



AGENDA

2nd CEPS Construction Day “Building innovation in a whole-life carbon perspective”

CEPS

Place du Congrès 1, Brussels

Conference Room

28 October, 12:00-17:00

Supported by ReConstruct¹

The second CEPS Construction Day will take stock of new policy and technology developments in construction, construction materials and the built stock. Focus of the 2025 CEPS Construction Day will be ‘buildings as a carbon sink’ and the necessity to ‘rethink the built environment’ in all its facets including design, planning, construction materials, energy supply and demand or mobility to address the EU objectives of low-carbon, affordability and resilience.

Registration Link Here

¹ ReConstruct is a forum offered by [WIFO](#) in Vienna and [CEPS](#) in Brussels where stakeholders from industry, policy, research and civil society reflect on the future of construction in light of climate neutrality. ReConstruct is supported by the Austrian Economic Chambers (Wirtschaftskammer Österreich) <https://www.rethinkconstruction.net/>

Agenda

12:00 *Light Lunch*

13:00 *Welcome and Opening*

Christian Egenhofer, Associate Senior Research Fellow, CEPS and Senior Fellow, EUI

Session 1: Affordability and innovation of the built environment and what the EU can do

13:10 *Next steps in rethinking the built environment*

Introduction by **Angela Köppl**, WIFO

- Key findings from a forthcoming CEPS paper
Stefan Schleicher, WIFO, Vienna
- **Nina Neumann**, Team Leader, Legislative development and enforcement, Head of Unit, Buildings and Products, DG Energy B.3, European Commission

Q&A

13:50 *Panel discussion*

Moderator: **Christian Egenhofer**, Associate Senior Research Fellow, CEPS and Senior Fellow, EUI

- **Wolfgang Amann**, Director, Institute for Real Estate, Construction and Housing (IIBW), Vienna
- **Cornelia Ninaus**, Scientist and Project Manager, AEE INTEC (Institute for Sustainable Technologies)

Nina Neumann joins the panel

14:20 *Open discussion*

14:50 *Conclusions*

15:00-15:15 Break

Session 2: Buildings and whole life carbon

15:15 *Key findings from a CEPS Paper*

Luca Nipius, CEPS

15:25 *Key Note*

Christian Holzleitner, Head of Unit, DG Clima, European Commission

15:45

Comments by and Panel discussions with:

Moderator: **Christian Egenhofer**, Associate Senior Research Fellow, CEPS and Senior Fellow, EUI

- **Sebastian Spaun**, Managing Director, Austrian Cement Industry Association
- **Jacob Steinmann**, Senior Consultant, Ramboll Management Consulting
- **Ida Karlsson**, Chalmers University, Göteborg, Sweden

Christian Holzleitner joins the panel

16:25

Open discussion

16:55

*Conclusions by **Ida Karlsson**, Chalmers University, Göteborg, Sweden*

17:05

Next steps and end of meeting

Andreas Pfeiler, Managing Director, Austrian Association for Building Materials