

# EBC Annual Conference

Sustainability in construction, the current and  
potential role of construction SMEs & crafts

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MKB Nederland / VNO-NCW

Bezuidenhoutseweg 12, 2594 AV, The Hague



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**Moderator: Fernando SIGCHOS JIMÉNEZ - Secretary General, European Builders Confederation**

**08.30 Registration**

**09.00 Welcome messages**

**Philip VAN NIEUWENHUIZEN** - President, European Builders Confederation EBC (EU)

**Riek SIERTSEMA** - President, Aannemersfederatie Nederland Bouw en Infra AFNL (NL)

**Jacco VONHOF** - President, MKB-Nederland (NL)

**09.15 Keynote speeches / Sustainable construction: its contribution to the EU Green Deal**

**Diederik SAMSOM** - Head of Cabinet of Executive Vice-President Timmermans, European Commission (EU)

**09.25 Towards the decarbonisation of buildings by 2050**

**Zsolt TOTH** - Team Leader, Buildings Performance Institute Europe BPIE (EU)

**09.40 Panel debate & Q&A session - Circular economy: How can SMEs and crafts enhance circularity in construction?**

**Moderator: Fernando SIGCHOS JIMÉNEZ** - EBC Secretary General

**Philippe MOSELEY** - Policy Officer, DG Grow, European Commission (EU)

**Peter STRUIK** - Director for Sustainability & Living Environment, Dutch executive agency of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management Rijkswaterstaat (NL)

**Christine LEMAITRE** - Chief Executive Officer, German Sustainable Building Council DGNB (DE)

**Jean-Christophe REPON** - President, Confédération de l'Artisanat et des Petites Entreprises du Bâtiment CAPEB (FR) / EBC Vice-President (EU)

**Veerle LABEEUW** - Coordinator, Circular Flanders / European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform - Leadership Group "Buildings & Infrastructure" (BE & EU)

**10.45 Coffee break**

**11.00 How EU LIFE funds support the green transition of the construction sector**

**Amandine DE COSTER-LACOURT & César SEOÁNEZ** - Project Advisor & Manager, European Climate Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency CINEA (EU)

**11.15 Panel debate & Q&A session - Lifting the obstacles: how to make sustainable finance & green procurement SME-friendly in construction?**

**Moderator:** Philip VAN NIEUWENHUIZEN - EBC President

**Jan VAN DER DOELEN** - Senior Sector Banker Building & Construction, ING/European Banking Federation EBF (NL)

**Salvador MARÍN** - President, European Federation of Accountants and Auditors for SMEs EFAA (EU)

**Gerhard HUEMER** - Director Economic Policy, SMEunited (EU)

**Stefano CRESTINI** - President, Associazione Nazionale Artigiani dell'Edilizia dei decoratori, dei Pittori e Attività Affini ANAEP-Confartigianato Edilizia (IT)

**Anita POORT** - Innovation Procurement Policy Officer, DG Grow, European Commission (EU)

**12.15 Best practice from a construction SME active in circular economy**

**Maurice BEIJK** - Rentmeester 2050, ReintenInfra B.V (NL)

**12.35 Closing remarks**

**Ingrid THIJSEN** - President, VNO-NCW (NL)

**Philip VAN NIEUWENHUIZEN** - President, European Builders Confederation EBC (EU)

**13.00 Networking lunch**

