



## Invitation

Berlin/Dessau, September 2017

The ongoing activities under the Construction Products Regulation towards harmonising standards defining VOC emissions from construction products for indoor use are an important 1<sup>st</sup> step on the roadmap to Healthy Buildings in Europe.

Like other member states, the German authorities generally welcome the regulatory activities envisaged by the EU Commission in this context. However, the German Ministry of the Environment and the German Environment Agency see an urgent need to discuss the basic concept and the level of ambition outlined in the first draft proposal for a delegated act on the so called "VOC classes".

Most important, the implementation of this concept would cause a significant information gap regarding the potential health risks of construction products for indoor use with the following likely consequences:

- construction experts miss detailed data to select healthy indoor products,
- consumers receive vague risk information not supporting an informed choice,
- national authorities lack information to regulate the (indoor) use of construction products and
- the identification and targeted reduction of possible causes of unhealthy indoor air and possible health damage are hindered.

A policy opinion paper with further explanation will be sent in the next days.  
In this context, we would like to invite to the

## Lunch Briefing

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Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the  
European Union

During this event we will

- further explain our opinion on the proposed concept
- give other experts and stakeholders the opportunity to express their views on the issue and
- open the floor to receive your questions, opinions and recommendations.

If you would like to participate please register under:

<http://events.oekopol.de/events/parliamentary-briefing-construction-products-towards-a-roadmap-for-healthy-buildings/>

If you have further question don't hesitate to contact Ana Maria Scutaru ([anamaria.scutaru@uba.de](mailto:anamaria.scutaru@uba.de)) or Outi Ilvonen ([outi.ilvonen@uba.de](mailto:outi.ilvonen@uba.de)).



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Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the European Union, Rue  
Jacques de Lalaing 8-14/Jacques de Lalaingstraat 8-14 , 1040 Bruxelles/Brussel

## Draft Agenda

**10:45 Registration & welcome coffee**

**11:00 Opening and Introduction to the topic**

*Lilian Busse, German Environment Agency, Head of Division II  
Environmental Health and Protection of Ecosystems.*

**11:15 An expert perspective**

Harmonisation framework for the health based evaluation of  
construction products emissions to indoor air  
*Derrick Crump, Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Consulting Limited &  
Associate, IEH Consulting Limited, UK*

### **Plans of the EU Commission services**

Potential class system of VOC on the classification of performance  
of construction products  
*Manfred Fuchs, DG Grow, Unit C/1 Clean Technologies and Products  
– sustainable construction*

### **Belgian activities**

Belgian proposals for criteria for healthy buildings —  
harmonisation for construction products  
*Tom Haerinck, Belgian Building Research Institute (BBRI)*

### **Expectation from a consumer NGO**

What is needed for healthy buildings in the EU — the product  
perspective  
*Michela Vuerich, ANEC Programme Manager, Sustainability &  
Services*

### **Industry's position**

Harmonised criteria for low emission products from the industry's  
view  
*Helge Kramberger, RMI (Dr. Robert-Murjahn-Institut)*



**12:00 Discussion**

Moderated panel discussion, with

- *Derrick Crump, IAQ Consulting Limited & Associate, IEH Consulting Limited*
- *Manfred Fuchs, DG Grow, Unit C/1 Clean Technologies and Products*
- *Michela Vuerich, ANEC Programme Manager, Sustainability & Services*
- *Tom Haerinck, Belgian Building Research Institute (BBRI)*
- *Helge Kramberger, RMI (Dr. Robert-Murjahn-Institut)*
- *Lilian Busse, German Environment Agency, Environmental Health and Protection of Ecosystems.*

Involving the audience and opening the floor for the participants' questions, opinions and recommendations

**13:00 Closing remarks**

*Lilian Busse, German Environment Agency, Environmental Health and Protection of Ecosystems*

**13:05 Snacks & Drinks and further exchange**