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Caros Associados,

Vimos por este meio enviar a *Newsletter* de maio de 2014 do BIMB – European Federation for Precast Concrete, entidade da qual a ANIPB é associada.

Com os nossos cumprimentos,

(Íris Vilela)

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CONCRETE PERSPECTIVES

May 2014

Internal news

BIBM Congress 2014

BIBM held its 21th Congress on 21-23 May 2014 in Istanbul, Turkey. The Congress had more than 500 participants and provided the latest news, trends and developments in the precast concrete industry. At that occasion, Mr. Jaime Delclaux (working in Northern PH and representing ANDECE, the Spanish precast concrete association) is elected president for the period 2014-2017.

Please find [here](#) the Press Release about the congress and the election of the new BIBM President.

Construction sector

The Concrete Initiative launched

An initiative of CEMBUREAU, BIBM and ERMOC, The Concrete Initiative was launched on 27th May.

Please find [here](#) the Press Release.

Further information is available on The Concrete Initiative [website](#).

Implementation of the Services Directive in the construction sector

In order to get a better understanding of the implementation of the Services Directive, the Single Market Observatory (SMO) in cooperation with the Labour Market Observatory (LMO) prepared a pilot study in several Member States. The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) delivered a series of interviews with national interlocutors and with Brussels-based European social partners, institutions and think tanks which resulted in a set of recommendations.

["The Workings of the Services Directive in the Construction Sector"](#) - report

EU manages stress campaign

As it was reported in our previous edition, The European Agency for Safety and Health at Work launched a Healthy Workplaces campaigns in April. The latest news is available on the following website: <https://www.healthy-workplaces.eu/en/news#1>.

Live from the European Union

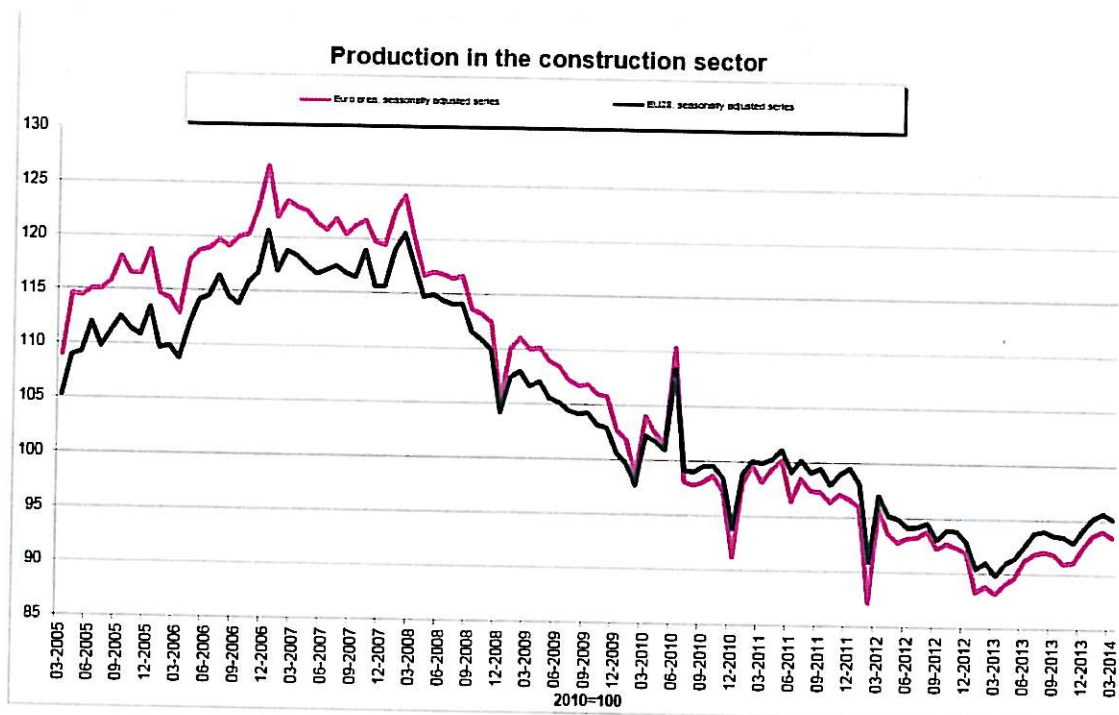
European Parliament election

On 22-25 May, the elections of the European Parliament took place. There were no major changes when it comes to the biggest groups. The centre-right European People's Party won the most seats, while the Social Democrats are the second biggest group. The third biggest party is the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE).

The recent elections witnessed the increased scattering of the citizens' preferences, votes being granted to small parties, being them Eurosceptic, anti-immigrant, populist, reactionary and even neo-Nazi parties in several EU member states.

