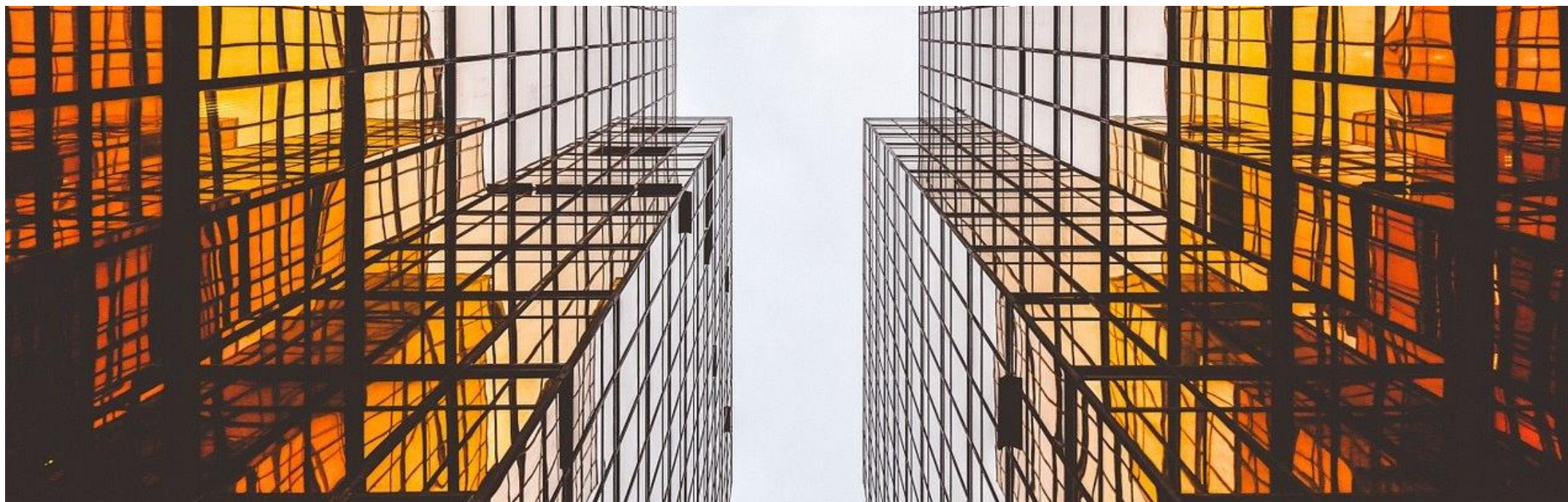


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The Construction Ecosystem



1 158 billion of value added*

*2nd most important ecosystem in terms of employment and value added

5.3 million firms

24.9 mil people employed*

99.9% SMEs

90% micro

Activities during the whole lifecycle of buildings and infrastructure

Architectural and engineering services, operation of buildings, facility management and landscaping.

Construction, renovation, refurbishment, demolition. Site preparation, plumbing and other installations, completion and finishing.

EU construction policy: main areas of work



competitiveness and resilience

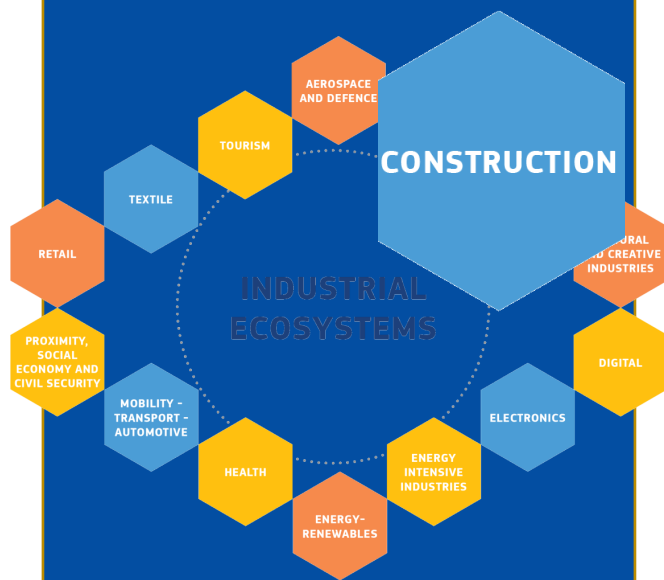


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Greening construction

- Energy Performance of Buildings
- Circular economy: prioritization, standards, market places
- Construction & Demolition Waste Protocol
- Whole Life Cycle GHG emissions

Digitalisation of construction

- Digitalisation of SMEs
- Automated permit processes
- BIM in Public Procurement
- Cyber-security and IP rights
- Unlocking the power of data in construction

