

## Roadmap for Healthy Buildings

- Harmonisation of Health Criteria for Construction Products

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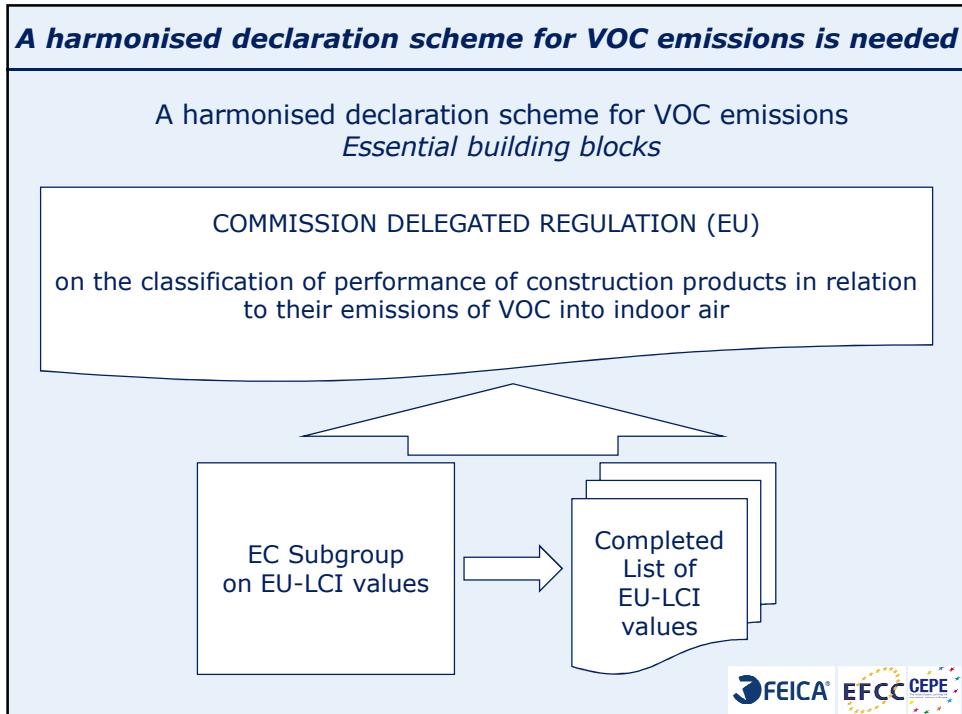
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- Manufacturers of Construction Chemicals, Adhesives, Sealants and Architectural Coatings are acting on a European and international market
- European harmonisation and the removal of barriers to trade is an essential prerequisite for a functioning internal market.
- For this purpose the harmonisation of test methods and declaration schemes regarding health-related properties of construction products and interior decorative products is needed.
- The communication of health-related product characteristics must be easily understandable for the users of the products.
- Declaration of single substances and their emission rates will not be understood by the professional user.

**→ An easily understandable system of VOC-classes is the one and only solution for a reasonable communication to professional end-user of construction products and interior decorative products.**



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- As much as needed / as easy as possible:
  - To ensure the required acceptance of a European system of VOC classes the essential elements of existing national requirements should be considered.
- Limitation to the harmonisation of existing national requirements
  - A European system of VOC classes should not contain parameters and performance classes that are not part of existing national requirements
- The declaration system should refer to the test methods and definitions of existing European standards (e.g. EN 16516)
- After the implementation of a harmonised system of VOC classes all European and national regulations and assessment schemes should refer in future exclusively to the European system of VOC classes
- CEPE, EFCC and FEICA are ready to support the development and the implementation of a European harmonised system of VOC classes

