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Caros Associados,

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

Sem mais de momento, apresentamos os nossos cumprimentos e os votos de um bom fim-de-semana,

(Íris Vilela)

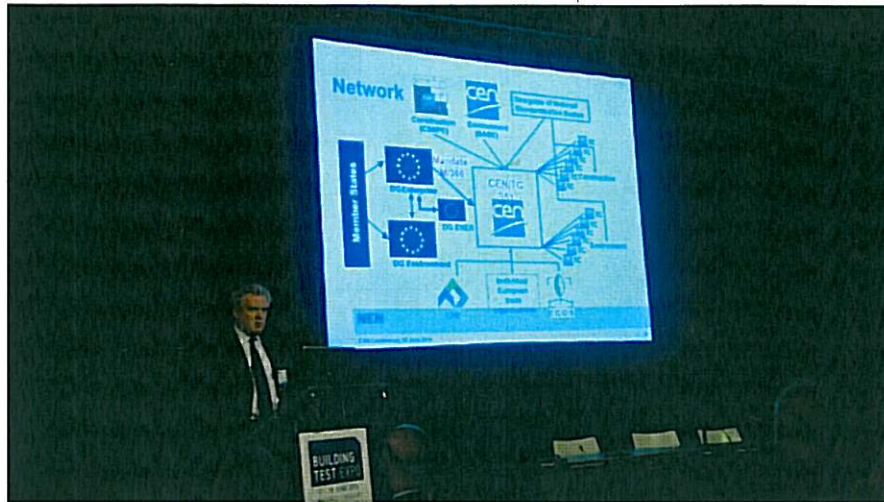
Lisboa, 04 de julho de 2014

CONCRETE PERSPECTIVES

June 2014

Construction sector

- Presentations of the **BIBM Congress** are available on www.bibmcongress.eu



CEN, the European Committee for Standardisation held a **Construction Sector Network Conference** on 18 June 2014. The conference was sponsored by Construction Products Europe and it had a very busy schedule with lots of presentations. The presentations are now all downloadable on the conference's website: <http://www.buildingtestexpo.com/open-technical-forum-2014>

- Two new blog entries about the Delegate Act of CPR is available on the website of Construction Products Europe <http://constructionproductsblog.eu/>
- Commission approves acquisition of *Cemex West* by *Holcim* in the building materials sector
[European Commission- Press Release](#)
- As part of the European Commission's Energy Efficiency Plan, the **BUILD UP Skills** initiative has been providing aid for the training of craftspeople and other on-site workers in the building sector on the topics of energy efficiency and renewable energy. The achievements of the first phase are now published.
[BUILD UP Skills - overview and achievements Phase 1](#)



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Live from the European Union

Italy takes over the Presidency of the Council of the European Union
On 1 July 2014 Italy took over the six-month rotating Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Presidency priorities are:

1. Youth unemployment and transnational mobility of workers
2. Migrant emergency in the Mediterranean
3. Competitiveness and SMEs access to finance
4. EU energy and climate framework 2030

[Website of the Italian Presidency of the Council of EU](#)

New Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020

On 6 June 2014, the European Commission presented a new Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020. The new framework identifies the main challenges and strategic objectives and presents key actions to deal with them.

The three main challenges are:

- to improve implementation of existing health and safety rules, in particular by enhancing the capacity of micro and small enterprises to put in place effective and efficient risk prevention strategies
- to improve the prevention of work-related diseases by tackling new and emerging risks without neglecting existing risks
- to take account of the ageing of the EU's workforce

This framework will be reviewed in 2016 to register the improvements and take into account the results of the on-going comprehensive evaluation of the EU occupational health and safety legislation which will be available by the end of 2015.

[European Commission - Press Release](#)

European Sustainable Energy Week 2014



The European Sustainable Energy Week took place on 23-27 June 2014. On 24 June, Dominique Ristori, the Director General of DG Energy opened the EUSEW2014 by emphasising the importance of the building sector to reduce energy consumption and GHG emissions. He also underlined the significance of trainings and skilled workforce to face the challenges of the housing sector.

