

## High Level Construction Forum – Green Cluster Group Meeting

**Virtual meeting -22 October 2021, 9:30 – 11:45 CEST**

### Agenda

#### Co-Chairs:

**Philippe Moseley, Policy Officer, DG GROW Unit H.1;  
Josefina Lindblom, Policy Officer, DG ENV Unit B.1**

Time (CEST)	Agenda
9:15 - 9:30	Opening and dial-in for participants
9:30 - 9:40	<p><b>Setting the ambitions for the High Level Construction Forum</b>  <i>Fulvia Raffaelli, Head of Unit for Construction, DG GROW H.1, European Commission</i></p> <p>Purpose of the meeting in the context of the transition pathway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Which <b>targets</b> (either at a sector level or Member State level) have you committed to? Which targets are you setting?</li> <li>Which <b>initiatives</b> (either at a sector level or Member State level) have you undertaken? Which are you currently developing?</li> </ul>
9:40 - 9:55	<p><b>Introducing the green cluster of the High Level Construction Forum</b>  <i>Philippe Moseley, Policy Officer, DG GROW Unit H.1, European Commission</i></p> <p><i>Polling on the priority topics for discussion (attendees will be asked to confirm the priority order of the four topics):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reducing whole-life-carbon emissions</li> <li>Enhancing facilities for circularity and secondary raw material markets</li> <li>Increasing the service life of built assets</li> <li>Enabling carbon storage and nature-based solutions</li> </ul>
9:55 - 10:25	<b>Discussion on Topic 1 (30 mins)</b>
10:25 – 10:50	<b>Discussion on Topic 2 (25 mins)</b>
10:50 – 11:00	<b>Break</b>
11:00 – 11:20	<b>Discussion on Topic 3 (20 mins)</b>
11:20 – 11:40	<b>Discussion on Topic 4 (20 mins)</b>
11:40 – 11:50	<p><b>Wrap-up and next steps</b></p> <p><i>Philippe Moseley, Policy Officer, DG GROW Unit H.1, European Commission; Josefina Lindblom, Policy Officer, DG ENV Unit B.1, European Commission.</i></p>

### *Topics for discussion*

The first **Green Cluster meeting** of the HLCF will bring together stakeholders from across the value chain of the sector, Member States and the European Commission as well as other relevant actors. The **key issues raised in the first High Level Construction Forum (28 September 2021)** will form a basis for initial discussions on defining a green transition pathway for the construction industry ecosystem. These key issues have been grouped into four key topics. As this is a co-creation process, the order and priority given to these (sub-)topics will be determined by the group itself at the registration stage, hence they will not be necessarily covered with the same depth or in the order as presented below:

#### **Reducing whole-life-carbon emissions**

- Several Member States are developing policies in this area. Are there any new developments?
- Have industry bodies signed up to any targets? Are industry bodies involved in preparing roadmaps, or do they envisage doing so?
- How ready is the industry for mandatory measures, like mandatory Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) requirements and carbon limit values? What might need to be done to prepare for these?
- What is the likely extra workload to carry out a Whole Life Carbon (WLC) assessment - for designers, builders and administrators?

#### **Enhancing facilities for circularity and secondary raw material markets**

- Coordination at local/regional levels is an important enabler for the effective establishment and use of Construction and Demolition Waste infrastructure - are there commitments to improve collaboration?
- Who is making use of the possibilities for resource efficient operations (e.g. industrial lines for re-use, prefabrication)?
- With regards to the need for material data, how many construction products have produced Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs)? Are there targets for more EPDs? What commitments are there to set up or expand databases?

#### **Increasing the service life of built assets**

- Durability and maintenance - are there targets set by industry or Member States?
- Adaptability and flexible reuse of built space - is this something that can be committed to by industry or policymakers?
- Design for future deconstruction and end-of-life - can targets be set for this? Does industry need to invest?

#### **Enabling carbon storage and nature based solutions**

- Are Member States taking action on this?
- Are building designers addressing this? Should they?
- Do any certification schemes or standards address this?

Attendees are requested to be ready to **share information on any relevant industry-led initiatives, or initiatives at national/regional levels.**