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### THE EUROPEAN CONCRETE PAVING ASSOCIATION IS 10 YEARS OLD!

*13 December 2017, Brussels, Belgium* – EUPAVE held its 10-year anniversary event with theme "The future of sustainable transport infrastructure in Europe" on 11 December 2017 at the Metropole Hotel in the city-centre of Brussels.

EUPAVE is a non-for-profit association, promoting the contribution of cement and concrete to a sustainable infrastructure and an efficient transport system since the 4 December 2007, date on which the six founding members signed the Articles of the Association.

The event was attended by members and partners of the Association and invited guests. The evening was also the occasion to discuss the future of transportation infrastructure in Europe. All stakeholders of the main International and European road related organisations were represented and gave their views on the main theme.

Mr. André Burger, Vice-President of the Association gave a short presentation on the history of EUPAVE and highlighted the major events of the past decade.

Mr. Daniel Calleja Crespo, Director General of DG Environment, emphasised the need for more resource efficient and sustainable infrastructure construction within the EU member states, "sustainability and competitiveness are no longer incompatible" he said. The challenges and opportunities in terms of circular economy for our sector were also mentioned. He was followed by Mr. Claude Van Rooten, President of the World Road Association who presented the future challenges of the road sector.

Mr. Steve Phillips (Conference of European Directors of Roads), Mr. Christophe Nicodème (European Union Road Federation), Mr. Thierry Goger (Forum of European National Highway Research Laboratories) and by video, Mr. Gerald Voigt (American Concrete Pavement Association) and Mr. Jeffery Roesler (International Society for Concrete Pavements) shared a few words on their history and collaboration with EUPAVE.

Mr. Stéphane Nicoud, President of EUPAVE, ended the speeches with a look into the future of the Association, "[we] will do more and better in the forthcoming ten years", and presented EUPAVE's brand new website ([www.eupave.eu](http://www.eupave.eu)) and refreshed logo.