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BIBM calls for immediate action & measures in favour of the construction sector¹

BIBM General Assembly expresses concerns regarding the slow implementation of the national stimulus plans at European level. The precast concrete industry gathered on this occasion asks public authorities to prioritize building and infrastructure projects which are already funded and ready to start. BIBM and the concrete sector unanimously call for a more coordinated European answer to bring us out of the recession.

Representing more than 10% of the total EU GDP and 7% of the total EU workforce, the construction sector must be recognised as the key booster of the European economic recovery. It stimulates the economy and investments, boosts jobs and provides performing products with a low environmental impact and a high-societal value. And yet, the amount of money allocated by the Member States to this sector does not clearly reflect that view.

BIBM advocates in favour of precast concrete products as the sustainable, fast and economic option for speeding up building and civil works projects and for a faster economic recovery. These messages will be coordinated at national level so that BIBM addresses European decision-makers from one voice. And they are also part of a more global action plan in coordination with some European construction associations and with the major construction economic players.

ABOUT BIBM:

BIBM is the European association representing the Precast Concrete industry, involved in the supply of sustainable solutions for the built environment. The sector employs more than 210.000 people in 8.000 production plants around Europe, generating more than 35 billion Euros of turnover.

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¹ The construction sector provides buildings and infrastructures on which all sectors of the economy depend.