



Mandate of the Forum

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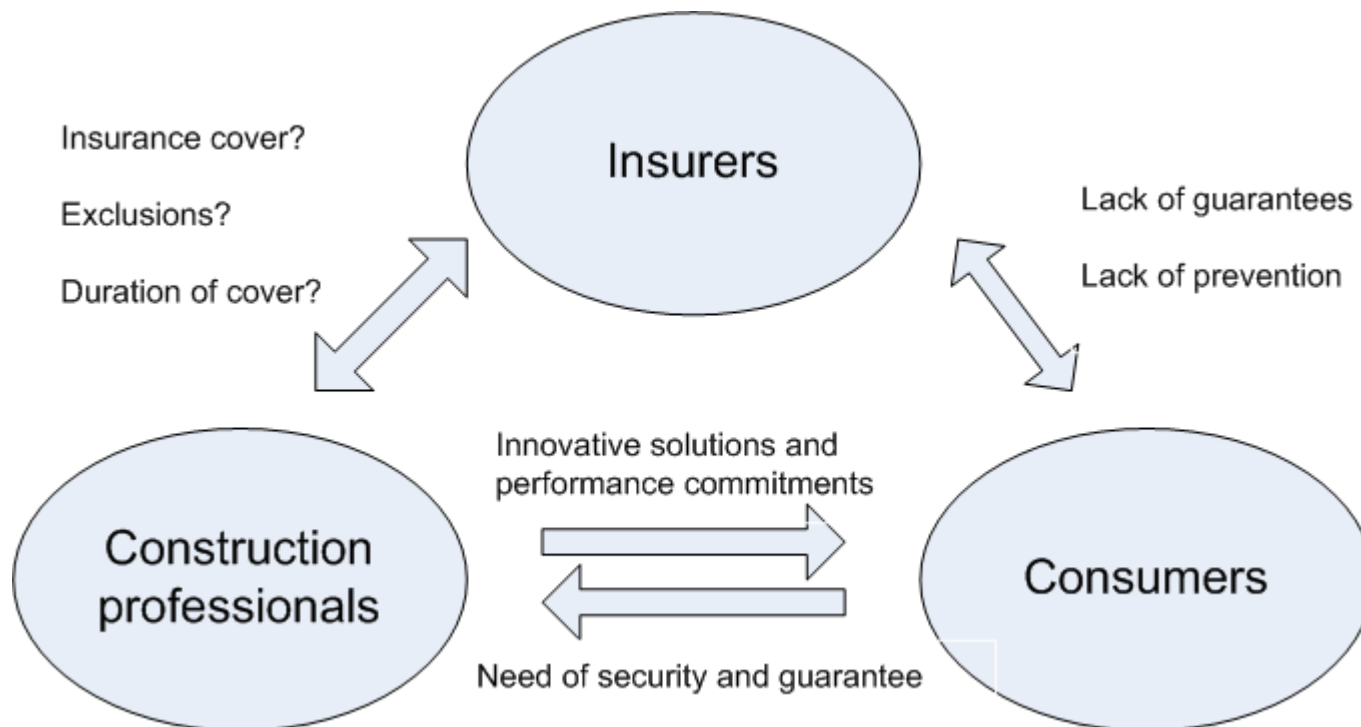


Background

- DG ENTR Lead Market Initiative
 - Lead markets: Protective textiles, construction, renewable energy, recycling, bio-based products and eHealth
- Some initiatives
 - Green Public Procurement (GPP)
 - Public Procurement Networks (PPN)
 - Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP) in public procurement directive (2004/18/EC)

ELIOS

- Pre-project 2008-2010
- European Liability Insurance Organisation Schemes





Pilot project of DG ENTR

- Title reflects content
 - "Facilitating access to insurance...
 - ...by self-employed builders and small building firms...
 - ...so as to stimulate innovation...
 - ...and promotion of eco-technologies...
 - ...in the European Union"

Objectives

- Objectives of pilot project:
 - A) to analyse the impact of quality/conformity marks on construction markets and the (re)insurance sector and develop an EU directory on quality marks;
 - B) to develop an EU-wide knowledge base on quality indicators in construction and building pathology that could support (re)insurance in risk appraisal;
 - C) to propose concrete actions to the deployment of insurance schemes that could support cross border services and the cover of building sustainability performances; and

Objectives (continued)

- Objectives of pilot project:
 - D) to assist the Commission in the setting up and the functioning of a forum composed by representatives from the construction and the (re)insurance sectors, Member States and the Commission for the implementation of the pilot project.



Tasks of the Forum

- Main tasks:
 - 1) Networking between the Forum members, the Commission services and the project team through interactive workshops etc.
 - 2) Information and debate of the Forum members on the current status of project results and similar initiatives and activities on
 - quality/conformity marks,
 - indicators for performance/pathology, and
 - insurance schemes.
 - 3) Consultation on the policy implications of the work through debates during Forum meetings, commentaries on the website etc.



Additional tasks

- For some Forum members of their own choosing :
 - 4) Disseminate project results and policy recommendations towards national and/or professional constituencies
 - 5) Support data gathering by providing contact persons, access to information sources etc.



Role of members

- To pay for their own time and expenses
- To participate in all seven Forum meetings
- To be well-prepared before the meetings by reading the enclosed documents distributed some 10-15 days in advance
- To actively contribute to the debates at the Forum meetings



Some questions for today

- Can we stimulate innovation and promote eco-technologies through access to insurance for SMEs?
 - What is an eco-technology – and is there anything special about them ?
 - Will improved access to insurance increase the adoption of eco-technologies?
- If yes, how can we do so?
 - What is required to provide access to insurance (information etc.)?
 - Which type of eco-technologies are in need of support and which are not?

