

## **EBC ANNUAL CONGRESS 2015**

### **25 years after the creation of EBC: Which challenges for the future of construction SMEs in Europe?**

19<sup>th</sup> June 2015, 10h30 - 16h15

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Rampe du Pont-Rouge, 4 -1213 Petit Lancy, Geneva

**Chairman: Mr Patrick LIEBUS**

**Interpretation in EN - FR - IT**

#### **FIRST SESSION (10.30 - 13.00)**

10h30 Welcome speech by Patrick LIEBUS, EBC President

10h45 Opening statement by Etienne BLANC, Member of the French Parliament

#### **The Swiss economic model: an example to follow ?**

11h00 **The role of the State for the economic promotion**

Philippe LEUBA, State Counsellor from the Vaud - Head of the Economy and Sport Department

11h20 **The principle of free enterprise and social partnership**

Blaise MATTHEY, General Director of the Federation of French-Swiss Businesses

11h40 **Work-based vocational training**

Jean-Pascal LÜTHI, Deputy director, Head of the Vocational Education and Training's department in the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation

12h00 **Debate**

12h50 Conclusions by Patrick LIEBUS, EBC President

13h00 **Lunch break**

#### **SECOND SESSION (14.00 - 16.15)**

#### **Equal opportunities: youth and women in the construction sector**

14h00 Setting the scene by Riccardo VIAGGI, EBC Secretary General

14h20 Presentation of the opinion of the French Social and Economic Council (CESE) on equal opportunities by Françoise GENG, President of the section for Work and Employment of the CESE

14h40 **Round-table on the theme of equal opportunities, youth and women entrepreneurs**

Johan TEN GEUZENDAM, Advisor in the "Equality" Directorate, DG Justice, European Commission

Madi SHARMA, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee

Catherine FOUCHER, President of the French Committee of Craftsmen's spouses

Arantxa HERNANDEZ, Legal officer, Construction unit, DG GROW, European Commission

Frank BERTELMANN-ANGENENDT, Vocational Education and Training Centre of the Building Sector BZB, Germany - Representative of EU-initiative "AR.Key" - Augmented Reality for Key Competences

#### **Conclusions with recommendations and engagement from EBC**

16h15 End of the annual conference