



## **PROGRAMME**

### **Virtual Conference**

## **"Construction Products - Fit for the Future", 18 & 20 November 2020**

**Berlin, 19.11.2020**

### **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 - 17.00 CET**

09.15 – 9.30

Welcoming address

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

09.30 – 11.30

**Workshop 1 - “What makes a good standard – legal, practical and procedural aspects”**

Moderator: Dr. Bernhard Schneider, Policy Officer. Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community, Germany

Discussion:

- Tapani Mikkeli, Head of Sector, European Commission DG GROW
- Cinzia Missiroli, Director Standardization and Digital Solutions, CEN / CENELEC
- Oscar Nieto, Technical Director, Construction Products Europe (CPE)
- Rainer Mikulits, Managing Director, Austrian Institute of Construction Engineering
- Kathrin Dingemann, Attorney, Redeker Sellner Dahs
- Martin Rücker, Head of Unit, 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, Policy Officer, German Environment Agency, Germany

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

Discussion:

- Dr. Josefina Lindblom, Policy Officer, European Commission DG ENV
- François Maupetit, Head of Unit, Scientific and Technical Centre for Building (CSTB), France
- Guy Verrue, Chairman, CEN/TC 134 - Resilient, textile and laminate floor coverings
- Dr. Arja Valtanen, Product Manager, Building Information Foundation, Finland
- Dr. Anna Braune, Head of Research & Development, 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”**

Moderator: Dietmar Menzer, Head of Unit, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community, Germany

Impulse statements:

- Prof. Dr. Thomas Lützkendorf, Director of the Centre for Real Estate, Karlsruhe Institute for Technology (KIT), Germany
- Dr. Ingrid Vogler, Head of Department Energy and Technology, Federal Association of German Housing and Real Estate Companies (GdW)

Discussion:

- Heikki Vaananen, Policy Officer, European Commission DG GROW
- Christian Donath, Managing Director, ECO-Platform AISBL
- Celine Carré, Head of Public Affairs, Saint-Gobain
- Martin Car, Head of the Technical Committee, 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

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- Lothar Fehn Krestas, Director, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community, Germany

## 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 - 15.10 CET

09.30 – 09.40

Welcoming address

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

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, Germany)

in discussion with

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

10.50 – 11.00

Break

11.00 – 12.30

### "The future of standardisation of construction products"

Moderator: Sibylle Gabler, Director Government Relations, German Institute for Standardization (DIN)

Impulse statements:

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

Panel discussion:

- Lothar Fehn Krestas, Director, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community, Germany
- Fulvia Raffaelli, Head of Unit, European Commission DG GROW
- Elena Santiago Cid, Director General CEN / CENELEC

- Dr. Tim Rühlig, Research Fellow, The Swedish Institute of International Affairs
- Dr. Laurent Izoret, Chairman, CEN/TC 51 - Cement and building limes
- Dr. Lars Meyer, European Construction Industry Federation (FIEC)

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 foundation

Impulse statements:

- Dr. Florika Fink-Hooijer, Director-General, European Commission DG ENV
- Anders Lendager, Architect MAA, founder and CEO, Lendager Group

Panel discussion:

- State Secretary Anne Katrin Bohle, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community, Germany
- Ferdi Licher, Director of Building and Energy, Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations, The Netherlands
- Sorcha Edwards, Secretary General, Housing Europe
- Carl Bäckstrand, Member of the Executive Board, Architects' Council of Europe (ACE)
- Bernard Gilmont, Director Engineered Products, European Aluminium

14.50 - 15.10

Summary, Conclusions and Outlook

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