EUROCODES - DESIGN OF STEEL STRUCTURES
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CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN EUROPE

Real GDP growth and construction output

Source: European Economic Forecast, Autumn 2013

Production in the construction sector

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

ACTION PLAN "CONSTRUCTION 2020"
Document COM(2012)433 final
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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