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1. SOCIAL DIALOGUE AND SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION

CONSTRUCTION: MAIN FEATURES

Between 2008 and 2015

- GDP -3,3% (from 9,5 to 6,2)
- Production -41,5%
- Net profit -35%
- Employment -25% (780.000 workers)
- Companies -16% (100.000)

529.103 companies (2014)

1.346.000 workers (5,91% total employment) (2016)

 Restructuration of the building stock limited the reduction of economic activities
The overall trend was not reversed in 2016: 2017 was expected to deliver some recovery

COMMON UNDERSTANDING ON SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION

Employers' associations, trade unions, environmental organizations, universities and local authorities share the view that the transition to sustainable building represents an opportunity for economic growth (with a partial recovery from the crisis) while coping with environmental issues

FOSTERING SOCIAL DIALOGUE ON SC

Up to date it was not easy to make the most of the social dialogue for the SC due to the difficulties faced in managing and contrasting the **Effects of the crisis on the sector**

Many barriers to the social dialogue but also some drivers



TOOLS AT NATIONAL LEVEL

The National Observatory for Quality Reconstruction, February 2017

The introduction of the **Seismic Bonus**, a new fiscal incentive available all over Italy, in 2017

The Protocol of understanding on the promotion of the culture of sustainable energy and energy efficiency for the enhancement of green jobs and professions, March 2014

The **Observatory on innovation and sustainability in the construction sector** (2011) promoted by the sectoral trade unions and the environmental organization Legambiente

European projects on sustainable construction and green building

TOOLS AT LOCAL LEVEL

- Actions for the energy improvement of buildings based on **an intersectoral and integrated approach**
- The launch of boards on urban renewal grounded on formal agreements and protocols
 - Training activities for construction workers
- **Knowledge management activities** (such as the setting of networks)

Citizens' information and awareness-raising activities

3. AREAS OF ACTION FOR THE SOCIAL DIALOGUE

POLICIES AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK

15 issues

Strengthen the dialogue with national institutions to make them assume a clear position on SC and promote the establishment of a space for SD

Apply the perspective of sustainability and the circular economy at every level of the policies concerning SC through **an integrated and intersectoral approach**

Draft a **national strategy for the SC** (clearly defining responsibilities and outlining the regional and local levels)

Define a **sustainable industrial project** including the overall **supply chain** in the construction industry

WORKING CONDITIONS AND NEW SKILLS

5 issues

Adapt training in the building sector to the current demand rescheduling the contents on the basis of the sustainability paradigm

Make the most of **existing bilateral bodies of the construction** sector

Increase and improve the level of **public inspections** in the construction sites

Align the contracts of the different workers of the companies of the supply chain operating in the same work site (**site contract**)

Pay attention to the **new risks for safety and health**

TECHNOLOGY, KNOWLEDGE, INNOVATION

9 issues

Establish a governmental structure for SD on SC involving in **working** groups or committees R&D and innovation organizations, the world of work, production and civil society

Increase **public, basic and applied research** on SC and new construction materials

Support **process innovation and industrialization** integrating all the players involved in the enlarged supply chain

Accompany the transition towards SC through the digitalization, making the most of **BIM tools** and **the industrialization of the construction process**

CULTURAL DIMENSION

2 issues

Increase awareness raising and communication activities on SC

Disseminate information on good practices carried out at local level grounded on active participation of the different parts of the enlarged SD



