

HeidelbergCement joins the Europe Regional Network of the World Green Building Council as official partner

Building materials from HeidelbergCement are important components for sustainable construction. To further accelerate developments in this area, HeidelbergCement has joined the Europe Regional Network (ERN) of the World Green Building Council as official Regional Partner. The ERN is a community of 23 national Green Building Councils, 8 Regional Partners, and more than 4,500 member companies across Europe. HeidelbergCement has been active in a number of national Green Building Councils for many years, and intends to expand this commitment in its new role as Regional Partner of the ERN.

“As one of the leading companies in the construction industry, we have long been committed to sustainable construction,” says Dr Dominik von Achten, Chairman of the Managing Board of HeidelbergCement. “Together with the Europe Regional Network of the World Green Building Council, we now want to further intensify the promotion of sustainability and innovation in the construction sector. In this way, we are accelerating the development towards a carbon-neutral construction industry, and ultimately towards a carbon-neutral society in Europe. Strengthening sustainable construction also helps us to achieve our medium- and long-term sustainability goals, such as the Sustainability Commitments 2030”.

Sustainable construction is a key factor in global efforts to reduce emissions. HeidelbergCement is convinced that concrete has the potential to become the most sustainable building material. The company has announced that by 2030, it will use 80% of its research budget to develop sustainable products – this includes the goal of a carbon-neutral concrete, which HeidelbergCement wants to achieve by 2050 at the latest. HeidelbergCement has also set itself the goal of reducing its specific CO₂ emissions per tonne of cement by 30% by 2030 compared with 1990. This goal has been recognised by the Science Based Target initiative and makes HeidelbergCement the first cement company worldwide with scientifically proven CO₂ reduction targets. By 2019, HeidelbergCement has already achieved a reduction of 22%.

About the World Green Building Council

The World Green Building Council (WorldGBC) is a global network leading the transformation of the built environment to make it healthier and more sustainable.

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About HeidelbergCement

HeidelbergCement is one of the world's largest integrated manufacturers of building materials, with leading market positions in aggregates, cement, and ready-mixed concrete.

The Group employs around 55,000 people at over 3,000 locations in more than 50 countries.

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