

Topic: Fit for 55 Package

Brief description and main aims:

In July 2021, the European Commission published the [Fit for 55 package](#). The package is a response to calls for greater action, to ensure the achievement of the updated climate target of 55% reduction in emissions by 2030. This new climate target updated the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement targets, which 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. Amongst other things, the package contains legislative proposals which mainly update – and in some cases extend - existing measures, such as the Emissions Trading System. However, none of the proposals appear to directly target the construction process.

Why FIEC is dealing with this topic:

The Fit for 55 package could create opportunities for construction companies. It may also have an impact, through the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism, which will reinforce the internal market for construction materials. Nevertheless, prices of materials are expected to increase and this will inevitably raise prices of construction and renovation for clients. Therefore, we consider it important to monitor outcomes and lobby as and when appropriate, to alert the European Commission to potential unintended consequences of the package.

Actions and key dates:

14/07/2021 – [Fit for 55 package](#) published.

October 2021 – [FIEC article](#) in Construction Europe