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	<p>Concrete Dialogue 2016 – Programme now available!</p> <p>Responsible solutions to Europe's housing and infrastructure challenges? This will be the focus of the 2016 Concrete Dialogue 2016 debate. Confirmed panelists include Flemish government, Habitat for Humanity, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, ING Belgium.</p> <p>Click here for latest programme and registration</p>
	<p>Position Paper: Energy efficient & low CO₂ buildings with concrete</p> <p>The review of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) provides us with an opportunity to raise the bar in terms of reducing the impact of buildings across Europe by making them more energy efficient. Whilst stakeholders agree that the existing Directive, dating back to 2010, has increased awareness about the importance of this issue, experience in using the Directive has provided us with some food for thought as to how it could be further improved. With this in mind, the concrete sector has outlined the areas which it would like to see tackled and prioritised. Read more</p>
	<p>From the blog: How can we make our buildings more energy efficient?</p> <p>Over recent months, much attention has been given to the Energy Efficiency in Buildings Directive (EPBD). Dating back to 2010, this legislation aims mainly to reduce the energy consumption of buildings. The European Commission is due to come with a proposal for the revised Directive this autumn. As a result, many organizations are already outlining their views on which direction this review should take. Read more</p>

EU highlights

	<p>Energy producing, storing and supplying buildings</p> <p>According to a paper published by the Buildings Performance Institute Europe (BPIE) on 29 June 2016, buildings can play a very important role in a decarbonised energy system. This is because buildings are increasingly capable of producing, storing and supplying energy, which allows for a more flexible, and less fossil-fuel based system. In order to achieve this potential, the authors have identified ten key principles. Read more</p>
	<p>Parliament calls for more ambition on energy performance of buildings</p> <p>On 23 June, the European Parliament adopted a resolution in relation to the Energy Efficiency Directive, in which it calls on the EU Member States to be more active and ambitious in the implementation of the Energy Efficiency in Buildings Directive. With regards to the Energy Efficiency Directive, the European Parliament has highlighted a series of recommendations, including encouraging Member States to make the most of the funding available. Read more</p>
	<p>Council calls for streamlining urban policies</p> <p>Further to the launch of the EU Urban Agenda back in May 2016, the Council has adopted a series of conclusions in which it calls on the European Commission to play an active role in implementing this initiative as well as streamlining policies which have a direct impact on urban areas. Furthermore, the Council has also recommended that the Commission work together with urban authorities. Read more</p>

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Slovak Presidency to tackle jobs, skills, investment and energy efficiency

With Slovakia set to take the helm of Council of the European Union in just over a week, the next set of Presidency priorities has now been made public. On the agenda for the next six months are issues such as investment, jobs, energy efficiency and the circular economy. So what ambitions does Slovakia have during its term in charge of the Presidency? [Read more](#)

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Responsible solutions to Europe's housing and infrastructure challenges?

Featured case study



Storing energy with concrete - Natol House, Austria.

This detached house has a thermal envelope that encloses an area of 161 m². 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). [Read more](#)

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