

## Topic: DECARBONISATION

### Brief description and main aims:

Decarbonisation of the construction industry is a feature of the new programme for the European Commission, for the political term which started in December 2019. In the priorities listed by the European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, not all of them materialised as subsequent policy proposals having an impact on construction. Nevertheless, decarbonisation of buildings was considered important in the last EU term and it has now taken centre stage because there is a real risk that the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement targets will not be met. This agreement set out the 20/20/20 goals, namely the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions by 20%, the increase of renewable energy's market share to 20% and a 20% increase in energy efficiency – all by 2030. The purpose of these goals is to limit global temperature rise to well below 2 degrees celsius.

### Why FIEC is dealing with this topic:

The scope of the ETS will be reviewed and certain phases of the life cycle may be targeted. Historically, decarbonisation of buildings has been tackled by energy efficiency measures, which, by reducing the consumption of energy also reduce emissions. The Renovation Wave, more details of which are expected imminently, will cover this aspect. In the meantime, FIEC considers that the recently published Climate Law is more aimed at Member States and does not require a specific position from us.

### Actions and key dates:

**July 2019** – “A Union that strives for more: Political Guidelines for the Next European Commission 2019-2024”

**29/11/2019** – FIEC conference on the proposed European Green Deal

**04/03/2020** – Proposal for a European Climate Law COM(2020) 80 final

# The decarbonisation of European construction

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