



The Federation of the European
Precast Concrete Industry

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BIBM welcomes its new President

The BIBM General Assembly - held online on 16 November - elected the new President, Bart van Melick (BTE Holding B.V., the Netherlands) for the period 2020 – 2023. BIBM would like to thank our outgoing President, Claus Bering (CRH Concrete, Denmark), for his three years of dedicated service and welcome on board our new President.



“Market demand, regulation, durability and sustainability are the main topics on a European level and on every topic we are searching for the right answers. In a world which is changing rapidly our industry has to face the challenges which are lying before us. I’m convinced that if we connect and collaborate we can make a difference.”

Bart van Melick, BIBM President

Bart van Melick (the Netherlands, 1963) is graduated in Business Engineering and Policy Sciences (University Nijmegen). He has worked in different positions in the precast concrete industry since 1989. In 2003 he became CEO of BTE Holding B.V. in Dodewaard. He is President of the Dutch Precast Concrete Association (BFBN – Bond van Fabrikanten van Betonproducten in Nederland) and member of several international commissions.

For the next three years, BIBM will continue to advocate for a stable, business friendly legislative environment at European level and fight for an equal level playing field for our industry.

The priority partners and audience of BIBM advocacy work are the EU institutions (Commission, Parliament and Council), as well as European and international construction organisations. The principal areas of activity are:

- Position precast concrete as a material of choice when it comes to energy efficiency, sustainable construction and circular economy;



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- Advocate for equal financial aid when rebuilding in comparison to renovation;
- Raising the awareness of the importance of the construction sector on the political agenda and importance of long-term policy goals and strategies;
- Stabilising the normative frameworks in order to allow for the long-term development and fair competition for precast businesses;
- Promoting innovation, research, communication of the sector in areas like circular economy and fire as key factors of technological advantages;
- Engage the sector in health and safety issues and pledge to reduce risk to health and safety of all stakeholders.

BIBM (from the French acronym "Bureau International du Béton Manufacturé") is the Federation for the European Precast Concrete Industry (established in 1954) that represents and defends the interest of precast concrete industry of 16 European countries.

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BIBM is the Federation of the Precast Concrete industry, involved in the supply of sustainable solutions for the built environment. The sector employs more than 160.000 people in 7.000 production plants around Europe, generating more than 30 billion Euros of turnover.