FIEC EUROPEAN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY FEDERATION

Topic: Revision of the Machinery Directive (2006/42/EC)

Brief description and main aims:

The European Commission is planning to revise the Machinery Directive (2006/42/EC).
This Directive concerns machinery and certain parts of machinery. Its main intent is to ensure a common safety level in machinery placed on the market or put in service in all EU Member States and to ensure freedom of movement within the EU.

The planned revision of the Directive intends to: align the Directive with EU harmonised legislation on product health and safety; and tackle the challenges that may arise from technical progress in digitalisation.

Why FIEC is dealing with this topic:

The well-functioning of the Internal Market for the free movement of products, as well as health and safety aspects on construction work sites are two major issues dealt with by FIEC.
The forthcoming modifications of the legislation might have important impact in terms of responsibility of contractors (versus manufacturers) in case of necessary adaptation of the machines or accidents, for instance.
In general, better cooperation from the manufacturers would be needed regarding the user's manuals, advanced information on the machines, ownership on/ treatment of the generated data, etc.

In parallel, FIEC is already participating in the Machinery Expert Group of the European Commission and provides input and feedback.

Actions and key dates:

30/08/2019 – FIEC contribution to the European Commission public consultation on the revision of the Directive 2006/42/EC on machinery

02-03/12/2019 – FIEC participation in European Commission Machinery Expert Group

29/01/2020 – 1st meeting of the FIEC Working Group "Machinery" (jointly with TEC-1 "Directive, standards and quality assurance" and SOC-2 "Health & Safety")

19-20/02/2020 – FIEC participation in European Commission Machinery Expert Group

March 2020 – FIEC contribution in drafting of Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

02/04/2020 – 2nd meeting of the FIEC Working Group "Machinery"