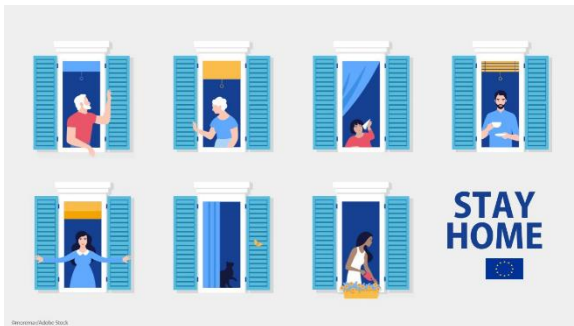


## ERMCO NEWS

March 2020

### COVID 19 – European measures and Industry instructions

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> the European Commission held a press streaming conference informing how they are setting out European coordinated response to counter the economic impact of the COVID 19 and the economic package they intend to set. The Commission will use all the instruments at its disposal to mitigate the consequences of the



pandemic and to prevent economic catastrophe! Follow the European Commission's activities in response to the virus at: <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/topics/covid-19/>.

**FIHP, the Federation of the South American rmc Associations, has prepared a leaflet with suggestions and instruction for the safety of workers and drivers of the rmc sector.** The leaflet (in Spanish) can be downloaded [here](#). ERMCO is finalizing an English version which will be sent to all ERMCO members, together with the template with pictures, in order them to produce a National version if they want to do so.

Let's work together and hope the actual situation will come to an end soon!

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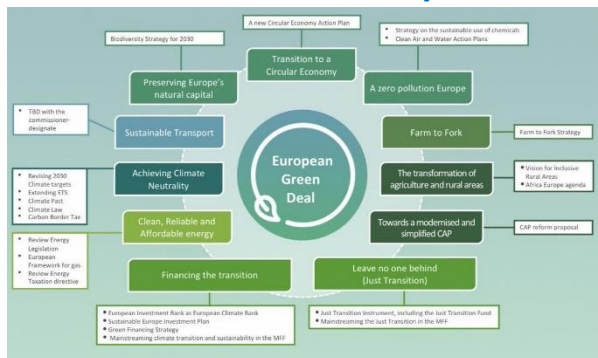
### New EU Industrial Strategy



Even if the pandemic is growing, Europe has to define its position in a highly competitive world threatened by climate change. Against this backdrop, a [new EU industrial strategy](#) was presented on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March by the EC to provide a framework for a more ambitious EU industrial policy and a more assertive position on the global stage.

ERMCO welcomes this new EU industrial strategy as the steppingstone for transition to a sustainable and digital economy. We particularly support the EC's key objective of maintaining European industry's global competitiveness and a level playing field at home and globally.

### NEW GREEN DEAL – European Concrete Platform Position Paper



ERMCO welcomes the New Circular Economy Action Plan and the ambitious vision of the European Green Deal. The European Concrete Platform is finalizing a "Position Paper" focused on the concrete industry. The paper asks for coherent, long-term measures to enhance the life span of construction works (through durability, maintenance, repair and reuse) and to increase the recycling and reuse of construction waste, both contributing to "closing the loop". [Latest news on the official page of the European commission](#)



## Regulation 561/2006 on Driving Times and Rest Period

ERMCO is pleased with the decision of the European Parliament and Council taken on December 2019 to allow national exemptions for the construction sector under article 13, and to include an extension to the delivery of “ready-mixed concrete”. The final legal text will be discussed by the European Council and Parliament in a 2nd reading agreement with a finishing expected, depending on the evolution of the COVID pandemia, by the end of July or in September.

## ECHA: CLP, ANNEX VIII

The EC has just cancelled the upcoming CARACAL physical Meeting (CLP and RECAH Session) planned on 31 March and 1 April. They are working now to set a video/internet conference to discuss x only 3 high priorities issues of the agenda:

- CLP: Annex VIII (workability amendment)
- REACH: Revocation of registration decisions
- REACH: Update on the activities in relation to the amendments of the REACH Annexes for nanoforms

The decision on the ERMCO amendment asking 2 UFI (Unique Formula Identifiers) for ready mixed concrete is included in the agenda. We will keep you informed about the final decision.

## NEPSI KPIs Reporting 2020: Deadline Extension until 13 April 2020

The 2020 NEPSI Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) Reporting started on 22 January 2020 normally would

end on 22 March 2020. NEPSI has taken the decision to extend the reporting period and the **new deadline** is **13 April 2020**. The reporting of KPIs is done through the new IT system. Members of ERMCO Associations have the possibility to report.

The 2020 NEPSI KPIs Reporting is an important exercise to demonstrate the commitment of our industry to continuously reduce exposure to respirable crystalline silica (RCS): your valuable contribution to this important reporting system is crucial.

### [2020 NEPSI KPIs Reporting](#)

## GCCA 2020 communications campaign

On 20<sup>th</sup> February the GCCA communication campaign has been launched to promote the benefits of concrete and to explain why it is essential to our modern daily lives. The campaign also focuses on cement and concrete innovative elements towards a sustainable future world.

### [GCCA New campaign](#)

## CSC Annual Report 2019

The Concrete Sustainability Council (CSC) has issued its 2019 annual report. 2019 was the third exciting year since the launching of the certification system for responsibly sourced concrete in January 2017.

The CSC Annual Report gives an overview of the CSC development and certifications until year end 2019. The results of the first certifications performed in 2019 with CSC system version 2.0 were monitored and evaluated and are shared in this report.

### [CSC Annual Report 2019](#)

## ERMCO MEETINGS 2020:

- ERMCO ESC & ETC: Virtual meeting, 24<sup>th</sup> March - CONFIRMED
- ERMCO Board & ESD: Virtual meeting, Brussels, 27<sup>th</sup> April - CONFIRMED
- ERMCO ESC & ETC, Board & ESD: Amsterdam, 3<sup>rd</sup> September - POSTPONED!!!
- ERMCO Representatives meeting: Amsterdam, 4<sup>th</sup> September - POSTPONED!!!

