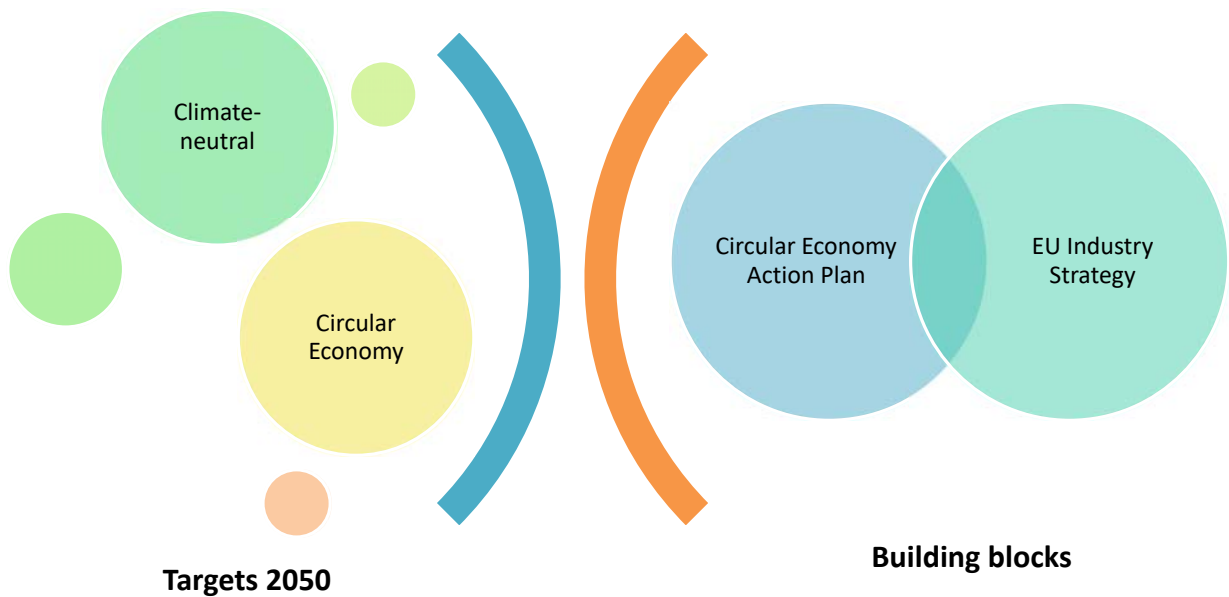


6. Regulatory landscape in Europe



EU Green Deal



Circular Action Plan Policies

Sustainable chemicals strategy

- Minimise the presence of substances that pose problems to health or the environment in recycled materials and articles made thereof;
- SCIP database

Sustainable Products

- Expand eco design directive
- **Sustainable Products initiative consultation -Consultation open until June 9th**
- **Increase recycled content in products**
- **Extended producer responsibility**

Sustainable Construction

- Renovation wave
- **Revision of the CPR**
- **Recycled content requirements for construction products**
- **Material recovery targets**
- **Product passports**
- **Digital logbooks**

Waste and recycling

- **Revision of the waste framework directive to include construction and textile waste (2023)**

EU Sustainable products strategy

- Products placed on the market should be designed in such a way that they
 - have a **longer service life**
 - easier to **reuse, repair and recycle**; and
 - contain the **highest possible proportion of recycled materials** replacing primary raw materials
- Restriction on the use of disposable products
- Action against premature obsolescence
- ban on the destruction of unsold durable goods
- **Sustainable Products Initiative**
- Widening the scope of the Ecodesign Directive beyond energy-related products
- Focus on are electronics, ICT, textiles, furniture and high-impact intermediary products such as steel, cement and chemicals.
- Further product groups are to be identified based on their environmental impact and circularity potential.
- TC decision: agreed to respond to survey by 9th June



Extended producer responsibility

- France: EPR for construction products by 2022
- Netherlands: Feasibility study commissioned by government on EPR for flooring
- ERFMI position on Circular Economy
- ERFMI held webinar on mechanisms of EPR November 2020



ERFMI position on EPR

- ERFMI believes that any Extended Producer Responsibility scheme should follow a harmonized system applicable in the different Member States in coherence with European statutes on products and goods trade, to allow a well-functioning Single Market for construction products across the European Union. Having different schemes in Member States will require considerable adjustments from manufacturers to specific markets and will cause significant additional costs and disruption.

Considerations should include:

- Alignment with regard to rules and guidelines for setting up EPR schemes at national and European level
- Assuring fair competition within Europe for products manufactured in and outside EU within the framework of the circular economy
- Increased enforcement and market surveillance to ensure a level playing field across Europe
- Eco-modulation fees based on criteria rewarding innovation in design for improving the circularity of products, based on harmonized definitions and quality criteria across Europe. This could include uptake of recycled content, design for disassembly and recycling, availability of collection systems and recycling technology.



Brexit

- UKCA marking to replace CE marking for products placed on the market in the UK
- Monitored closely by ERFMI
- Put together document with EUFCA on the implications for flooring
- UK Reach – seminar held in February 2021
- Important to keep track of changes/ divergences in EU Construction products regulations and UK Construction products regulations
- Proposal ERFMI membership of UK Construction Products Association

Memberships

- Information, insights and influence gained by active involvement in the following groups and association

| Construction Products Europe (CPE) | European Plastics Converters (EUPC) | Vinyl Plus | Circular Plastics Alliance | Eufca |
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| Sustainability Working Group, Jane Gardner Chair | Raw Materials Committee | Advisory Board | Construction working Group – J. G thematic coordinator for collection and sorting | Management team |
| CPR Working Group | Building & Construction Steering Committee | Controlled Loop Committee | | |
| | Fire working group | Additives Committee | | |
| | | Communications committee | | |