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Let's have a Commissioner for Built Environment !

This is just one of the requests from FIEC in its manifesto for the next EU term 2019-2024.

“EU policy in so many key areas not only has an impact on the construction industry, but its effective implementation depends on our sector.” says FIEC President Kjetil Tønning, launching the FIEC manifesto, as the year of the new EU term fast approaches the European elections. *“A Vice President in the new European Commission, with responsibility for the built environment could help to ensure better coordination and reduce overlapping measures and confusion”* he adds.

FIEC's manifesto also prioritises six key areas for action covering the three pillars of sustainability: people, planet and profit. Health and safety and skills; climate change and the Circular Economy and investment and fair competition all feature in the manifesto, which coincides with a period of transformation in construction as the industry accelerates the adoption of digital technology. The latter gets a whole chapter and FIEC highlights the positive impact of digitalisation on EU policy: *“Digital construction is an enabler for a safer, connected and more sustainable built environment”* says Tønning. *“It will also help to achieve many of the EU's main policy goals, aimed at improving living and working conditions for citizens, protecting the environment whilst fostering a prosperous and competitive Europe”*.

Turning to the European elections Tønning says that he hopes that the incoming MEPs will welcome closer collaboration with the construction industry. *“We know that the European Parliament has a heavy agenda and little time to spend getting to know specific industries”* he says. *“However, we would like to emphasise how, contrary to some of the negative perceptions held about construction, the sector is a modern and innovative creator of safe and rewarding jobs, provider of homes and workplaces and key contributor to efforts to reduce energy consumption, overuse of natural resources and waste. With this in mind, we look forward to future discussions with new and re-elected MEPs.”*



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