

Joint Statement

by the Construction Industry on the upcoming Industrial Accelerator Act

Brussels, 4 November 2025 – The undersigned support the European Commission's planned legislative initiative on an Industrial Accelerator Act (IAA) in the context of the Clean Industrial Deal. The aim of the future IAA must be to drive industrial decarbonisation and support the European construction ecosystem in its sustainability journey. To achieve its objectives, it is essential that the IAA does not create additional administrative burdens but rather relies on effective existing tools to accurately respond to the realities of SMEs that make up most of the construction ecosystem.

To effectively shift toward sustainable construction, contractors and product manufacturers work closely and align their efforts in selecting the most efficient and sustainable products. To do so, the construction sector broadly supports the use of established regulatory tools, such as Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) and environmental performance information as an element of future Declarations of Performance and Conformity (DoPCs) under the 2024 Construction Products Regulation (CPR). They provide a vast array of sustainability information, which enables informed choices at the building level. The IAA should explicitly recognise these instruments, which are already well established and accessible to companies of all sizes, including SMEs. The future legislation must ensure coherence while avoiding unnecessary administrative burden.

In the same logic, procurement teams can already rely on detailed technical documentation, standards, and performance specifications, including environmental criteria defined by the CPR and EN15804. Life-cycle Global Warming Potential (LC GWP) thresholds for new buildings already make comprehensive life-cycle assessments mandatory, using science-based methodologies with clear reduction targets. This interplay is key to advancing low-carbon construction. Introducing additional “green” labels risks adding unnecessary complexity, undermining the very decarbonisation goal if criteria other than the carbon intensity are used to determine the emission performance class.

The undersigned express serious concerns about biased and inconsistent labelling initiatives that are currently endorsed by the European Commission. We recommend that **any future labelling scheme shall be legally compatible with existing legislation**. The application of methodologies that use information other than what is defined by the CPR to determine the actual emission performance on a scale (e.g. A-E) can never be applied in construction.

We therefore urge the European Commission to give due consideration to this specific aspect or to establish a sectoral exception for construction in the upcoming Industrial Accelerator Act (IAA).

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Founded in 1988, **Construction Products Europe** is a Brussels-based international non-profit association. The association is made up of national and European associations that represent Small and Medium-sized Enterprises and world-leading companies. Construction Products Europe aims to promote the European construction industry, to share information on EU legislation and standardisation and to provide input in all European construction-related initiatives.

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EBC (European Builders Confederation) is the European professional organisation representing Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) and crafts in the construction sector. Recognised as a European sectoral social partner, EBC is part of the employers' delegation in the EU sectoral social dialogue for construction.

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FIEC (European Construction Industry Federation) represents – through its 32 national member associations in 27 countries (24 EU countries, Norway, Switzerland and Ukraine) – construction companies of all sizes, i.e. Small and Medium-sized Enterprises as well as global players, carrying out all forms of building and civil engineering activities. FIEC is also the officially recognised social partner representing employers in the EU sectoral social dialogue for construction.

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