



Action Plan Construction 2020

EUROCODES - DESIGN OF STEEL STRUCTURES

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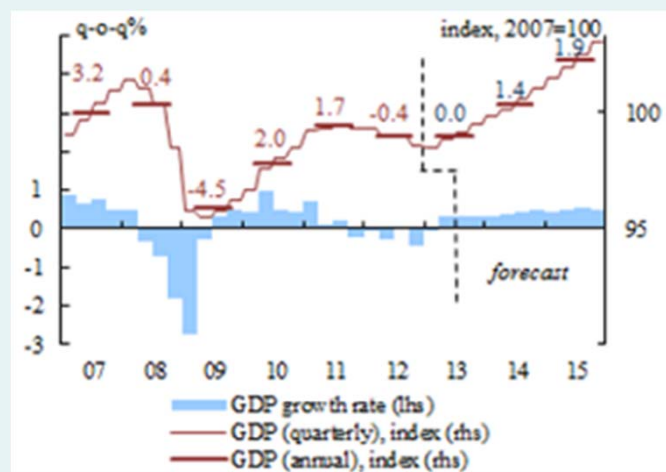
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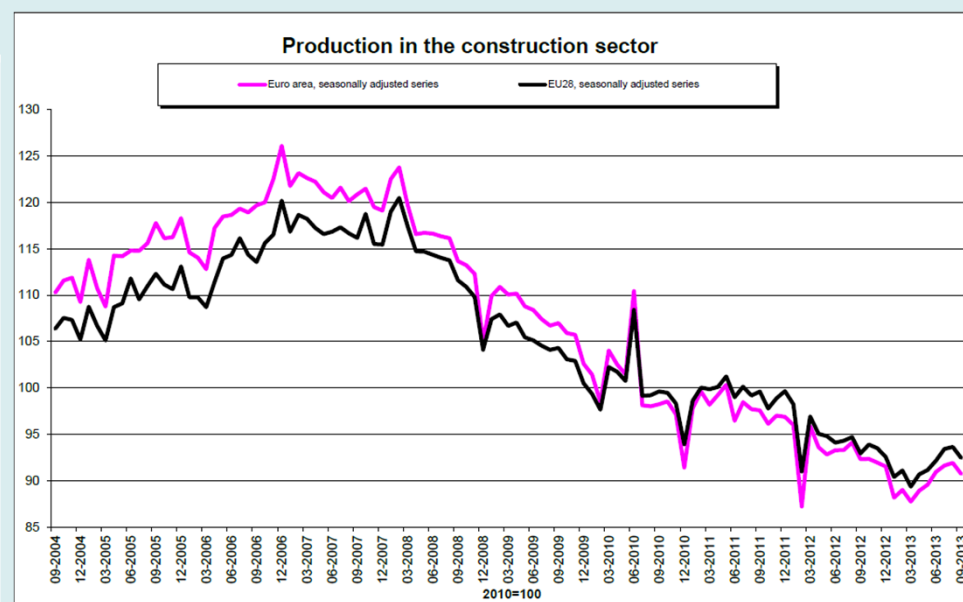
Unit B.1 (Sustainable industrial policy and Construction)

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN EUROPE

Real GDP growth and construction output



Source: European Economic Forecast, Autumn 2013



Source: Eurostat, 171/2013 – 19 November 2013



CONSTRUCTION COMPETITIVENESS

PAST: LEAD MARKET INITIATIVE (2007-2011)

- Impact of EU policies on construction competitiveness
- Analysis of national building regulations and EU construction related standards versus sustainability criteria
- Administrative costs of EU legislation for construction
- Dedicated networks for innovation in public procurement
- Analysis of future skills needs in construction

