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- Has provided a strong input into a “Vision 2040/2050” draft document under development in [SPIRE](#) where energy intensive industries (EII’s) prioritise areas for innovation and funding. The focus is on process industries as hubs for circular value chains, enablers of low carbon economy and key drivers for industrial symbiosis. SPIRE further emphasizes EII’s importance to the local economy (“anchoring” the process industry in Europe).

RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS (NO POLICY INITIATIVES/EU STILL ON EASTER HOLIDAY)

- **IEA Roadmap “[Low Carbon Transition in the Cement Industry](#)”** was published. According to the Report, direct CO₂ emissions from the cement industry are expected to increase by 4% globally by 2050 despite an increase by 12% in global cement production in the same period. In order to comply with the Paris Agreement, the global cement industry would need to reduce direct CO₂ emissions by 24% compared to current levels by 2050. The Report identifies improving energy efficiency, increased use of alternative fuels, reducing clinker to cement ratio and integrating carbon capture into the cement industry as the main levers to reach that goal. It further suggests that adopting a whole life-cycle approach along the construction value chain offers additional carbon emission reduction opportunities beyond the cement manufacturing boundary.
- The UK Research body CDP published a study entitled “**Building pressure – Which companies will be left behind in the low carbon transition?**” (see [link](#) to the Executive summary) . The study analyses 13 of the world’s largest publicly listed **cement companies** pointing out that only 3 of the 11 companies have set emission reduction targets that meet the Paris goals. It is acknowledged that companies have reduced their emissions but would need to do more than double to reach the Paris goals. EU and some national press have picked up on the Report to conclude that the European cement industry is performing worst. CEMBUREAU is in touch with the EU press to set the record straight and has reached out to CDP consultants who are ready to engage in a discussion. Their full report is actually more nuanced than what has been reported in the press.
- Climate Action Network Europe (CAN) has published another “Fat Cat” report pointing the surplus of allowances for the **cement** and steel sector. For the cement sector, the report strongly emphasises demand reduction for cement via product substitution (p. 16 of the [Report](#)).
- In an effort to demonstrate industry’s value to society, the European Round Table of Industrialists (ERT) has launched an online platform that presents concrete examples of ERT Member companies’ activities that have a direct positive impact on people’s lives. Read the stories and explore **how European industry contributes to people, the planet and innovation**: industry-changemakers.ert.eu.

LEGISLATIVE AND EVENTS CALENDAR

- 16 April is the deadline for a [Consultation on EU rules for products used in the construction of buildings and infrastructure works](#) . CEMBUREAU will submit a response through WG D, please contact Claude Loréa (c.lorea@cembureau.eu).
- **27th April** is the deadline for a [Consultation on the Evaluation of the Waste Shipment Regulation](#). CEMBUREAU will submit a response through WG B. Please contact Nikos Nikolakakos (n.nikolakakos@cembureau.eu).
- On 15th May, Deloitte will hold a Workshop on minimum levels of taxation and special tax schemes under the Energy Taxation Directive. You can register [here](#) before 7 May.
- On 25th June, the [QUALICHECK Project](#) will hold a conference in Brussels on the Building Information Modelling (BIM) and Energy Performance in Buildings.
