

Topic: Revised Construction Products Regulation (CPR)

Brief description and main aims:

The proposal for a revised Construction Products Regulation (CPR) is part of the European Commission's "*Sustainable Products Initiative*" (SPI), a broader legislative package on sustainable products that the Commission presented on 30 March 2022.

The proposal aims to address the numerous shortcomings of the existing legislative framework (problems related to the development and citation of harmonised standards, problems related to the legal framework surrounding construction products, problems related to the quality of market surveillance, issues related to the absence of climate, environmental and sustainability performance requirements of construction products).

Why FIEC is dealing with this topic:

The CPR is the key legislative instrument for construction products in the EU and sets rules for the marketing of construction products in the internal market. According to FIEC's analysis, the new Commission proposal would have far-reaching, and mostly negative, consequences on contractors and construction SMEs.

The proposal extends the scope of application of the Regulation to a larger number of economic operators than before. Most notably, the proposal includes contractors into its scope when manufacturing products on-site for immediate incorporation or the direct installation of products into construction works. It also adds significant burdens on contractors regarding the reuse and remanufacturing of products. SMEs and micro-enterprises would be particularly affected by new administrative obligations related to the declaration of performance and the declaration of conformity.

The proposal also foresees that the current regulation would remain in force until 2045. The transition to the new framework would thus take more than two decades during which both the current and the future regulation would have to be applied. FIEC has identified other major problems, such as the absence of short-term or interim solutions that would allow to resolve the long-standing backlog in the citation of harmonised standards.

The decisive negotiations on the revised CPR started in July 2023, and were still ongoing at the time this report was drafted. A final agreement is expected to be reached by the end of 2023.

Actions and key dates:

23/11/2022 → High-level discussion on the CPR revision at the EOTA Stakeholder Conference.

30/11/2022 → [Open letter](#) on CPR: "*The time for action is now*".

09/12/2022 → Joint industry amendments, together with *Construction Products Europe* (CPE), *European Builders Confederation* (EBC) and *Small Business Standards* (SBS).

18/01/2023 → Meeting with the Swedish EU Council Presidency.

01/03/2023 → Meeting with the Spanish Ministry for Industry, Trade and Tourism.

30/06/2023 → EU Council adopts position on CPR proposal.

11/07/2023 → European Parliament adopts position on CPR proposal.

14/07/2023 → FIEC letter on "*Contractors in the new Construction Products Regulation*"

17/07/2023 → Start of trilogue negotiations between the European Parliament, the Member States and the European Commission.

24/10/2023 → Second political trilogue meeting.