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Editorial

The summer break is nearly over. I hope that you all enjoyed some rewarding holidays.

During the next 4 months until Christmas, we will face real challenging opportunities to defend and promote our industry.

The European Parliament is expected to finalize the revision of the EU ETS before Christmas. This subject will require efforts and time from the Energy Working Group.

The European Parliament is also expected to finalize the revision of the Waste Framework Directive with a view to recycle more and better, which Eurogypsum fully supports.

On 21st September 2016, Eurogypsum will also meet Mr. Daniel Calleja Crespo, Director General of DG Environment. We will seize this opportunities to build on the credentials of Gypsum eternal recyclability and to reiterate our sustainability in terms of quarrying in accordance to nature enhancing thereby a sustainable access to resources.

We will finally focus our attention on the launch of the European Sustainable Network for Sustainable Quarrying and Mining raising awareness on the capacities of the non-energy extractive industries to extract safely, respecting the environment and with due respect for the resources.

Bernard Lekien
President



EU and Eurogypsum General Policies

EU Transparency Register becomes mandatory

The European Commission decided that as of 1st January 2017 registration in the European and Parliament Transparency Register will become mandatory. It means that under the new rules, stakeholders without a transparency register number will no longer be invited to attend Commission expert and Working Group meetings and will be removed from the Expert Register.

Eurogypsum is registered since 2011 under the number 26369367005-58

Raw Material, Environment and Sustainability

European Commission publishes Raw Material Scoreboard

The European Commission has published the first Raw Material Scoreboard prepared by the Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) in cooperation with the stakeholders operating in the raw materials sector.

It gives an overview of the current challenges and opportunities in the raw materials sector

in the EU (primary and secondary raw materials). It provides also an analysis of current progress towards achieving a Circular Economy in the EU and could feed into the Commission's work for the implementation of its Action Plan on the Circular Economy.

According to the Scoreboard, the circular use of raw materials in the economy is relatively low, mostly due to the technical limitations of recycling processes and because demand for raw materials to build infrastructure is higher

than what can be currently met through recycling. Yet, the report finds that the EU still leads in this aspect globally.



Annual Conference of B&B Platform



The third Annual Conference of the EU B@B Platform will take place on **23 November 2016** back to back with the Dutch international conference "Natural Capital | Let's talk business!". The 2016 Annual Conference will be hosted in the premises of the Confederation of Netherlands Industry and Employers (VNO-NCW) in The Hague.

The European Business and Biodiversity (B@B) Platform provides an EU level forum for sustained and strategic dialogue about the links between business and biodiversity. Through three separate thematic work streams, the Platform delivers tangible results by working with business to develop tools and approaches that integrate biodiversity considerations into business practice. The B@B Platform also helps to coordinate and to raise awareness of innovative national and international initiatives, and showcase business best practices at EU level.

Launch of the Natural Capital Protocol



**NATURAL
CAPITAL
COALITION**

The Natural Capital Protocol has been developed in order to aid the shift towards a world where business conserves and enhances natural capital. Developed in a unique collaborative effort between 38 organizations, led by two consortia headed up by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and with input from hundreds more during piloting and consultation - the Protocol provides a standardized framework for businesses to identify, measure and value their direct and indirect impacts and dependencies on natural capital.

The Protocol has been through a rigorous piloting and consultation process, with over 50 piloting companies and 3,200 comments submitted during consultation from over 450 organizations, in 22 countries, and spanning six continents.

For more details, please click on the following link <http://naturalcapitalcoalition.org/protocol/>

European Commission Pre-Demolition Guidelines

On Behalf of the European Commission, Tecnaia is carrying out a pre-demolition guidelines.

The pre-demolition and/or renovation CDW assessment audits would identify and list the needs for pre-demolition and/or renovation assessment tools with regard to generated CDW streams, which should also report about the perception from relevant stakeholders concerning these needs.

They also shared how they work in draft guidelines about the same topic and ways to use them correctly in the future, always under the European Union's leadership.

The guidelines for pre-demolition and renovation audits, based on the analysis performed in the framework of the previous tasks, would include: principles and rules for how and when to carry out pre-demolition and renovation audits for buildings and infrastructures, conditions for data sourcing and collection, format of audit reporting and further exploitation of audit outcome by project sponsors, contractors and authorities.

On 27th September 2016, the Commission organizes a stakeholder meeting on the above-mentioned subject; Eurogypsum will participate. Thanks to the GtoG project, the association can give a constructive input on audit prior to the demolition of buildings.

