



● **PUBLIC BUYERS COMMUNITY**

Circular Construction (CC)

Community Roadmap

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Summary

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| Vision | The Community sees Europe leading on the way towards sustainable construction, advancing circularity through collaborative efforts and innovative procurement practices, to encourage reuse of materials, contributing to a resource-efficient and sustainable future. |
| Mission | The Community brings together representatives from public authorities from across Europe to explore innovative solutions in terms of materials and methods to improve circularity in the construction sector |
| Deliverable 1 | Preliminary market availability analysis: mapping of the latest development on the EU market. |
| Deliverable 2 | Position paper on procurement criteria for circular construction in public works contracts. |
| Deliverable 3 | Procurement templates |

1. Vision, Mission and Deliverables

1.1 Vision of the community

The construction sector is a major contributor to material extraction and waste, as well as embodied and operational emissions. Circularity in construction encompasses the whole lifecycle, from dismantling and transformation of existing built components to design, renovation and new construction using secondary material.

The Community sees Europe leading on the way towards sustainable construction, advancing circularity through collaborative efforts and innovative procurement practices, to encourage reuse of materials, contributing to a resource-efficient and sustainable future.

1.2 Mission of the community

The Community brings together representatives from public authorities from across Europe to explore innovative solutions in terms of materials and methods to improve circularity in the construction sector.

Objectives of the CoP CC are:

- Exchange experiences and best practices on re-use of materials in different national and regional contexts,
- Market engagement with national and international companies and organizations offering solutions for use of re-used materials,
- Joint development and testing of procurement documentation,
- Explore and strengthen available CC solutions
- Explore and exchange information on policy framework for CC,
- Increasing visibility of CC and communication of CC value-added outside of the CoP.

The Community has been a continuation of the work of the Working Group Circular Construction which existed within the previous iteration of the Big Buyers Initiative.

1.3 Deliverables of the community

The following deliverables of the CoP have been envisaged:

Deliverable 1 - Preliminary market availability analysis: mapping of the latest development on the EU market.

Deliverable 2 – Position paper on procurement criteria for circular construction in public works contracts.

Deliverable 3 – Procurement templates

Deliverable 4 – Joint Statement of Intent (TBC, as it is a subject of sufficient number of signatories)

2. Community Workplan: Planning, milestones and timeline

2.1 Deliverable 1 – Preliminary market availability analysis: mapping of the latest development on the EU market

2.1.1 Planning of Key Milestones & Activities

The work is important for understanding the trends, identification of key players and providing overview on available solutions in the field of the circular construction, focusing on the reuse of materials.

The work will include desk research, sharing of information among the CoP members, contact with companies offering the innovative solutions and potential external expert support for finalization of the analysis.

The analysis updated data base will become available in 2025/Q2.

2.1.2 Stakeholders to involve

The key stakeholders for this deliverable are the members of the CoP, industry, academia.

2.2 Deliverable 2 – Position paper on procurement criteria for CC in public works contracts

2.2.1 Planning of Key Milestones & Activities

Milestone 1

Brainstorming session with CoP members to define clear goals and scope of the position paper: to agree on the message to communicate and the target audience.

Milestone 2

Draft of the position paper based on engagement with the stakeholders and research and evidence gathering. Interviews or surveys to gather diverse evidence will be undertaken with stakeholders. Desk research will include review of the existing studies and best practices in the field. The position paper will be drafted collaboratively – collaborative tools will be used for gathering the input.

Draft position paper is expected to be developed at the end of 2026/Q1.

2.2.2 Stakeholders to involve

Stakeholders to be engaged in developing of this deliverable are the CoP Members, dedicated procurement networks the CoP Members are engaged in, representatives of institutions involved in ongoing or closed EU funded projects on circular construction, representatives of

respective national and local government bodies, international environmental NGOs, producer's associations as well as academia and research institutions.

2.3 Deliverable 3 – Procurement templates

2.3.1 Planning of Key Milestones & Activities

Milestone 1

Brainstorming session with CoP members to define the type(s) of templates to be developed, to share responsibilities and to set the timeline.

Milestone 2

Templates be drafted collaboratively – collaborative tools will be used for gathering the input.

Draft templates are expected to be developed at the end of 2026/Q4.

2.3.2 Stakeholders to involve

Stakeholders to be engaged in developing of this deliverable are the CoP Members, dedicated procurement networks the CoP Members are engaged in, representatives of institutions involved in ongoing or closed EU funded projects on circular construction, representatives of respective national and local authorities, representatives of the EC, construction industry players, international environmental NGOs, as well as academia and research institutions.

2.4 Overall Timeline

Visualisation of the Overall timeline, combining the activities of the various deliverables.

| Year/Quarter | Deliverable | Activity Description | Stakeholders involved | Outputs/Results | Completion date |
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| 2025/Q1 to Q2 | Preliminary market availability analysis | Analysis to identify key players and provide overview on available solutions in the field of circular construction, focusing on the reuse of materials. | CoP members, external experts, industry, academia | Analysis available | 2025/Q2 |
| 2025/Q3 to 2026/Q1 | Position paper on procurement criteria for circular construction in public works contracts | Desk research, meetings with policy makers, collaborative drafting of the document | CoP Members, dedicated procurement networks the CoP Members are engaged in, representatives of institutions involved in ongoing or closed EU funded projects on circular construction, representatives of respective national and local government bodies, international environmental NGOs, producer's associations as well as academia and research institutions | Position paper | 2026/Q1 |

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| <p>2026/Q1 to Q4</p> | <p>Procurement templates</p> | <p>Development of procurement templates to address challenges and opportunities in procurement of circular construction solutions.</p> | <p>CoP Members, dedicated procurement networks the CoP Members are engaged in, representatives of institutions involved in ongoing or closed EU funded projects on circular construction, representatives of respective national and local authorities, representatives of the EC, construction industry players, international environmental NGOs, as well as academia and research institutions.</p> | <p>Templates</p> | <p>2026/Q4</p> |
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