

# PROGRAMME Virtual Conference "Construction Products - Fit for the Future", 18 & 20 November 2020

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## Summary

One of the greatest achievements of European integration is the single market and its free movement of goods. Thanks to harmonised European standards, the construction industry is able to sell its products everywhere in Europe. As the legal basis for marketing construction products, the Construction Products Regulation needs to keep up with constantly changing technology. In addition to creating a functioning single market for construction products while ensuring building structure safety, we need to overcome the standstill in standardisation. Greater attention should also be paid to subjects such as health, climate change mitigation, sustainability and circular economy. The European Green Deal has already set out a number of goals. The conference aims at bringing together various stakeholders, including representatives from European institutions, policy-makers, public administration officials from EU member states, experts from the research community and representatives from the private sector.

# Day 1 (Wednesday, 18 November 2020) - Technical workshops

The first day of the conference consists of workshops at technical level.

09.15 - 9.30 Welcoming address

 Christine Hammann, General Director, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community



09.30 – 11.30 Workshop 1 - "What makes a good standard – legal, practical and procedural aspects"

<u>Moderator:</u> Dr. Bernhard Schneider, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community

#### **Discussion:**

- Tapani Mikkeli, European Commission
- Cinzia Missiroli, CEN / CENELEC
- Oscar Nieto, Construction Products Europe (CPE)
- Rainer Mikulits, Austrian Institute of Construction Engineering
- Kathrin Dingemann, Redeker Sellner Dahs law firm
- Martin Rücker, Ministry of the Interior, Rural Areas, Integration and Equality, Schleswig-Holstein

11.30 – 12.30 Lunch break

12.30 – 14.30 Workshop 2 – "From sick to healthy buildings: Way forward with emissions into indoor air under the CPR"

Moderator: Outi Ilvonen, Federal Environmental Agency, Germany

<u>Impulse statement:</u> Dr. Joseph Allen, Associate Professor of Exposure Assessment Science, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

#### Discussion:

- Dr. Josefina Lindblom, European Commission
- François Maupetit, Centre Scientifique et Technique du Bâtiment (CSTB), France
- Guy Verrue, Chairman CEN/TC 134 Resilient, textile and laminate floor coverings
- Dr. Arja Valtanen, Building Information Foundation RTS, Finland
- Dr. Anna Braune, German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB)

14.30 – 14.45 Break



# 14.45 – 16.45 Workshop 3 – "Construction product information – the basis for circularity and sustainability of buildings"

<u>Moderator:</u> Dietmar Menzer, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community

#### **Impulse statements:**

- Prof. Dr. Thomas Lützkendorf, Karlsruhe Institute for Technology (KIT)
- Dr. Ingrid Vogler, Federal Association of German Housing and Real Estate Companies (GdW)

#### Discussion:

- Heikki Vaananen, European Commission
- Christian Donath, ECO-Platform AISBL
- Celine Carré, Saint-Gobain
- Martin Car, European Quality Association for Recycling (EQAR)
- Prof. Victor Ferreira, Sustainable Habitat Cluster, Portugal
- Dr. Ingrid Vogler, Federal Association of German Housing and Real Estate Companies (GdW)

#### 16.45 – 17.00 Summary

• Lothar Fehn Krestas, Director for Building; Construction Industry, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community



### Day 2 (Friday, 20 November 2020) - High-level conference

The second day of the conference consists of high-level speeches and panel discussions.

09.30 - 09.40 Welcoming address

 State Secretary Anne Katrin Bohle, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community

09.40 – 10.50 "Way forward Construction Products Regulation"

Keynote: Kerstin Jorna, European Commission, Director-General DG GROW

#### Panel discussion:

The EU Council Presidency (State Secretary Anne Katrin Bohle, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community) in discussion with

- Christian Doleschal, Member of the European Parliament,
- Gwenole Cozigou, European Commission, Director DG GROW and
- Cédric de Meeûs, President of Construction Products Europe (CPE)

10.50 - 11.00 Break

11.00 – 12.30 "The future of standardisation of construction products"

Moderator: Sibylle Gabler, DIN e.V. (German Institute for Standardization)

#### **Impulse statements:**

- Elena Santiago Cid, Director General CEN / CENELEC
- Dr. Tim Rühlig, The Swedish Institute of International Affairs

#### Panel discussion:

- Lothar Fehn Krestas, Director, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community
- Fulvia Raffaelli, European Commission
- Elena Santiago Cid, Director General CEN / CENELEC
- Dr. Tim Rühlig, The Swedish Institute of International Affairs
- Dr. Laurent Izoret, Deputy GM Products & Applications, Chairman of CEN/TC 51 - Cement and building limes
- Dr. Lars Meyer, European Construction Industry Federation (FIEC) / German Society for Concrete and Construction Technology (DBV)



12.30 – 13.30 Lunch break

13.30 - 14.50 "The European Green Deal and its impact on the construction and building sector"

Moderator: Annette von Hagel, re!source

#### Impulse statements:

- Dr. Florika Fink-Hooijer, European Commission, Director General DG FNV
- Anders Lendager, entrepreneur reuse material in constructions (tbc)

#### Panel discussion:

- State Secretary Anne Katrin Bohle, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community
- Ferdi Licher, Director, Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations of the Netherlands
- N.N., European Commission (tbc)
- Sorcha Edwards, Housing Europe
- Carl Bäckstrand, Architects' Council of Europe (ACE)
- Bernard Gilmont, European Aluminium

14.50 - 14.55 Outlook EU Council Presidency of Portugal

• Deputy Minister of Economy João Neves (tbc)

14.55 - 15.10 Summary and Conclusions

 State Secretary Anne Katrin Bohle, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community