

The Federation of the European Precast Concrete Industry

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## **BIBM Launches its Decarbonisation Pledge**

The Federation of the European Precast Concrete Industry (BIBM) proudly announces the launch of the **BIBM Decarbonisation Pledge**. This initiative showcases the precast concrete industry's unwavering commitment to fostering a sustainable and low-carbon society.

The BIBM Decarbonisation Pledge represents a concerted effort to minimise the environmental impact across the entire lifespan of precast concrete products. By aligning with our objectives, we aim to lead the path in reducing carbon emissions in the construction sector, emphasizing the crucial role the industry plays in global environmental stewardship.

Developed by the BIBM Brussels office in close collaboration with the BIBM Environment and Communication Commissions, the pledge is a result of collective expertise and dedication to driving positive change within the industry.

BIBM Decarbonisation Pledge core commitments:

- **Decarbonisation of the construction work:** BIBM highlights the need to consider the decarbonisation of the full construction work during its entire lifecycle (minimising the CO<sub>2</sub>eq emissions per square metre of structure and per year) whilst giving the possibility to precasters and all actors of the value chain to optimise the means to achieve it.
- Circular Economy for Reduced Whole-Life Carbon: Applying circular economy principles to precast concrete design, manufacturing, and end-of-life processes minimises the environmental impacts. This approach optimises material use, reduces waste, and aligns with the circular economy model's aim to decouple economic growth from resource use.
- **Stakeholder Cooperation:** BIBM commits to championing sustainable practices throughout the precast concrete lifecycle, encompassing the design, manufacturing, and distribution processes. This commitment ensures that every step in the value chain contributes to the overarching goal of decarbonisation.
- Enabling Policy Framework: Collaboration between stakeholders and policymakers is crucial for achieving decarbonisation in the built environment. BIBM advocates for an enabling policy framework to facilitate the transition toward carbon neutrality in Europe, based on science and material neutrality.

The BIBM Decarbonisation Pledge is a milestone in our journey towards a more sustainable future. We believe that by preparing this pledge, we are not only meeting the demands of the present but also safeguarding the environment for generations to come.

Our pledge is accessible and can be <u>downloaded</u> on your website: <u>https://bibm.eu</u>. For media inquiries, please contact:

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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.