Scientific and Technical Issues

Launch of the New Version of the Reference Framework for Sustainable Cities (RFSC)

The new version of the Reference Framework for Sustainable Cities (RFSC) was launched during the last Congress of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions in Nicosia. RFSC was created following the Declaration of Marseilles from European Ministers responsible for Sustainable Cities in 2008 to help to develop and implement plans and strategies for attractive and sustainable cities. This new more user-friendly version, allows for registration in one click, to browse through the RFSC objectives and indicators and to share and exchange on "green, inclusive and attractive cities" across Europe with hundreds of mayors, councillors and presidents of regions from all across the continent

Website: <http://rfsc.eu/>

CPE Position Papers

Construction Products Europe published recently the following positions papers:

1. EPBD position paper
2. Position paper on eco-design

You can find both by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.construction-products.eu/our-publications/positions-papers.aspx>

RenoValue: training Material to drive "Green" Property Valuation

A multi stakeholder group of built environment experts launched "Valuing Sustainability", a suite of training materials in eight languages for valuation professionals with regard to considering sustainable building features in their daily practice

For more details, please click on the following link: <http://renovalue.eu/activities-2/training-material/>

EU Steps to modernise Standardisation Policy

As announced in the Single Market Strategy, the EC intends to modernise the ESS. The package adopted on 1st June, includes: a Joint Initiative on Standardisation (JIS), to be signed by Construction Products Europe; European services standards guidance; Interinstitutional dialogue and the Annual Union Work Programme for 2017

Read More: http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release MEMO-16-1963_en.htm

Commission issues recommendation on NZEBs

On July 29th 2016, the European Commission released its guidelines for the promotion of NZEBs and best practices that, by 2020, all new buildings are NZEBs.

Nearly Zero Energy -or very low amount of energy requirements- Buildings (NZEBs) represent one of the key measures set by the

European Energy Performance of Buildings (EPBD). The concept of nZEBs will apply from January 2021 onwards (from January 2019 for public buildings).

Member States shall implement these requirements according to benchmarking system (principle of cost-optimality), revision national minimum as well energy performance requirement. Renewable energy sources (in the frame of the RES Directive 2009/28/EC) in the share of primary energy used or as a contribution in kWh/(m².y) can also contribute to lessen energy performance of buildings.

For the recommendation, please click on <http://www.buildup.eu/en/news/european-commission-publishes-recommendations-nzebs>

Marketing and Communication

Life Platform Meeting in Milan



On 27 and 28 June 2016, the Life Programme organized a workshop on a Circular economy: reducing waste generation from industrial sources and /or reducing hazardousness of industrial waste. The workshop was held at Saint Gobain Isover in Milan.

The goal was to exchange best practices among the Life circular economy projects.

At that occasion, Eurogypsum presented the results of the GtoG project.

A policy brainstorming took place for proposing policy goals for better and more recycling.

A visit of the Isover plant at Vidal was also organized. Saint-Gobain is running a project at its plant of Vidalengo to develop a system of management and recovery of scraps from glass wool and bitumen-polymer membranes.
<http://www.lifeiseco.it/eng/>



Isover recycling equipment

Chinese Delegation at Eurogypsum



On 7 July 2016, a Chinese delegation visited Eurogypsum. The participants are members of the China Green Building Materials Industry Development Alliance.

Eurogypsum presented the association, its vision and mission in Europe. A discussion took place on the GtoG project and the recycling of gypsum-based waste. The

Chinese delegation was very much interested in this projects.



European Mineral Day promotional Video

The above-mentioned video is available by clicking on the following link :
<https://youtu.be/sslMndepGw>

Eurogypsum Forthcoming Events

Fire WG

8 September 2016 from 10h30 to 14h30
Eurogypsum offices

Energy WG

15 September 2016 from 10h30 to 15h30
Eurogypsum offices

Coordination Committee

20 September 2016 from 16h00 to 18h30
Eurogypsum Offices

Dinner with the Secretary General Network

20 September 2016 at 19h00
Stanhope Hotel

Secretary General Network Meeting

21 September 2016 from 09h00 to 13h30
Stanhope Hotel

Coordination Committee Meeting

29 November 2016 from 11h00 to 13h00
Stanhope Hotel

Board Meeting and EGM

29 November 2016 from 14h00 to 17h00
Stanhope Hotel, Brussels