

Construction in the European Union

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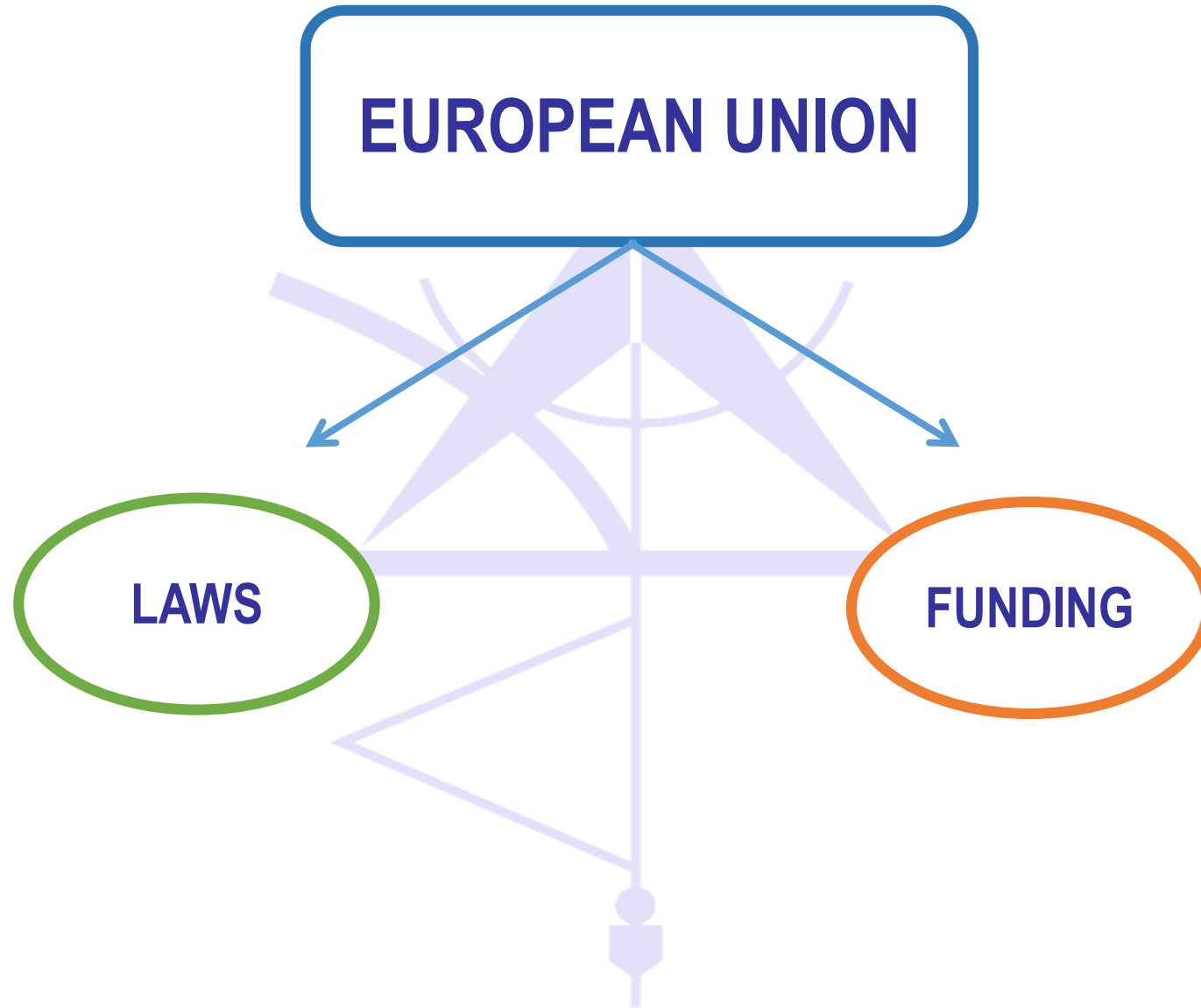


