

A joint call for action on circular construction 2026

Background: Why a joint call for action on circular construction?

The European Commission is preparing a legislative act on circular economy – the Circular Economy Act (CEA). This is a critical opportunity to act, enabling and streamlining circular construction, renovation and demolition practices. The act is planned for proposal in 2026 (3rd quarter), followed by negotiations between the European Parliament and Council. During this time, frontrunner cities and regions need to stand together and urge EU level decision-makers to take ambitious steps and steer the EU towards circular construction.

We must ensure the CEA includes ambitious goals for circular construction. Failing to act creates growing risks for our regions and cities:

- ➔ Economic concerns: the status quo harms competitiveness as the construction sector faces rising material prices and supply chain challenges.
- ➔ Resource scarcity: opening of new quarries closer to cities is increasingly politically unpopular as availability of materials like sand and gravel worsens.
- ➔ Climate goals: we cannot meet our climate targets without tackling climate emissions and waste from construction.

OUR SOLUTION: a joint call for a stronger CEA

To capture the attention of the Commission, the Council, and the European Parliament, we need a public **"joint call for action"** launched by frontrunner capital cities and regions, as well as signed and supported by all ambitious local and regional leaders, who call for circular construction.

By uniting our voices, we create the necessary political weight to secure an ambitious European framework for circular construction as this can help with resource scarcity, climate emissions, waste management, environmental impacts, local security concerns and competitiveness.

Our goal is to create maximum publicity. The call for action will be publicly delivered to the EU institutions at a high-profile event ahead of the CEA negotiations (expected from Q3 2026).

YOUR ACTION: Become a Co-Signatory

We want to involve and include as many signatory cities and regions as we can, to put as much weight behind the call for the EU to elevate circular construction in the Circular Economy Act 2026 as possible.

Adding your organisations' name to the joint call for action on circular construction will position you along frontrunner cities and regions and amplify the collective call for the EU to take ambitious action on circular construction with a stronger EU framework.

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The Call for Action serves as a collective expression of support and a means of enhancing visibility, particularly by highlighting the importance of circular construction within the planned Circular Economy Act. **Its signature does not entail any financial or personnel-related commitments.**

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