

# CONCRETE DIALOGUE

## The Concrete Initiative

'Concrete Dialogue' - providing you with the latest sustainable construction news from across Europe!

### News from The Concrete Initiative!



#### The Concrete Initiative welcomes new European Parliament

On 26 November, The Concrete Initiative met with newly elected Members of the European Parliament in Strasbourg. This event, kindly hosted by UK MEP Julie Girling, offered the opportunity of raising awareness about this initiative and identifying areas of interest to MEPs.

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#### The Concrete Initiative debates recycling of concrete construction & demolition waste

On 27 October, The Concrete Initiative gathered together experts to discuss the issue of concrete construction and demolition waste (C&DW). The objective of this first thematic lunch was to identify ways of bridging the gap between technical feasibility and policy needs

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### EU highlights



#### €315 billion investment plan to re-boost the EU's economy

On 25 November, the new president of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker, provided details about his plan to mobilise more than €300 billion in an effort to kick-start the European economy.

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#### FSEU calls on EU to tackle fire safety

On 2 December 2014, Fire Safe Europe (FSEU) launched a White Paper highlighting the fact that, with more than 4,000 people killed by fire every year in Europe, an improved EU-wide building fire safety regulation is urgently needed to save lives.

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#### Transport Council acknowledges benefits of building infrastructure

On 3 December, ministers for Transport and Infrastructure came together in the framework of the Council meeting on Transport, Telecommunications and Energy. In its conclusions, the Transport Council invited the European Commission to "acknowledge the role of building and operating transport infrastructure and efficient networks as a key driver for growth and jobs".

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#### EEA report says EU's transport network needs to adapt

On 10 December 2014, the European Environment Agency (EEA) published a report entitled "Adaptation of transport to climate change in Europe" which highlights that the European Union Europe's transport network, which is vital to the smooth running of the economy, is vulnerable to climate change.

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#### Commission publishes study on voluntary EU certification scheme for non-residential buildings

On 3 December 2014, the European Commission DG Energy published a study drafted by Triple E consulting entitled "Market study for a voluntary common European Union certification scheme for the energy performance of non-residential buildings".

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### European Commission launches consultation on the implementation of the CPR

On 7 November 2014, the European Commission, DG Enterprise, launched a consultation on the implementation of the Construction Products Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 (CPR), with the aim of gathering views on the overall performance of the CPR and areas for improvement.

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### Private Finance for Energy Efficiency instrument to finance energy efficiency

On 9 December 2014, the European Commission (DG CLIMA) announced the Private Finance for Energy Efficiency (PF4EE) instrument. This instrument, partly funded by the European Commission, aims to increase private financing for investments in energy efficiency projects.

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## TCI Events

March 2015	Thematic lunch: Competitiveness
June 2015	Thematic lunch: Safety
November 2015	Thematic lunch: Renovation & Rebuild

## Other events

17-18 April 2015	<p><a href="#">International Passive House Conference</a></p> <p>The International Passive House Conference will constitute a forum for the exchange of information regarding global trends in the field of energy efficient building construction</p>
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## Featured case study



### Natol House, Austria. Storing energy with concrete

This detached house has a thermal envelope that encloses an area of 161 m<sup>2</sup>. It includes a ground-floor level (including living room, kitchen, toilet and service/storage room), a first-floor level (including parents' bedroom, two bedrooms for children, bathroom, hallway and toilet) and a partial basement on the south side of the building (including wardrobe, stair to ground floor and one basement room).

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