1. The EU : Why does it matter?

2. How does it work ?

**3. Construction from an EU
perspective**

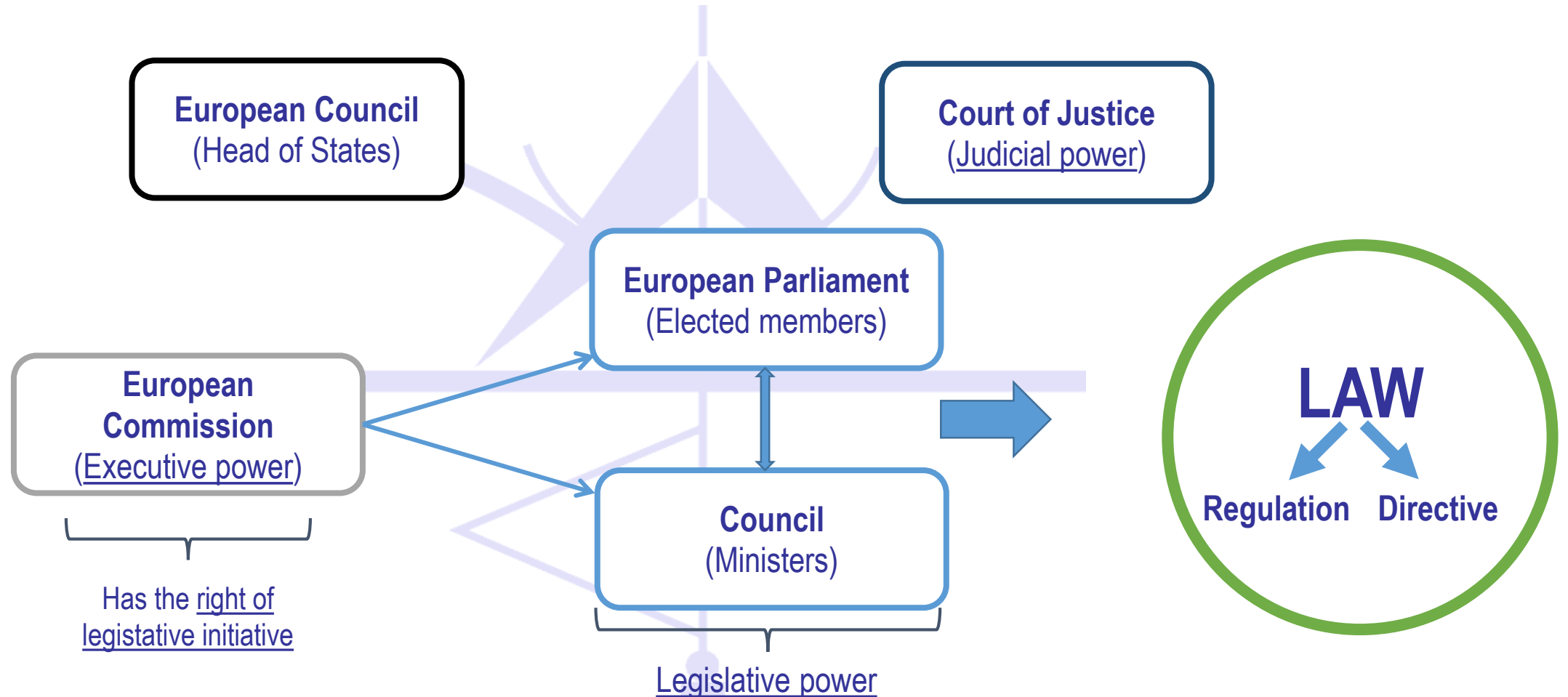
4. Burning issues



Why EU laws matter

- 80 % of national laws originate in Brussels : myth or reality ?
- However, some of the most important ones are adopted at EU level and affect a wide range of areas.

How the EU works



EU FUNDING

Structural Funds & Funding
programmes
(grants)
€350 billion 2014-2020

European Investment Bank
(loans)
€60 billion in equity

Construction from an EU perspective



The construction industry in the EU: key figures

- **10 % of GDP**
- **3 million companies (incl. 92 % of SMEs)**
- **~20 million jobs**
- **40 % of total EU energy consumption**
- **36 % of carbon emissions**
- **3.2 million tons of raw materials**
- **~€100 billion of exports to non-EU countries**

Construction 2020 Strategy

“Strategy for the sustainable competitiveness of the construction sector
and its enterprises ” (2012)

A communication from the European Commission

What does the Commission mean by “construction sector”?

Cross-
occupational
approach

- Contractors
- Manufacturers of construction products
- Architects, urban planners
- Engineers
- Property developers, owners, lawyers...

Top priorities for 2020

1. Stimulating investments
2. Improving human capital
3. Improving resource efficiency and environmental performance
4. Shift towards a low-carbon economy
5. Strengthening the internal market
6. Improving competitiveness of EU businesses

1. Stimulating Investment



Photograph of a new bridge under construction near Bordeaux Credit: 20minutes.fr

- The 5 Structural funds (€350 billion*)
- EFSI aka Juncker investment fund to generate €500 billion of investment by 2020
- Horizon 2020 (€80 billion*)
- Connecting Europe Facility (€30 billion*)

* Budgets for the programming period 2014-2020

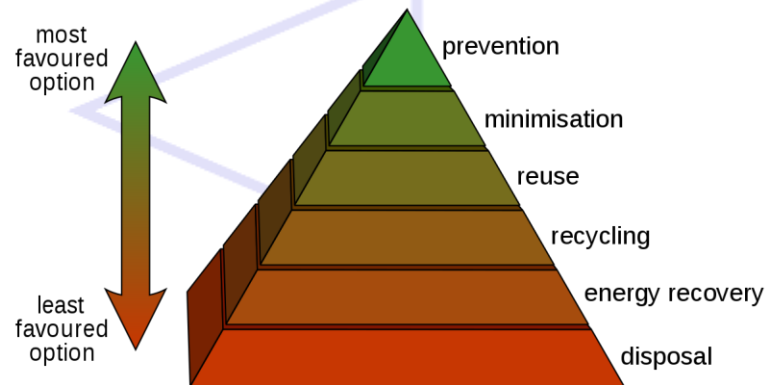
2. Improving human capital

- Skills and vocational training initiatives
(Skills Agenda, EAFA, Build-Up skills,...)
- Digitalisation & BIM
(EU-BIM Task Group)
- European Social dialogue
(FIEC & EFBWW)

