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EFCA Position Paper on Whole Life Carbon Roadmap

Last week, EFCA published its Position Paper on a Whole Life Carbon Roadmap, highlighting the significance of embodied carbon within the built environment. The document underscores our endorsement for establishing a comprehensive Whole Life Carbon approach across the European Union, with the aim of its widespread adoption within the entire construction ecosystem. Amongst other actions, achieving this goal requires standardised measurements and reliable data, a well-defined transition plan, cooperation among all essential stakeholders, and a broad perspective that encompasses both infrastructure and buildings.



Engineers must embrace uncertainty

In its most recent regular column in *Construction Europe*, EFCA highlights its recent *Future Trends* report. The latest edition of this report contains a "playbook" - a valuable tool to help companies in our industry to future proof their business and prepare for change. Issues such as climate change, digitalisation, and a shortage of skilled labour contribute to the uncertainty faced by engineering consultants. As the leaders of innovation, engineers must adapt even faster than anyone else. Based on a combination of classic change management theory and tools, as well as case studies, our *EFCA Playbook* demonstrates how both companies and individuals can proactively embrace change, position themselves as pioneers in their field, and ultimately reap the benefits in the long run.

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EU CITIZENS FIRE SAFE IN ALL BUILDINGS

 EU MANIFESTO FOR 2024-2029

EFCA supports manifesto to keep EU citizens fire safe in all buildings

Leading up to the 2024 European elections, groups representing consumers, fire experts, and industries actively involved in fire safety within the European Union have launched a support campaign advocating for the implementation of an EU Fire Safety Strategy. EFCA endorses the manifesto: *Ensuring the Fire Safety of EU Citizens in All Buildings*, and urges the European institutions to prioritise fire safety in buildings. The joint manifesto calls for the development and promotion of a coherent strategy with Member States to safeguard the well-being of individuals in buildings. This call is especially pertinent in light of the current unaddressed risks in fire safety and the fresh challenges brought about by the European Green Deal's emphasis on decarbonising buildings. This campaign is unfolding at a critical juncture, as nearly 450 million EU citizens, who spend 90% of their time in various buildings, are heading to the polls to elect their representatives in the European Parliament, shaping the agenda for the upcoming years.

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EFCA Newsletter will take a Christmas break

With the Christmas festivities approaching, the EFCA secretariat is gearing up for a well-deserved break! From the 25 December 2023 to 01 January 2024, EFCA's office will be on Christmas leave. The year 2023 has been a year full of activities, and as we reflect on the accomplishments, we eagerly anticipate reconnecting with you in 2024. The next EFCA Engineering Newsletter will arrive in your inbox on 11 January 2024.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a Happy New Year!



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