

Revised Construction Products Regulation (CPR) and Circularity

Brief description and main aims:

The proposal for a *revised Construction Products Regulation (CPR)* was part of the European Commission's *Sustainable Products Initiative (SPI)*, a broader legislative package on sustainable products presented by the European Commission in March 2022.

The proposal aimed to address the numerous shortcomings of the existing legislative framework (problems related to the development and use of harmonised standards, problems related to the regulatory framework for construction products, problems related to the quality of market surveillance, problems related to the absence of climate, environmental and sustainability performance requirements for construction products).

Why FIEC is dealing with this topic:

The CPR is the main legislative instrument for construction products in the EU and sets the rules for the marketing of construction products in the EU Single Market. According to FIEC's analysis, the initial legislative proposal would have had far-reaching and mostly negative consequences for contractors and SMEs in the construction sector. The proposal extended the scope of the Regulation to a larger number of economic operators than before. In particular, the proposal included obligations for contractors who manufacture products on site for immediate incorporation or direct installation in construction works. It also imposed significant burdens on contractors in relation to the reuse and refurbishment of products. SMEs and micro-enterprises would have been particularly affected by new administrative obligations relating to the *Declaration of Performance (DoP)* and the *Declaration of Conformity (DoC)*. FIEC had identified other major problems, such as the lack of short-term or interim solutions to address the long-standing backlog of harmonised standards.

The new CPR aims at boosting productivity in the built environment and is a success for contractors and the European construction industry. FIEC welcomes the fact that the overall complexity of the text has been significantly reduced, and in particular its focus on the free circulation of construction products in the internal market by excluding from its scope the direct installation, dismantling and fabrication of products "on site". This represents massive cost and time savings for (smaller) contractors (several Full-Time Equivalent per year). The standard-setting process has also been simplified. A new *Digital Product Passport (DPP)* has been introduced to push digitalisation in the sector. Product information must be made available in a digital form and include details about the product's impact on the environment. The text mainly addresses manufacturers of construction products, and FIEC will inform its members once the implementation progresses and results on construction sites become visible.

The CPR Acquis Process to update product standards will continue for the next decade, and FIEC is closely involved in the work of the *CPR Acquis Expert Group* and its sub-groups.

Actions and key dates:

- 30/03/2022** → European Commission publishes proposal for revision of CPR 305/2011
- 30/11/2022** → [FIEC Open letter](#) on CPR revision: "*The time for action is now*"
- 09/12/2022** → Joint industry amendments, together with *Construction Products Europe*, the *European Builders Confederation (EBC)* and *Small Business Standards (SBS)*
- 14/07/2023** → FIEC Letter: "*Contractors in the new Construction Products Regulation*"
- 30/01/2024** → [FIEC Press Release](#) welcoming the provisional agreement reached by co-legislators (European Parliament, Member States) and the European Commission
- 10/04/2024** → European Parliament adopts new CPR
- 05/11/2024** → Council of the EU adopts new CPR
- 07/01/2025** → [Regulation \(EU\) 2024/3110](#) enters into force (application as of 8 January 2026)
- 15/04/2025** → FIEC Letter regarding the identification of standardisation needs in support of construction sector competitiveness