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Austria - City of Tomorrow

homelessness through the Housing First Initiative. To learn more, read the full report in the updated Policy Fact Sheet. **Download the Policy Fact Sheet European Construction Sector**

Finland - Housing First

The Finnish government tackles homelessness through the Housing First Initiative, first

established in the United States. The new model

was widely considered a success, in contrast to the "staircase model", as it worked to house more fragile groups, increased the housing stock and dramatically reworked the structure of the stateowned housing stock. Finland is the only EU Member State that managed to reduce the level of



building stock. The programme focused on multi-apartment building renovation

programmes and is forecast to achieve over 75% of its renovation targets by 2020. Once fully completed, it will result in an increase of 19%

of building renovation projects.

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Spain – Sustainable

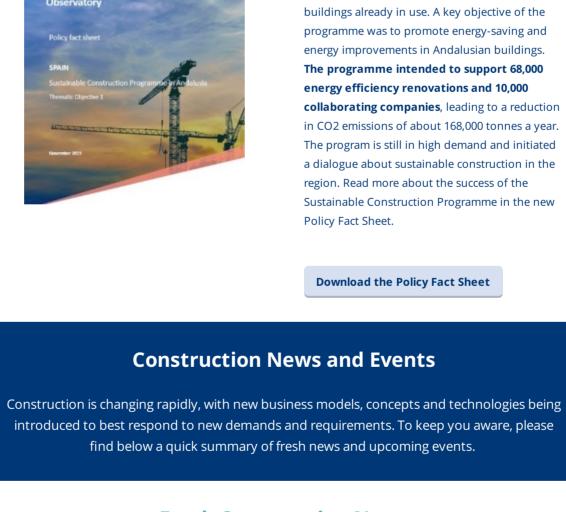
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Construction Programme in

The Sustainable Construction Programme (PICS) sought to bolster the construction sector and lay the foundation to a new model based on energy efficiency, environmental protection and balanced

urban development through the renovation of buildings already in use. A key objective of the programme was to promote energy-saving and energy improvements in Andalusian buildings. The programme intended to support 68,000 energy efficiency renovations and 10,000 collaborating companies, leading to a reduction in CO2 emissions of about 168,000 tonnes a year. The program is still in high demand and initiated a dialogue about sustainable construction in the region. Read more about the success of the Sustainable Construction Programme in the new



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This new report published on behalf of the European Commission on

available online. The Study focuses on the digitalisation technologies

relevant for the construction sectors, including BIM, state of play and market penetration of digitalisation technologies. It provides an analysis of gaps in the digitalisation of the construction sector and suggests a roll-out plan for the policy maker who is on the uptake of

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JRC publishes a report on the digital transformation

A new policy report published on behalf of the Joint Research Centre

providing analysis into digital transformation covering different policy areas including construction, energy, government and public administration. For each of the four sectors, the report presents an overview of digital transformation and analyses its drivers, barriers

and impacts. The report puts forward recommendations for

Critical gaps in the digitalisation of construction SMEs is now

new technologies for construction.

in construction



Supporting digitalisation of

the construction sector and

policymakers and future research. **Read more** DigiPLACE is set up to develop a Reference **Architecture Framework for digital construction** DG CONNECT has recently launched a new project to support the digital transformation of the construction sector. The project called DigiPLACE brings together 19 partners from 11 countries led by Politecnico di Milano. DigiPLACE aims to tackle issues of low capitalisation, a lack of skilled employees, low investment in innovation, and a long supply chain in the construction sector. DigiPLACE will define a Reference Architecture Framework for digital

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New study on the EU Framework for a Building's

construction platform in the EU.

Digital Logbook

The work on an EU Framework for a Building's Digital Logbook, kicked off in Brussels on 16 January 2020. The study will run until December 2020, starting with analysing existing national and sectoral schemes, with wide stakeholder participation in the steering of it. **Upcoming events**

Digital Construction and BIM in Construction, real estate and infrastructure into the digital era 31 March - 01 April | France CONSTRUCTION, REAL ESTATE

12 000

practices and experiences, governmental politics, technical standards and issues regarding the implementation of BIM will be discussed. Furthermore, event features a session dedicated on mapping the needs and difficulties in



implementing BIM in Greece.

Digital Construction and BIM in Greece is the EU

BIM Task Group national event organised by the Technical Chamber of Greece. The event will

present the status of BIM in Europe and the

opportunities that occur from its use. European

|19 February | Greece

Hannover Messe is one of the most important industrial trade fairs in the world. The 2020 edition of the show will be staged from the 20th to 24th of April at Hannover Fairground. Within the events' frame, 10 concurrent expos will be held. Over 240,000 square meters exhibition space will welcome 225,000 international trade professionals which will have the opportunity to explore the new technology, future developments and services of more than 6,500 exhibitors. Some of the core themes of the event are: • Predictive maintenance; • Additive maintenance; • Industry 4.0; • Smart materials and components.

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EU BIM WORLD organises a conference on

digitalisation in construction, real estate and

infrastructure, which will take place on the 31st

March-1st April in Paris. The purpose of the event is to bring together 12,000 participants, 350

350 1 500

| 28 - 29 May | Spain The European BIM Summit has become the most advanced reference meeting on construction digitalisation in Europe. The objective of the event is to spread good practices of using BIM. The event is organised by CAATEEB, BIM Academy and Building smart Spanish chapter. The 2020 congress has reworked its format and content to fit in with this new landscape. The event is

expected to gather more than 250 speakers from

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40 countries and more than 2,600 participants.

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