A panel discussion was held about Smart Cities and Communities and Innovative Local Funding Schemes. Effective communication among central-regional-local governments and consumers was mentioned as a key to reduce energy consumption and implement new schemes. Several best examples were presented from all over Europe such as Belgium, Spain, Ukraine and Italy.

On 25th June, sessions were held about issues such as “Financing energy renovation of buildings with Cohesion Policy funding”; “How to make energy efficient buildings more visible and more attractive to citizens “organised by EuroACE. Further sessions covered subjects such as energy labels and energy efficiency policy for buildings along the supply chain.

On 26th June, Building Performance Institute Europe (BPIE) organised two sessions about the importance of the cooperation with policymakers in order to deliver more nearly -zero energy buildings.

All in all, the whole energy week reflected the fact, that the building sector is a key player in EU’s energy and climate policy 2030. Some great presentations enlightened a different angle to the well-known issue of buildings, and showed that behind the buildings, there are families and lives at stake, whose needs are changing and their voice should be listened in order to achieve EU energy goals and social well-being. Therefore, BIBM echoes, that a “one-fits-for-all” solution is not a solution for each and every homes and offices.

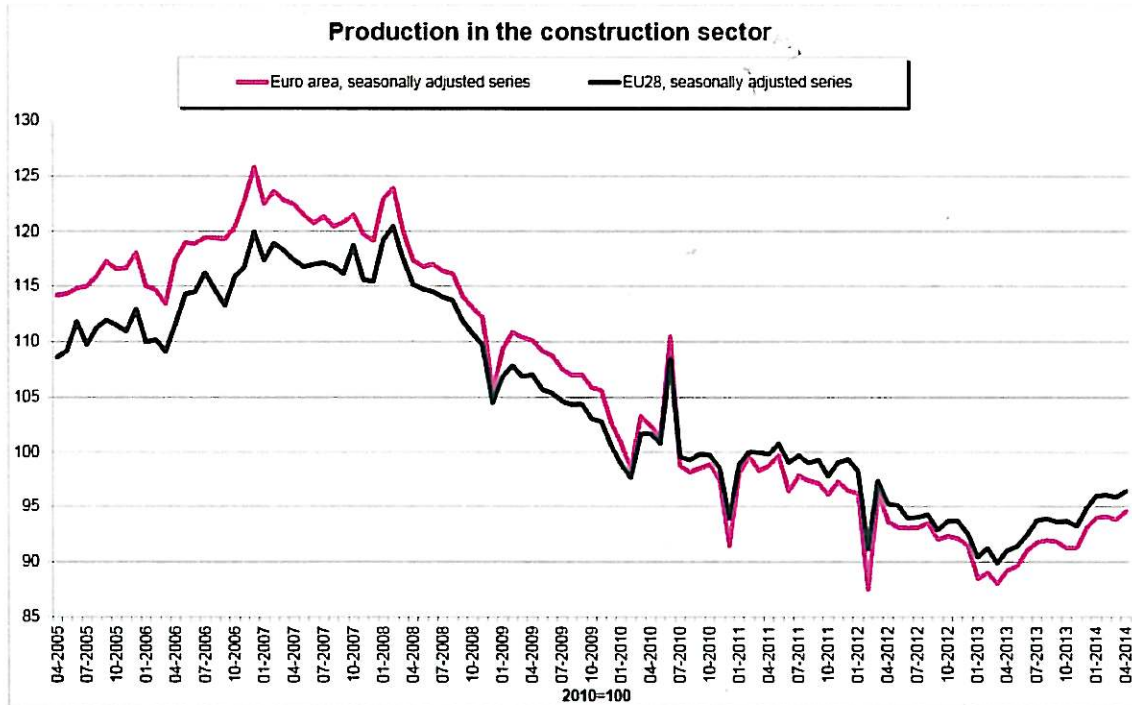


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Assessments should be done before each renovation project to see if renovation or rebuilding is the more cost-efficient solution on a long-term.

