



Construction Products – Fit for the Future

Workshop 3 – “Construction product information – the basis for circularity and sustainability of buildings”

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CPR and environmental sustainability

- Consultations have shown that CPR should (continue to) address
 - Environmental impact of construction products
 - Provision of useful information to users
- “Door is open” in (even current) CPR for environmental sustainability – implementation is missing
- Current understanding about the domain of “sustainability” goes beyond “sustainable use of natural resources” (i.e. BWR7+)
- Horizontal policies on environmental sustainability will be implemented in parallel with “new” CPR (Green Deal, Sustainable Product Policy,...)

Regulatory needs

- Approach to be selected have to link product level with works level
 - “Normal” (CPR) division of responsibilities, i.e. product level provides information for works level assessments and design
 - Ideally only one method(ology) to be used for all construction products
- Holistic approach needed at both levels
 - Transparent assessment of products throughout their life-cycle (raw materials, manufacturing, construction, operation and maintenance, deconstruction, End-of-Life)
 - Trade-off considerations from different view points (product vs works – product vs product)
- “Regulatory appetite” (in MSs) seems to be more at works level
 - Different MSs will have different needs for regulating depending e.g. on their respective environmental policies
 - For “Do-It-Yourself” purposes Business-to-Customer communication to be addressed as well (DYI, repair services, renovators,...)

Implementation – “The devil is in the detail”

- As regards “potential tools” to be used
 - EN 15804: Sustainability of Construction works – Environmental product declarations – Core rules for product category of construction products
 - PEF (Product Environmental Footprint) method
 - Something in between? Slow transition from one to another with parallel application?
- How to ensure “level playing field”
 - Data coherence, consistency and reliability
 - Third party verification
 - How already existing Environmental Product Declarations should be taken into account?
- Technical and legal challenges of reuse and/or recycling
- ...

The Commission has not taken
any position yet

Thank you for your attention