

Topic: “New” Circular Economy Action Plan

Brief description and main aims:

The new Circular Economy Action Plan was published on 11 March 2020. It builds on the previous Action Plan published in 2016. The measures for construction are outlined:

- Strategy for a Sustainable Built Environment by 2021
- Recycled content requirements in revised Construction Products Regulation
- Promoting Circular Economy Principles for Buildings Design and Digital Logbook
- Level(s) voluntary assessment framework for environmental performance of buildings to “integrate life cycle assessment in public procurement”
- Revision of material recovery targets
- Rehabilitation of brownfield sites and dealing with excavated soils
- No specific information on the Renovation Wave

Why FIEC is dealing with this topic:

FIEC is committed to the Circular Economy, the achievement of which can be accelerated by the efforts of our industry. Although the above measures are outlined in the new plan, we need to follow the progress of this document through the EU institutions and in particular to comment on any specific targets that are proposed for construction. In spite of support, including a number of voluntary initiatives developed by the European Commission with industry stakeholders, many obstacles remain, such as the lack of adequate recycling facilities located near construction sites.

Actions and key dates:

- 11/12/2019** – European Green Deal published
- 11/03/2020** – Circular Economy Action Plan published
- 12/03/2020** – FIEC summary of main issues made available for members

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/circular-economy/>

