



The European platform for green building practitioners

## Construction21 soon in Belgium !

Construction21 international association general assembly decided to extend Construction21 network in Belgium. Construction21 founding members, the chapters currently operating Construction21 in France, Romania, Spain, Italy and Lithuania have indeed validated Greenwal application. A new Construction21 platform dedicated to Belgian French-speaking professionals is now under progress and will be on line in November 2013.

During this first General Assembly since the Royal Decree approving Construction21 AISBL<sup>1</sup> constitution, Construction21 chapters have also elected their representatives. Each founding chapter will be represented at the board. Christian Brodhag, Construction21 France president, initiator of the project, will be Construction21 AISBL president. Steve Borncamp, Romanian GBC president, will be Secretary. Cristina Gazulla, Construction21 Spain manager within ESCI will be Vice-president and Treasurer.

### More about Greenwal

Greenwal is a non-profit organisation that aims at contributing to create and preserve a healthy environment, socially and economically acceptable for current and future generations; boost the construction sector (new constructions and renovation) and establish bridges between training, research and innovation.

Greenwal is an initiative of the IFAPME (Walloon institute for alternate learning and training of entrepreneurs and SMEs), trade union representatives of the construction sector as well as research centres in order to get the sector prepared to reach the 2020 energy objectives as well as objectives set by the Belgian government in terms of sustainable construction/renovation.

### More about Construction21

Construction21 was developed by the IFPEB and its European partners with the purpose of sharing and spreading news related to sustainable construction faster and at a European level. In March 2012, Construction21 opened six national platforms in France, Germany, Italy, Romania, Lithuania and Spain, with the support of European Union (IEE Project). They are each managed by a national organization and linked together via a central international platform which will highlight content of continental and international importance and relevance.

Since mid-2013, Construction21 is beginning to extend to Europe and beyond to become the first collaborative tool specifically dedicated to sustainable construction in the EU28. An international non-profit Association, Construction21 AISBL, was created in April 2013 in Brussels. Greenwal is now member of the Association.

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<sup>1</sup> AISBL : international non profit association, registered by Belgian law

### **More about Construction21 founding chapters**

- Construction21 France, association dedicated to Construction21 development in France, created in April 2013 by 30 building organizations and companies.
- Romanian Green Building Council
- ESCI : International Business School located in Barcelona and UNESCO Chair about Life Cycle and Climate change.
- ANCE : National building companies association in Italy.
- LT Green Building Council : GBC under construction, recently initiated by VGTU, previous Construction21 operator, and nine partners.
- CIRIDD : initiator of many information systems dedicated to sustainable development, as technical partner

### **More about Christian Brodhag**

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He chairs the Association Construction21 France and the International Construction21 network (Construction21 AISBL) and the national eco center initiated by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Saint-Etienne. He was previously President of IFPEB (French Institute for Efficiency in Buildings) the organization that initiated Construction21 international web portal. [www.brodhag.org](http://www.brodhag.org).