



Invitation

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Building a Stronger European Construction Sector

Representing almost 10% of GDP and providing 20 million jobs, the construction sector plays **a vital role in the European economy**. Besides driving the market for intermediate products, the quality and energy performance of construction works also has a direct impact on **the life of European citizens, climate change and the environment**.

Ensuring the competitiveness of construction companies is therefore critical not only to Europe's future growth and employment, but also to addressing long-term global challenges. Yet **efficient and fair competition** can only be achieved through a proper policy and regulatory framework that:

- Encourages investment in sustainable buildings and vital infrastructure
- Provides adequate incentives for greater energy savings
- Enforces the Late Payment Directive to ensure companies' survival
- Fights against unlawful practices
- Promotes workforce up-skilling

On **14 May 2013**, the EESC will meet with journalists and key stakeholders to present and discuss its own-initiative opinion on the [*sustainable competitiveness of the construction sector*](#), a response to the Commission's 2012 Action Plan. Participants will include:

- **Aurel Plosceanu**, rapporteur of the opinion and President of the Romanian Construction Entrepreneurship Association
- **Enrico Gibellieri**, Co-President of the EESC's Consultative Commission on Industrial Change

When:

On Tuesday **14 May 2013** from **10.00 a.m.**

Where:

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