



CEMFOCUS
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CEMBUREAU

- Attended a meeting with the Portland Cement Association (PCA), FICEM, the Brazilian Cement Association, the Canadian Cement association and CSI to discuss an **informal platform for international cooperation and information exchange**. Working Groups will be established in four areas (R&D; Image building; Sustainability and Health&Safety) and progress reports will be presented to the General Assemblies of the different regional associations, starting with the CEMBUREAU General Assembly on 7-9 June in Madrid.
- Joined the Sherpa meeting of the **High-Level Group of Energy Intensive Industries** convened by the European Commission on 2 February to discuss how energy-intensive industries can work together to transition to the low carbon economy of tomorrow. A joint paper was presented by the energy intensive industries to the European Commission and Member States emphasising the need to facilitate a legal framework that fosters cross-sectoral cooperation and takes a full supply chain approach, in addition to providing a long-term perspective for business with legal certainty and access to affordable raw materials, including energy.
- Participated in the European Commission **2nd Stakeholder Workshop on PEF4Buildings** on 29 January 2018 where consultants presented the results of applying the PEF method for the assessment of the environmental performance of two office buildings and the possible approaches for benchmarking and definition of performances classes for office buildings.

EU POLICY

- On 25 January, the European Commission published an important [notice](#) warning on the **consequences Brexit may have in the field of import/export licenses** for a wide range of goods, including waste and certain hazardous chemicals. With considerable volumes of waste exported from the UK to the EU, MPA has identified transborder shipment of waste as one of the key areas in its Brexit risk assessment. Please note that the European Commission has also launched a [consultation](#) on the **evaluation of the EU's Waste Shipment Regulation** with a deadline for response set for 27 April 2018.

LEGISLATIVE AND EVENTS CALENDAR

- On 6 February, the European Parliament adopted in plenary the [agreement](#) reached with the Council on phase IV of the EU ETS. The text is now final and ready to be published in the Official Journal.

OTHER

- On 31 January, 9 leading cement companies launched the Global Cement and Concrete association dedicated to developing and strengthening the sector's contribution to sustainable construction. See [press release](#).
