owners (UIPI) conducted an online survey to assess European property owners' capacity and willingness to renovate their homes. They reached over 10,000 respondents in 36 European countries and the results show a strong willingness to renovate, with 77% of respondents thinking it is beneficial to make their properties more energy-efficient and sustainable. However, amongst the barriers, 31% of respondents decided not to renovate as they do not have the necessary funds. [Read more...](#)

Digitalisation of Environmental Product Declarations

The international initiative to standardise the digitalisation of EPD is progressing. Future EN ISO 22057 will include detailed instruction on how this information should be integrated in product data templates. The work is applicable to EPD according to EN 15804 and is expected to facilitate the integration of product specific information in building assessments. After successful enquiry, the ISO committee is dealing with the comments including the integration with Smart CE marking.

CEN/TC 350 SC1 on circular economy

On May 4th, the first meeting of the CEN Technical Committee 350 subcommittee 1 dealing with circular economy took place. This group is expected to deliver standards related to this important topic in reply to the demands of the society. The work will complement the exhaustive work developed by the TC on life cycle assessment and is expected to work over the summer on its structure. One of the crucial points for our industry is the expected work on product passports and the inclusion of digitalisation in deliverables.

EU Climate Adaptation Strategy event - Videos recording

On February 25th-26th the EU Climate Adaptation Strategy Event took place online. Video recordings were made of each session and these are now accessible. [Watch videos...](#)

The comprehensive desk review 'Study on Adaptation Modelling' published by the European Commission in February, is included under our publication of the month headline. [Read more...](#)

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