

## **Topic: European Council for Construction Research Innovation and Development (ECCREDI)**

### **Brief description and main aims:**

The European Council for Construction Research, Development and Innovation ([ECCREDI](#)) was created in Brussels on 19 December 1995 with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding by representatives of European federations concerned with construction, in its widest sense. The aim of ECCREDI is to contribute to the competitiveness, quality, safety and environmental performance of the construction sector and to the overall sustainability of the built environment – all urban and transport infrastructures – by advocating for effective construction research, technological and process development and innovation. ECCREDI adds value as a European council that connects its members and establishes areas of common interest, for which joint action is more successful than isolated approaches from individual members.

### **Why FIEC is dealing with this topic:**

FIEC is a member of ECCREDI and currently holds the presidency. FIEC is able to achieve more by pooling its resources with ECCREDI members, than by acting alone. The current priority is to ensure that Horizon Europe (the research framework programme) contains adequate opportunities for contractors and that the construction-focused part of the programme is well coordinated by the Built4People partnership.

### **Actions and key dates (most recent):**

**November 2020** – Meeting with European Commission about governance of Built4People.

**May 2021** – Memorandum of Understanding for Built4People signed.

**Autumn 2021** – Creation and kick-off of Built4People Partnership Board.