Standardisation / harmonization

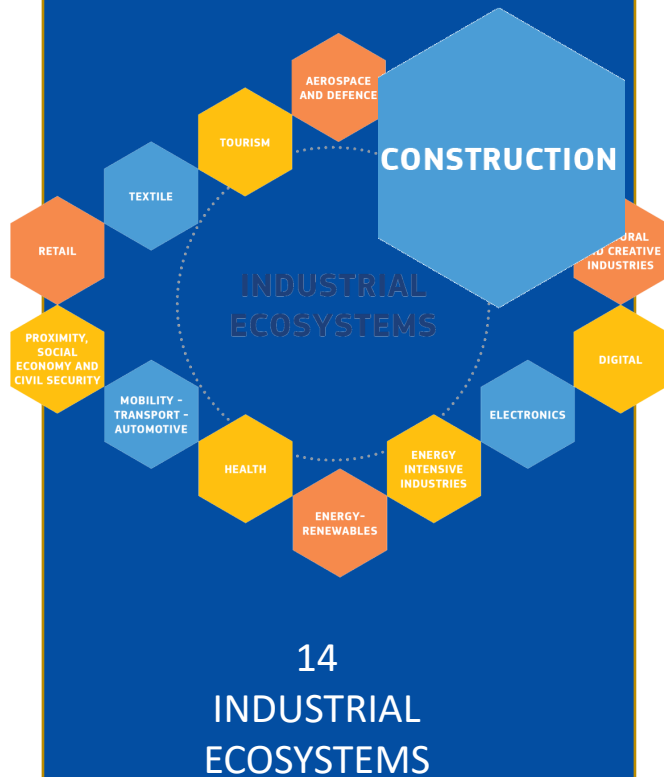
- Revised Construction Products Regulation
- Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation

Skills

- Pact for Skills
- Blueprint for sectoral cooperation

International relations

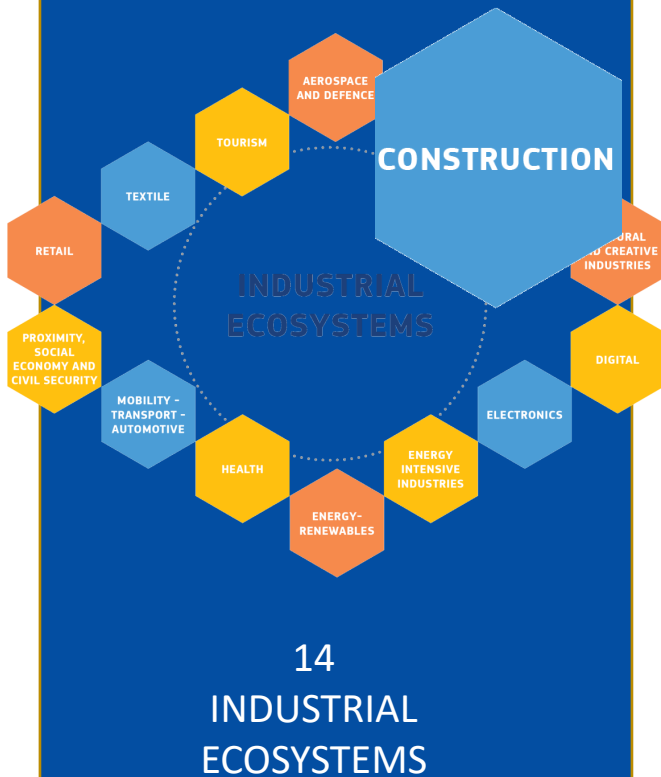
- Construction-related value chains and trade flows
- International support and co-operation



Re-Building Ukraine: distinction between short-term and medium/long-term goals and ambitions

Short-term: focus on most pressing needs

- Critical infrastructure: energy grids, water systems, roads and bridges
- Critical buildings: hospitals; schools
- Temporary housing
- MFA+ package to secure the functioning of the state
 - Total of EUR 18 billion
 - First instalment of EUR 3 billion in January
 - Increased flexibility and favorable borrowing terms
 - Accompanied by reforms and reporting requirements



Re-Building Ukraine: distinction between short-term and medium/long-term goals and ambitions

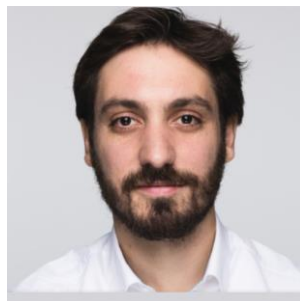
Medium/long term: coordinated efforts towards integration

- Strong links with reform, modernisation and integration of Ukraine towards EU: digitalization, energy performance, green deal cooperation, standards alignment,...
- Building is more than construction: capacity building of administration and public procurement; building of skills
- Quality: better buildings, better neighbourhoods
- Strong involvement of private sector and SMEs → strong basis for a stable and thriving economy
- Multi-Agency Donor Coordination Platform
 - Includes EU, G7, EIB, World Bank, IMF

Thank you!

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