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TWEET OF THE MONTH



Many thanks to [@ConstructionEU](#) and [@o3car](#) for this extremely useful session with our experts from construction ceramics to better grasp the great potential of [#SmartCE](#) marking and start implementing it. [#digitalisation](#)
<https://t.co/Alj2m3YsVY>

— Renaud Batier (@RBatier) May 28, 2019

PUBLICATION OF THE MONTH



Mr Nieto represented Construction Products Europe at the Small Business Standards (SBS) annual event. The panelists discussed standards for the circular economy, agreeing that these were not quite ready yet but that the gap would be filled soon and that construction can significantly contribute to circularity and sustainability if its characteristics are taken into consideration.

Digital Construction in Europe

Construction Products Europe and coBuilder developed a review of BIM initiatives and related software solutions. The information is displayed in an interactive way to facilitate its use. The study was led by the convenor of our Task Group Digitalisation, Paul Surin with the support of Wienerberger AG and the Copper Institute. [Consult the interactive website...](#)

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Construction in the circular economy

On 27th May, we joined seven other EU associations, including the European Environmental Bureau (EEB) and the European Environmental Citizens Organisation for Standardisation (ECOS), to co-sign a joint declaration on the circular economy and construction. Since its release,



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we have had the opportunity to meet William Neale, Special Advisor on circular economy at DG ENVI, and he congratulated us on a very interesting set of recommendations. [Read more...](#)

International Social Housing Festival 2019

The EU social housing actors are meeting in Lyon from 4th to 8th June. One of their actions is to call for the signing of the Lyon Commitment, an EU deal for housing, calling for a European Union affordable housing action plan for the period of 2019-2024. [Read more...](#)

Competitiveness Council conclusions and JIS

In its [27th May conclusions](#), Competitiveness Council refers to standardisation in two separate documents: "An EU Industrial Policy Strategy: a Vision for 2030" and "A new level of ambition for a competitive Single Market". The Council takes note of the Commission's Communication on "Harmonised standards: Enhancing transparency and legal certainty for a fully functioning Single Market" and supports the work developed under the Joint Initiative on Standardisation (JIS) in which Construction Products Europe plays a major role for action 5 (CPR). Lastly, it calls upon the Commission to continue its work beyond 2019 and underlines the importance of the European industry's role in driving the European standardisation system.

Assessment of release of dangerous substances Conference

CEN/TC 351 is organising an interesting conference in Vilnius next 16 and 17 of October to present their work during the last years on the development of test methods for the release of dangerous substances of construction products. The event will focus on the work done but also on how it can be implemented at European and at National level in regulations. Agenda will be available soon but [registration](#) is already open.

Words from the Director General

The next publication of our newsletter will be released in September and, as this is the 60th edition of our monthly newsletter, we would like to thank our subscribers for their support.

Do not hesitate to share the information provided here or

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