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EP Environment Committee approves Paris climate deal ratification

On 8 September, **the European Parliament's Environment Committee** approved the Commission's proposal on ratifying the Paris Climate agreement, which still needs European Parliament (EP) consent and adoption by EU countries. Therefore, MEPs called for EU member states to conclude the ratification process in order to guarantee its rapid entry into force.

MEPs also called, in a separate resolution concerning the next round of talks to take place in Marrakech in November 2016, on the EU to upgrade its emission reduction pledges. At the moment, it does not bring the world even close to the two degree target. They also stress the urgent and critically important need for all Parties to raise their emission reduction commitments. Once the Council will approve ratification, it will be back to the EP for its final vote.

On 14th September, the European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker called on the European Union and its member states to ratify the Paris climate agreement quickly.

For more information, see the <u>article from the European Parliament's website</u> and the European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker's <u>letter of intent</u>. (CM)

LCA information and CE marking

On 29 June Construction Products Europe organised a workshop on Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) information and CE marking. The goal was to better understand LCA but also to analyse the links between Environmental Product Declarations and the procedures established by the Construction Products Regulation to declare the product performance in CE marking and Declaration of Performance. The event brought together 40 experts from different industries and countries to brainstorm on these topics. The presentations of the workshop can be found <u>here</u>. (NP)



Resource efficient building study

In the context of the European Commission study for the development of common EU indicators for the environmental performance of buildings, the Commission launched a **public consultation** on the first draft indicators proposals. The deadline is 7 October 2016. Cerame -Unie will reply to this consultation with key messages. The second stakeholder working group meeting will be held on Wednesday 30 November in Brussels. Further information can be found on the study **website**. (NP)

Implementation of the CPR

In July, the European Commission published a report on the implementation of the Construction Products Regulation (CPR). According to the article 67(2) of the CPR, the European Commission is required to submit such report to the European Parliament and Council on the obstacles found with the implementation of the CPR.

Further information available here. (NP)

\Rightarrow INSYSME news: First patent granted! For more information go here .

⇒ On 19 Sept EASME is organizing an Info Day for H2020 Energy Efficiency Call for Proposals 2017. For more details follow the link.

The main objectives of LifeHerotile are: realize types of roof tiles with a shape characterized by a higher air permeability through the overlap of the tiles,

lar radiation and causes excessive heating of the attic, vented tiled roofs could be considered the best solution for

- and a better energy performances by passive disposal of the solar radiation through under-tile ventilation;
- test two real scale buildings and two demonstrator buildings that have been chosen to quantify benefits of new tiles;
- realize a free license software for architects and technicians on the basis of experimental data.

The project will involve, in addition to TBE, several countries: Italy, France, Germany, Spain and Israel.

To learn more about the project visit www.lifeherotile.eu, and to be updated on project development, to subscribe to the LifeHerotile newsletter.

Short news and publications (click on the words in **bold** to follow the link!)

- The **2016 Ceramic days** will be taking place Tuesday 29 November until Thursday 1 December 2016. \Rightarrow
- Cerame-Unie participates in A.SPIRE activities: On 15 June, the **SPIRE brokerage event** took take in Brussels. \Rightarrow
- **MEP Elisabeth Morin-Chartier** met with Cerame-Unie and the French Federation of Roof Tiles and Bricks member. \Rightarrow
- On June 20th the High Level Expert Group on Energy Intensive Industries met. \Rightarrow
- ⇒ European Parliament approved on 26 May by large majority the Report of MEP Lara Comi on the Single Market
- Strategy.

LifeHerotile is a European research project (Life programme, contract number LIFE14 CCA/IT/000939) that will facilitate the development and implementation of energy savings approaches, through the development of roof tiles able to increase their underlay ventilation. Its aim is to contribute to climate change mitigation with technologies and systems suitable for being replicated, transferred or mainstreamed. As roof is the most exposed element to so-

LifeHerotile, roof tile for a green future

Market surveillance

28 June 2016 the European Commission published a public consultation on the evaluation of the market surveillance provisions of Regulation No 765/2008 and on actions to enhance enforcement and compliance in the Single Market for goods. The Commission aims at collecting feedback on the relevance, reasons and consequences of the problem of product noncompliance in the Internal Market for goods. The deadline is on 31 October 2016 and CU will share more information with members by email. (SV)

Meetings and events

-23 September 2016, Brussels, TBE **Roofing Tiles PG** -October 4th to 6th, Brussels, CU October Meetings. -10 October 2016, Brussels, TBE Pro Masonry TF. -13 October 2016, Paris FFTB, TBE Sustainable Construction WG -15 November 2016, Brussels, CCA **Mirror Group**

29 November,1 December, Brussels Ceramic Days



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passive thermal building insulation in hot and mild climates.