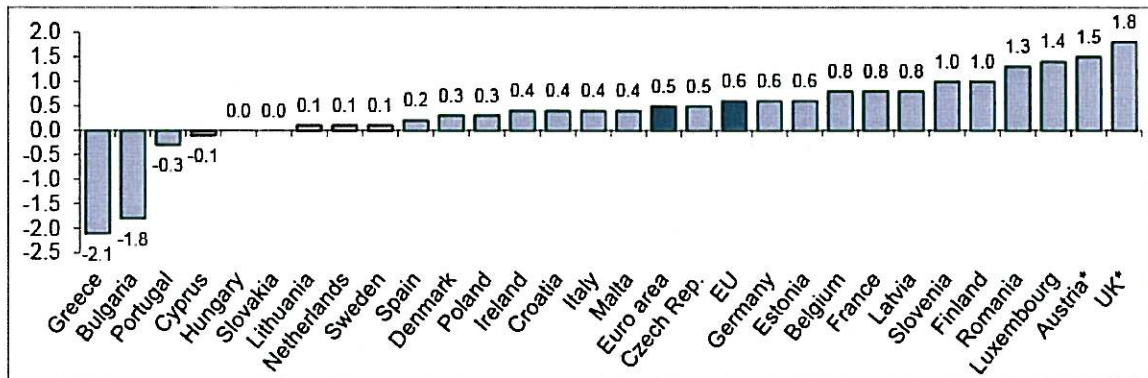
For further information please visit the event's website: <http://www.eusew.eu/> .

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)

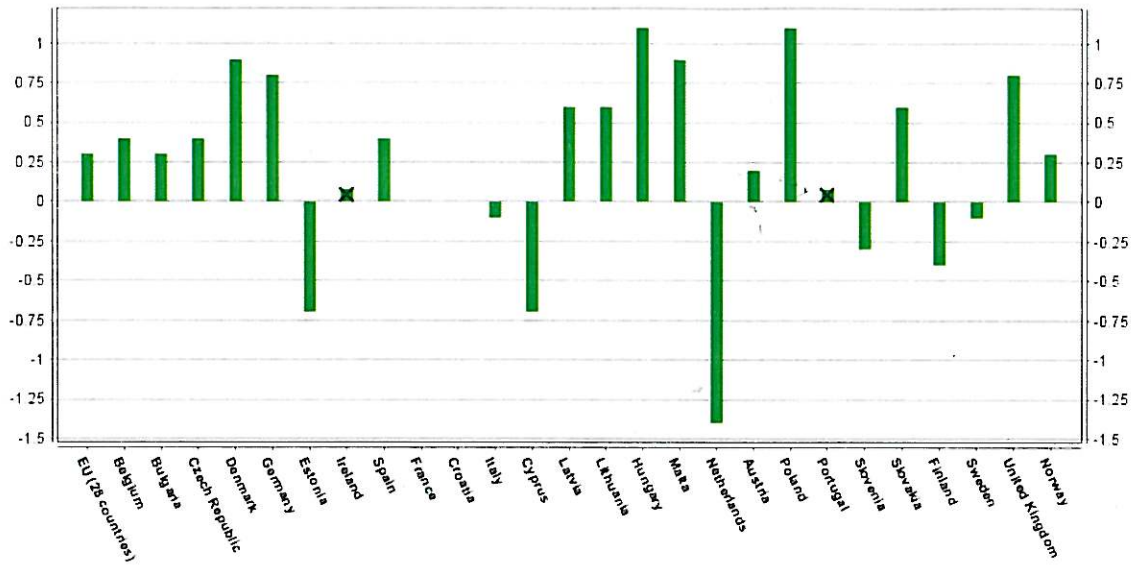
In April 2014 (compared with March 2014), seasonally adjusted production in the construction sector grew by 0.8% in the euro area (EA18) and by 0.6% in EU28.



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



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Graph 3: GDP volume - percentage change 2014 Q1 compared to 2013Q4
X- no date available



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AGENDA

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

22 October 2014

H&S Committee and webinar

Brussels, Belgium

29 October 2014

Environmental Commission

Brussels, Belgium

NOVEMBER

6 November 2014

ECP Board meeting

Brussels, Belgium

18 November 2014

CPE CPR meeting

Brussels, Belgium

19 November 2014 (tbc)

The Concrete Initiative - Launch in the Parliament

Brussels, Belgium

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