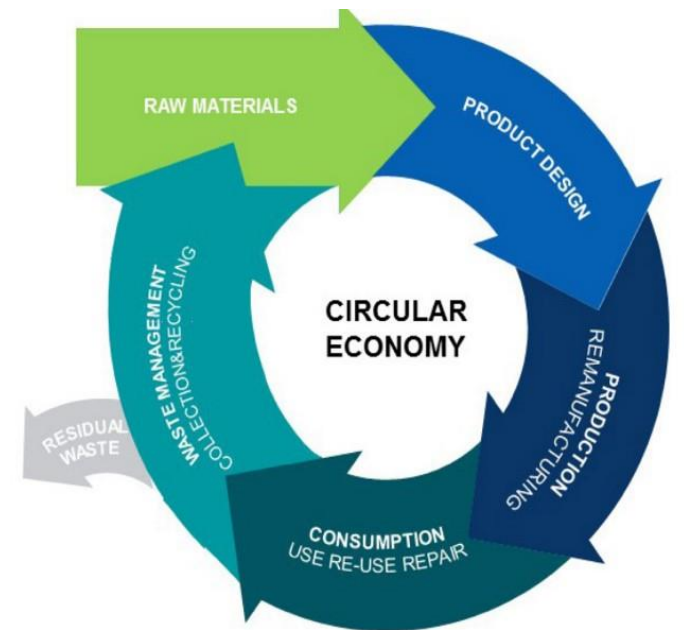


3. Improving resource efficiency and environmental performance

- **Circular economy action plan**
Construction & Demolition waste management protocol
Guidelines for pre-Demolition & Renovation waste audits
Level(s): a common framework for building sustainability performance
- **Waste management & hierarchy**
Waste framework directive (2008)



Credit: wikipedia.org



Credit: urbact.eu.

4. Shift towards a low-carbon economy



Credit: Compagnie nationale du Rhône (CNR)

- Cutting greenhouse gas emissions
 - 20 % by 2020*
 - 40 % by 2030*
 - 80 % by 2050*
 - * compared to 1990 levels
- Ecodesign directive for energy-using products (2009)
- Renewable energy directive (2009)
 - 20 % of the energy mix by 2020
- Energy efficiency directive (2012)
 - 20 % increase in EE by 2020
- Energy performance of buildings and renovation of existing buildings (mandatory NZEBs by 2021)

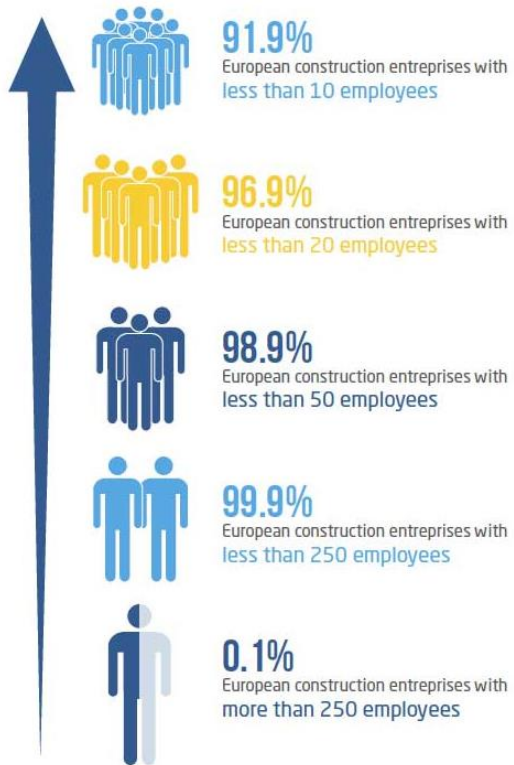
5. Strenghtening the internal market

- Services directive (2006)
- Construction products regulation (2011)
- Public procurement & concession directives (2014)
- Standardisation (e.g. Eurocodes)



Credit: ceced.eu

6. Improving competitiveness of EU businesses



Credit: European Builders Confederation

- Supporting SMEs (EASME & SBA)
Think Small First !
- International competitiveness
(incl. Free trade agreements)

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Hot topics: files we are currently working on

- Services package (incl. regulated professions)
- Review of the Construction products regulation
- New Posting of workers directive
- New Waste framework directive
- Energy package: New Energy efficiency and Energy performance of building directives

The importance of being in Brussels

Day-to-day monitoring

Meeting the EU
decision-makers

Network building

Assisting local authorities
and businesses

Taking part in the drafting
of EU legislation

Thank you for your attention

