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OPEN LETTER ON REVISED CPR: THE TIME FOR ACTION IS NOW

Today, FIEC published an [Open Letter](#) addressed to key stakeholders in the European Parliament and the Council on the proposed revision of the Construction Products Regulation (CPR). This open letter follows the publication of the draft report in the European Parliament, on 15 November 2022, of rapporteur Christian Doleschal (EPP/Germany). The report was discussed for the first time on 29 November in the IMCO (*Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection*).

The proposal for a revised CPR was unveiled by the European Commission earlier this year and aims to address the main shortcomings of Regulation 305/2011 (underperformance of the standardisation process, general complexity of the legal framework, inability of the CPR to deliver on the green and digital transitions...).

While FIEC had welcomed the intention of the Commission to improve the overall functioning of the Single Market for construction products, **we also had immediately expressed serious concerns** as to whether the proposal sufficiently addresses the abovementioned problems. Therefore, we welcome the fact that the rapporteur’s draft report now contains various encouraging elements for significantly improving the proposal and **consider that now is the time for action in the European Parliament and the Council**. We believe **that the IMCO draft report can provide key impetus for the upcoming discussions in the Parliament and the Council** under the current Czech and the upcoming Swedish Council Presidency.

In the open letter, FIEC and its 32 member federations call on MEPs and national governments to, inter alia

- **Reduce the proposal’s complexity**, which would significantly increase the bureaucratic burden for economic actors throughout the construction value chain, and to delete the provisions that represent a real risk of regulatory overreach.
- **Clarify** that the revised CPR should continue to apply only to the sale and marketing of construction products that are placed on the market **and neither to works contracts nor to services** (e.g., delete the “direct installation” of products).
- **Clarify the CPR’s relationship to national building regulations** and to Member States’ competence to regulate (sustainable) public procurement; clarify that the “**harmonised zone**” should not apply to public tenders and provide for a mechanism that allows Member States to formulate requirements for construction works.
- **Streamline the standardisation procedure** by, for example, introducing clear response deadlines, measures to improve the information flow between the Commission and the *European Committee for Standardisation* (CEN), and binding criteria for the quality of standards; in addition, **avoid red tape for the use of products for re-use or remanufacturing** of products.
- **Create legal and planning security for the transition period**, by introducing a shorter period whereby Regulation 305/2011 is repealed and by introducing appropriate measures that would allow to manage the transition in a transparent and efficient way.

The Open Letter can be downloaded at this [link](#).

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