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International competitiveness plays an increasingly important role for the **long-term sustainability of the construction sector**, considering the sustained slow-down of the

Internationalisation of the construction sector

European market and its moderate prospects. Construction companies are facing barriers of access to markets, lack of finance to expand their activities or lack of potential partners in the destination markets. The European Commission plays a key role in 'business diplomacy' and provides some financial support to companies in the construction sector that are willing to expand their activities beyond the EU. Such support is implemented via financial instruments and through various non-financial support measures (e.g. participating in fairs, trainings). **Updated Country Fact Sheets are online**

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trade shows, business visits and networking events. CzechTrade also facilitates the

To support the internationalisation of Czech construction enterprises, <u>CzechTrade</u> organises

Republic

internationalisation of companies through its online database known as the Czech Exporters **Directory**. It provides detailed information on Czech exporters and their products making it easier for foreign entities to cooperate with Czech companies. Read more about the future of the construction sector in Czech Republic in the Country Fact Sheet. **Download the Country Fact Sheet**

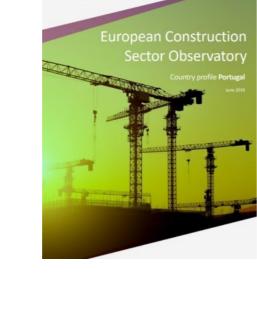


Mediterranean region. The programme enables Greek enterprises to meet with potential clients internationalisation of the Greek construction **Download the Country Fact Sheet**

European Construction Sector Observatory **Country Fact Sheet Portugal** To support the internationalisation of Portuguese

construction companies, the **Institute of Public** Real estate and Construction Markets (IMPIC) and Portuguese Agency for Investment and <u>Foreign Trade</u> have a cooperation agreement. The aim is to share information and promote

measures developing internationalisation and potential markets outside the EU. The Association



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Development Agency (SARIO) supports the internationalisation of SMEs under the umbrella

of the Foreign Economic Relations Strategy. It supplies information, advice and educational services for construction enterprises. SARIO organises annual events for construction SMEs for export promotion and business missions to engage in infrastructural projects with countries outside the EU. Discover more about the future of the construction sector in Slovakia in the Country

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The **Slovak Investment and Trade**

Fact Sheet.

Professionals also promotes the internationalisation of Portuguese enterprises

of Civil Engineering and Public Works

through the International Portuguese **Construction Network**. The project promotes Portuguese companies in developing a support network abroad and setting up the collective brand of Global Portuguese Construction. Read more about the construction sector of Portugal in the Country Fact Sheet. **Download the Country Fact Sheet**

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networking, new partnerships and matchmaking opportunities. Learn more about the internationalisation of the construction sector

in Slovenia in the updated Country Fact Sheet.

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organises the International Crafts and

Entrepreneurship Fair (MOS) on an annual basis. The goal of the MOS B2B part of the event is to bring together companies from different countries and regions and to **promote**

To foster the internationalisation of Slovenian construction companies, the Celjski Sejem

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The Czech Republic - Support for

the Construction of Supported

for people in difficult circumstances due to age,

disability, health issues or low income. The budget for the programme amounted to nearly **EUR 40 million in 2017-2019**. The programme provides grants for the construction of care





Building Renovation Project with the objective increase energy efficiency of existing public buildings. The project ran between 2010-2013 with a total budget of EUR 165.7 million. The project was considered successful, resulting in

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facilities, starter dwellings, and senior **community dwellings**. The grant applications are open to legal entities, associations, and social cooperatives. Between 2015 and 2019, funding was provided for 1,031 care facilities and 1,234

senior community homes. Read more about the

impact of this programme in the new Policy Fact Sheet. **Download the Policy Fact Sheet European Construction Sector**

the renovation of 543 public buildings. The renovations resulted in a 17.5% reduction in the total energy consumption of public buildings and a 16.3% reduction in the total CO₂ emissions. Read more about this Public Sector Building Renovation Project in the new Policy Fact Sheet. **Download the Policy Fact Sheet Greece - Energy Service**





studies, plans and projects, construction and engineering works and specific expenses **related to energy efficiency.** The programme is outperforming its targets, and it has reached 25% of its 2023 targets for building renovations. Read more about the Financial Instruments for

Urban Rehabilitation & Revitalisation in the new Policy Fact Sheet. **Download the Policy Fact Sheet European Construction Sector** Observatory

activities between 2012 and 2015 with a total budget of EUR 750,000. The objective was to save 5.184 MWH of energy annually and reach total savings of 23%. It aimed to create 38 jobs per year as well as an annual economic benefit for public bodies of EUR 674,000. To learn more about the results of the agreement, consult the

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buildings, contribute to the achievement of the energy efficiency targets of 2020 and develop the ECSO market and the use of EPC in **Greece.** The agreement foresaw an action plan of

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Slovenia - Eco Fund - Almost **Zero Energy Buildings: Subsidy** The Eco Fund was introduced by the Slovenian Ministry of Environment in 2008 with a **budget of**

EUR 18.5 million for improving the energy efficiency of buildings. The Fund provides financial support through loans to legal

entities, traders, and individuals as well as

municipalities. The subsidy programme provides financial support for the construction of a nearly zero energy use building, the renovation of an old building, and the purchase of a dwelling in a new or renovated almost zero energy building. It aims to achieve 7,336 GWh in energy savings by the end of 2020. Learn more about the Almost Zero Energy Buildings Subsidy in the new Policy Fact

grants to individuals, legal entities and

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introduced to best respond to new demands and requirements. To keep you aware, please find below a quick summary of fresh news and upcoming events. **Fresh Construction News** Fresh study on Internationalisation of SMEs from the European construction sector in third markets

Upcoming events



The Enterprise Europe network is organising a business mission to Switzerland for German companies. The Mission aims to give participants an insight into the latest Swiss developments in the field of lightweight construction and the

Singapore The EU Gateway Business Avenues mission for

includes a set of recommendations on the optimal support for construction SMEs wishing to expand their activities outside the EU.

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EU Gateways matchmaking mission

to South East Asia for companies in

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construction and technologies will take place in the Philippines and Singapore in November 2020.

The mission week will include gathering 50

construction and technologies



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possibilities of their integration into the whole

will cover the presentation of the 'Dreispitz Areal'

living concept in Zurich.



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PHILCONSTRUCT exhibition for construction and urban system. The Mission will take two days and building industry in the Philippines. In addition, participants will be provided with market and business coaching before the event. The mission