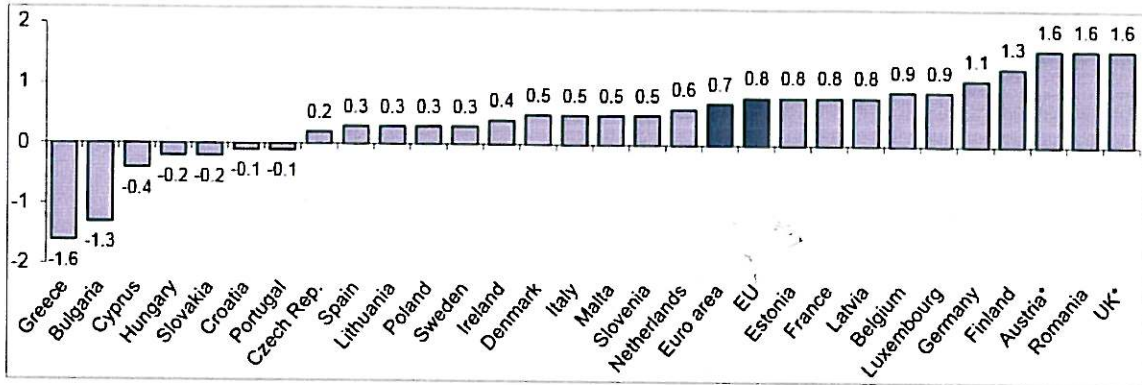
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News in brief

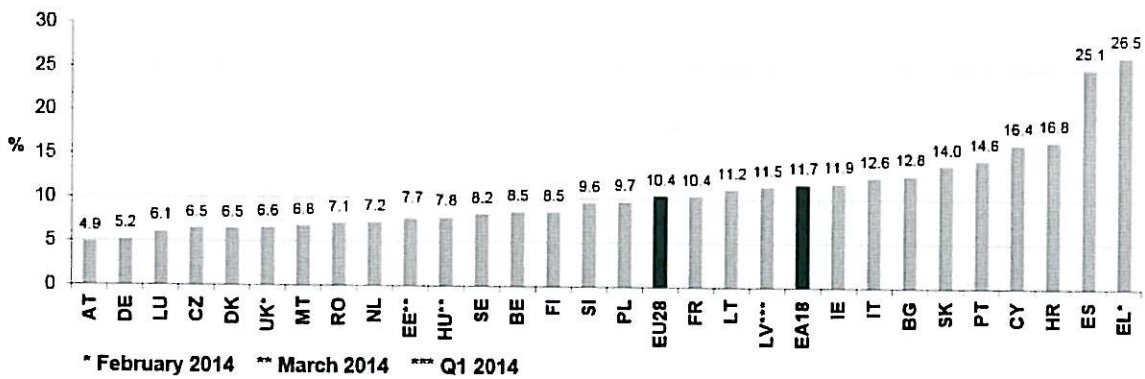


Graph 1 Long term - Reference 100 in 2010 [seasonally adjusted construction production in the previous 10 years](#)
(Pink - Euro area, black-EU28, seasonally adjusted series)

In March 2014 (compared with February 2014), seasonally adjusted production in the construction sector grew by 0.6% in the euro area (EA18) and by 0.5% in EU28.



Graph 2: Annual inflation - April 2014 in ascending order
 *Data for Austria are provisional, date for UK are for March 2014.



Graph 3: Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates- April 2014

National Award Winners

Best practice award - DECOMO UK

The British Precast Concrete Federation's (BPCF) project award went to DECOMO UK for the project "The Forum, Elmer Square".

It is situated in Southend-on-Sea and it was completed in August 2013. The £27 million project was funded by a unique three way client share arrangement with Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, the University of Essex and South Essex College.

The forum represents the centre of Southend's educational quarter. The building provides a modern academic and municipal library, learning facilities, a café, an arts venue and a new home for the Focal Point Gallery.

In addition to shared use of the library, the College and University have also acquired modern research and education facilities including a lecture theatre, teaching areas, seminar rooms and administration offices.

Material: Light coloured precast architectural concrete with an acid etched finish.

The building is currently under BREEAM assessment, awaiting final BRE approval; it will receive a BREEAM "Excellent" rating.





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AGENDA

JUNE

- 2 June 2014
ECP Board and General Assembly
Brussels, Belgium
- 10 June 2014
Environmental Commission
Brussels, Belgium
- 11 June 2014
CPE -General Assembly
Brussels, Belgium
- 12 June 2014
CPE - CPR WG
Brussels, Belgium
- 16 June 2014
CEN TC 104 TG20
Brussels, Belgium
- 17 June 2014
Masonry Alliance meeting
Brussels, Belgium
- 18 June 2014
CEN Construction Sector Network
Brussels, Belgium
- 18 June 2014
NEPSI Council

Brussels, Belgium

SEPTEMBER

- 17 September 2014
BIBM Board
Brussels, Belgium
- 30 September 2014
BIBM Communication Commission
Brussels, Belgium

OCTOBER

- 7 October 2014
ECP Task Force Fire and Eurocodes
Brussels, Belgium
- 9 October 2014
SG13 Notified Bodies
Tbd
- 10 October 2014
Technical Commission
Brussels, Belgium
- 14 October 2014
H&S Committee and webinar
Brussels, Belgium
- 29 October 2014
Environmental Commission
Brussels, Belgium

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