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CIRCULAR ECONOMY SHOULD APPLY TO ENTIRE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

- **“Construction is not limited to buildings”** says José-Michaël Chenu, FIEC Vice President responsible for the Technical Commission, as the federation publishes its position on the new Circular Economy Action Plan. *“The Circular Economy is a route to reducing resource use, reducing waste, increasing efficiency and ultimately making companies more profitable and sustainable. We need to tackle infrastructure as well as buildings. Moreover, we need the right conditions to ensure that Circular Economy goals are achieved. These conditions are explained in our position”* he adds.
- FIEC welcomes the European Green Deal and the new Circular Economy Action Plan, which was published in March this year. The federation supports the Sustainable Development Goals and believes that these pillars should form the basis of relevant policy for the construction industry in the future. FIEC also supported the previous Circular Economy Action Plan and calls for better implementation in general of relevant EU policy for the Circular Economy. Whilst some progress has been made, it is clear that it was necessary to maintain some elements of the previous Action Plan in the new one. This indicates that more needs to be done to achieve the ambitions for Circular Economy and setting new goals before previous ones have been achieved would be premature.
- Amongst the specific elements of the Action Plan addressed in the position paper are: the **coherence between various relevant legislation**, in particular the **Construction Products Regulation**; the availability of **suitable recycling facilities**; the need to stimulate the **market for secondary materials** and the inextricable link with the **digitalisation of construction**, which is an **enabler for the Circular Economy Action Plan**.
- FIEC’s position on the new Circular Economy Action Plan can be found by following this link : [FIEC Position Paper](#)

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