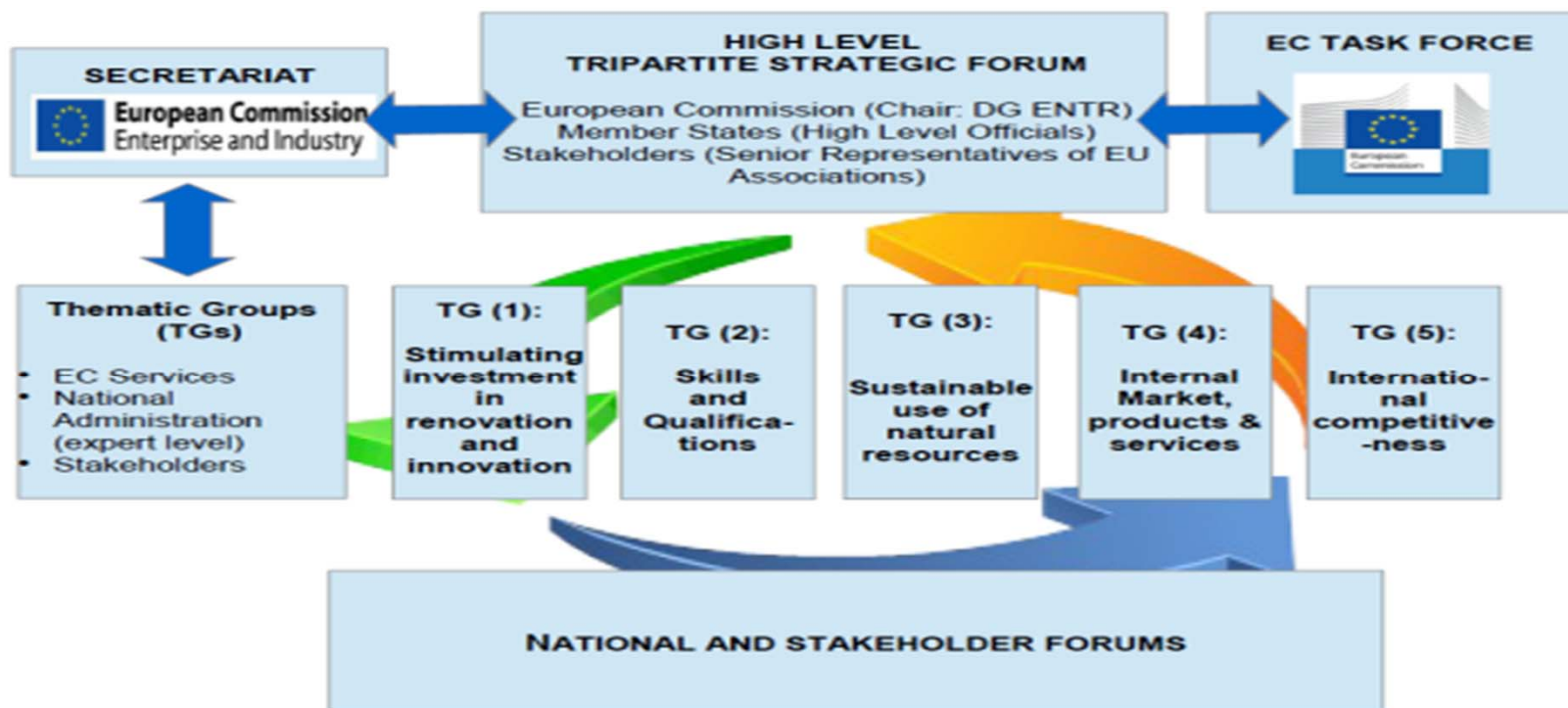
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EUROPEAN STRATEGY FOR THE SUSTAINABLE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

- **Stimulating favourable investment conditions**
- **Improving the human-capital basis of the construction sector**
- **Improving resource efficiency, environmental performance and business Opportunities**
- **Strengthening the Internal Market for Construction** *(report on the implementation of Eurocodes in MS and actions to strengthen the use of Eurocodes in Public Procurement and other instruments)*
- **Fostering the global competitive position of EU construction enterprises** *(cooperation with third countries and encouraging these partners to use the Eurocodes as a tool for implementing their construction regulations)*

Governance of CONSTRUCTION 2020





Recommendations from the High Level Forum

THEMATIC GROUP 1 – "Stimulating investment in building renovation, infrastructure and innovation"

- Better alignment of EU instruments for sustainable building renovation and infrastructure maintenance
- Take-up of R&D results and deployment of innovative practices and governance for the construction sector

THEMATIC GROUP 2 – "Skills & Qualifications"

- Better implementation of existing EU and MS instruments to ensure an appropriate capacity of qualified human resources
- Accelerated implementation of skills and qualifications programmes/ initiatives/ regulations
- A common approach to learning outcomes



Recommendations from the High Level Forum

THEMATIC GROUP 3 – "Sustainable use of natural resources"

- EU framework for the assessment of the environmental performance of buildings
- Management and valorisation of C&D waste

THEMATIC GROUP 4 – "Internal Market"

- Cumulative burden of EU legislation on the construction industry
- Construction issues identified in the scope of Services Directive
- Boost the implementation of Eurocodes
- Strengthen Market Surveillance in relation to construction products
- Assessments of sustainability provisions in Member States



Recommendations from the High Level Forum

THEMATIC GROUP 5 – "International Competitiveness"

- Establishing priority countries for the international promotion of construction and maximising the benefits of trade negotiations
- New support measures and schemes, including for funding and guarantees for international projects



Priorities for 2014

- Follow-up the suggested recommendations by the HLF in 2013
- Initiate Action Plan measures that have not yet been covered by the HLF in 2013
- Establish links with other EU-institutions, and platforms, think-tanks, fora at MS level that share the thematic spirit of the "Construction 2020 Action Plan"
- Prepare the criteria/indicators for assessment and impact of the Construction 2020 Action Plan



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