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Construction Industry Manifesto on Digitalisation

■ Smarter Construction, Stronger Economy, Inclusive Society

“The construction industry is vital for the EU economy and its products significantly impact the lifestyle and well-being of citizens. The health of the industry acts like a barometer for economic prosperity” says Kjetil Tonning, FIEC President. *“With its pivotal role, innovation in the construction industry is good news for all of us and digitalisation will improve not only the processes and efficiency along the entire value chain, but also our lives as residents, commuters and workers.”*

FIEC has joined forces with other major European construction industry associations to publish *The European Construction Industry Manifesto for Digitalisation*. The manifesto calls for strong political leadership from the EU, an appropriate regulatory framework on data policy and budgetary focus on digital skills, R&D and IT infrastructure.

“Given that digitalisation of the industry has been a key priority in FIEC’s work programme since 2016, this collaboration with other industry associations and emerging partners from outside the industry, is a logical step, aimed at ensuring that the transformation happens smoothly, without some companies being left behind ” continues Tonning. *“The joint manifesto shows our commitment to this partnership, which should represent the entire value chain.”*

■ Digitalisation essential to EU policy goals

Digitalisation will not only help the industry to increase productivity and enhance the quality of buildings, while improving safety and working conditions; it can also help the sector to respond to current EU challenges such as jobs, energy efficiency, circular economy and others. With this in mind, Tonning continues *“Digitalisation of the construction sector must be one of the main priorities of the EU political agenda. Other industries have already benefited from EU support and we call on the policy makers to get behind the construction industry and work with us on our road map, to support the change.”*

Smarter Construction, Stronger Economy, Inclusive Society: The European Construction Industry Manifesto for Digitalisation can be found here. (<http://www.fiec.eu/en/library-619/joint-manifesto-on-digitalisation-from-the-construction-industry.aspx>)

