

## Revised Construction Products Regulation (CPR)

### Brief description and main aims:

The proposal for a revised *Construction Products Regulation* (CPR) was part of the European Commission's "*Sustainable Products Initiative*" (SPI), a broader legislative package on sustainable products presented by the Commission on 30 March 2022.

The proposal aimed to address the numerous shortcomings of the existing legislative framework (problems related to the development and use of harmonised standards, problems related to the regulatory framework for construction products, problems related to the quality of market surveillance, problems related to the absence of climate, environmental and sustainability performance requirements for construction products).

### Why FIEC is dealing with this topic:

The CPR is the main legislative instrument for construction products in the EU and sets the rules for the marketing of construction products in the internal market. According to FIEC's analysis, the new Commission proposal would have had far-reaching and mostly negative consequences for contractors and SMEs in the construction sector. The proposal extended the scope of the Regulation to a larger number of economic operators than before. In particular, the proposal included in its scope contractors who manufacture products on site for immediate incorporation or direct installation in construction works. It also imposed significant burdens on contractors in relation to the reuse and refurbishment of products. SMEs and micro-enterprises would have been particularly affected by new administrative obligations relating to the declaration of performance and the declaration of conformity. FIEC had identified other major problems, such as the lack of short-term or interim solutions to address the long-standing backlog of harmonised standards.

The agreement reached between the EU institutions in December 2023 is a success for FIEC. FIEC welcomes the fact that the overall complexity of the text has been significantly reduced. In particular, the new CPR now focuses on the free circulation of construction products in the internal market by excluding from its scope the direct installation, dismantling and fabrication of products "on site". This represents a massive cost and time saving for (smaller) contractors (several Full-Time Equivalents per year). The standard-setting process has also been simplified and the CPR should help the sector to become more sustainable and digital, in particular through the new digital product passport.

### Actions and key dates:

- 30/03/2022** → European Commission publishes proposal for revised CPR.
- 30/11/2022** → [Open letter](#) on CPR: "*The time for action is now*".
- 09/12/2022** → Joint industry amendments, together with *Construction Products Europe* (CPE), *European Builders Confederation* (EBC) and *Small Business Standards* (SBS).
- 18/01/2023** → Meeting with the Swedish EU Council Presidency.
- 01/03/2023** → Meeting with the Spanish Ministry for Industry, Trade and Tourism.
- 14/07/2023** → FIEC letter on "*Contractors in the new Construction Products Regulation*".
- 17/07/2023** → Start of triologue negotiations between the European Parliament, the Member States and the European Commission
- 13/12/2023** → Provisional agreement on CPR proposal.
- 30/01/2024** → [Press Release](#) on agreement.