

Topic: Research and Innovation – European Construction Technology Platform (ECTP) and European Council for Construction Research Innovation and Development (ECCREDI)

Brief description and main aims:

The European Construction, built environment and energy efficient building Technology Platform (ECTP) is a leading membership organisation promoting and influencing the future of the built environment. Founded in 2004, ECTP brings together the collective vision for a leading edge European built environment on behalf of its members. ECTP has around 150 member organisations from across the construction sector and other sectors from the whole supply chain of the built environment. Its diverse membership across 26 countries, large enterprises, SMEs, universities, research organisations and professional associations allows it to take an integrated approach to tackling all relevant issues. It connects people and organisations from across the supply chain, helping them to work collectively to improve the position on many societal and industrial issues including energy, climate change, efficiency and infrastructure. The European Council for Construction Research, Development and Innovation (ECCREDI) was created in Brussels in 1995 with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding by representatives of European federations concerned with construction, in its widest sense. The aim of ECCREDI is to contribute to the competitiveness, quality, safety and environmental performance of the construction sector and to the overall sustainability of the built environment – all urban and transport infrastructures – by advocating for effective construction research, technological and process development and innovation. ECCREDI adds value as a European council that connects its members and establishes areas of common interest, for which joint action is more successful than isolated approaches from individual members.

Why FIEC is dealing with this topic:

FIEC is a member of ECTP and also has a representative on the Steering Committee. Its membership enables the federation to ensure that specific research programmes are appropriate for the construction industry. The ECTP membership is also a way of finding potential partners for projects, or for being invited to participate by other organisations in appropriate research and other EU projects. ECTP is one of the co-signatories in the Built4People (B4P) partnership, launched under the new Horizon Europe programme in 2021. FIEC is also member of ECCREDI. The current priority is to ensure that Horizon Europe (the research framework programme) contains adequate opportunities for contractors and that the construction-focused part of the programme is well co-ordinated by the Built4People partnership.

Actions and key dates:

- 02/12/2021** – ECTP Conference 2021
- 01/06/2022** – Built4People Stakeholder Forum
- 08/06/2022** – ECCREDI Open Forum & Council Meeting
- 09/06/2022** – ECTP General Assembly
- 07/07/2022** – LIFE Clean Energy Transition Call 2022
- 21/07/2022** – Position papers on research and innovation paths to be supported under the 2nd half of Horizon Europe
- 23/09/2022** – Launch of Digitalisation of Construction SME website
- 28/09/2022** – European Research and Innovation Days
- 12/10/2022** – ECCREDI Council Meeting

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