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What is ENCORD?

The European Network of Construction Companies for Research and Development (ENCORD) is a network of active members from the construction industry, represented by decision-makers and executives working on research, development and innovation (R, D & I). ENCORD has **20 members** with head offices in 9 European countries and operations worldwide. All members are major European contractors and/or suppliers of construction material and are strongly devoted to R,D&I for increased competitiveness and growth.

The member companies are found regularly in the Top 50 European and Global Contractor lists and all together employ over 1.15 Million people and have combined annual revenue of over 200 Billion Euro.

The ENCORD "Council" is responsible for setting the ENCORD strategy and is a forum for discussion and debate on R&D priorities and the development of the construction sector. The Council also discusses common research issues, European R&D funding and project proposals.

ENCORD regularly organises workshops at an expert level on topics of high priority for construction companies. Participants represent the whole European research community, including construction companies, suppliers, end-users, research institutes and universities. Members are involved in many key sector projects and initiatives, such as the European Construction Technology Platform (ECTP) and the Energy Efficient Buildings Public Private Partnership (E2B PPP). ENCORD is also a member of the "European Council for Construction Research, Development and Innovation (ECCREDI)".

ENCORD Objective

ENCORD's main objective is to be Europe's forum for the promotion of industry led research, development and innovation in the construction sector, acting as:

- A network to exchange best practice experience, discuss strategies for the development of the construction sector and develop new ideas for research.
- An instrument to communicate directly and indirectly with the EU administration and the European research community.

Current thematic priorities for the network are:

CO2 and Sustainable Construction | Health & Safety | Lean Construction Management | Virtual Construction & Information and Communications Technology | Aging Society | Implementation of Research and Innovation | Ethical standards and Transparency links | Local communities, Stakeholder engagement and Value for Stakeholders | Risk management in construction.

Sustainable development charter

Member companies of ENCORD are committed to a vision where Research & Development & Innovation in the construction sector is seen as a major contributor to a sustainable world.

We integrate the sustainability principles in this Charter into our business & innovation strategy, in order to support a transition towards higher quality and greater added value in the built environment.

We promote best practice amongst charter signatory parties how the principles in this charter are translated into our daily operations.

We strive to build a track record and reputation for successfully implementing sustainability throughout our businesses.

We seek to develop in a sustainable way and are committed to:

- Research & Development & Innovation for sustainability
- Improve our own sustainability governance
- Sustainable development throughout the life-cycle
- Great place to work
- Local communities
- Ethical standards
- Stakeholder engagement
- Transparency
- Value for stakeholders

25th Anniversary of ENCORD

Founded in 1989, ENCORD is Europe's forum for industry-led research, development and innovation in the construction sector.

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