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2026

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Sustainable Construction



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# Introduction

Welcome to the **25th BIBM Congress 2026**, from **20–22 May** at the **A.Roma Lifestyle Hotel, Rome**. Join Europe's precast concrete community for three days of inspiring talks, lively panel debates, and a showcase of innovative solutions, all focused on *innovative pathways to sustainable construction*. Enjoy networking events and a Gala Dinner in the beautiful city of Rome, and explore the programme to connect, learn, and shape the future of our industry.

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## LEARN

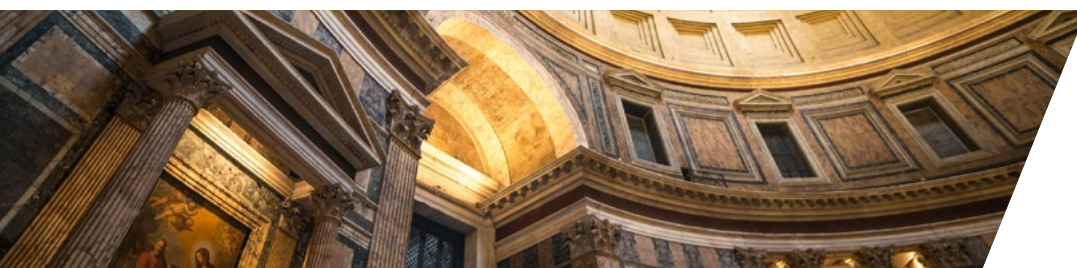
Discover the latest trends, technologies and policy developments influencing the future of precast concrete. Through expert presentations and panel discussions, the Congress will explore innovation, sustainability, digitalisation and resilience in the built environment.

## NETWORK

Meet peers, innovators and decision-makers from across the construction value chain. The BIBM Congress offers a unique opportunity to exchange ideas, build partnerships and strengthen professional connections within the European precast community.

## ENJOY

Experience the unique atmosphere of Rome while sharing memorable moments with colleagues and friends. Social events, including the Welcome Reception and the Gala Dinner, provide the perfect setting to continue conversations in a relaxed and inspiring environment.



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# Conference Programme

All programme sessions on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday take place in **HALL GIOVE 1**.

## Wednesday

### Welcome reception

17:30 – 19:00

**Stefan van Buggenhout**

BIBM President | BIBM – Federation of the European Precast Concrete Industry

**Marco Pecetti**

IPHA President | IPHA – International Prestressed Hollowcore Association

**Prof. Arch. Enrico Dassori**

ASSOBETON President | ASSOBETON – Italian Association of Precast Concrete Manufacturers

**Gianluca Bianchin**

EFCA President | EFCA – European Federation of Concrete Admixtures Associations

**Sergio Saporetti**

Senior Technical Public Official | The Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security (MASE)



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# Thursday | Morning

## Opening

09:00 – 10:30

### Precasting lightweight structures

**Prof. Dr.-Ing. M.Arch Lucio Blandini**

Full Professor and Director, Institute for Lightweight Structures and Conceptual Design (ILEK),  
University of Stuttgart

### Industrial landscaping

**Stefano Gri**

Architect, GEZA Architettura

### Europe in transition: what's next for the precast concrete sector?

**Alessio Rimoldi**, Secretary General

**Magdalena Herbig**, Public Affairs & Communications Manager

**Albanela Dulaj**, Sustainability & Circularity Junior Officer

BIBM – Federation of the European Precast Concrete Industry

10:30 Coffee break + Innovation Workshop Aerolift Industrials B.V.

### Decarbonisation – a low-carbon path + panel discussion

11:00 – 12:30

### Implementing low carbon through the construction value chain: from clinker to housing

**Prof. Karen Scrivener**

Professor of Construction Materials at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne (EPFL),  
Switzerland

### Two innovative pathways to sustainable construction with hollowcore flooring

**Dr. Wim Jansze**

Innovation, Technology and Sustainability Director and Management Team Member Consolis VBI,  
IPHA Board Member and President of the IPHA Technical Committee

### Panel discussion

**Prof. Karen Scrivener, Dr. Wim Jansze and**

**Alberto Truzzi**

Sole Director, Truzzi S.p.A.; BIBM Board Member

**Gianluca Bianchin**

EFCA President, EFCA - European Federation of Concrete Admixtures

12:30 Lunch + Innovation Workshop PROGRESS GROUP

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## Thursday | Afternoon

### Enhancing resilience in infrastructure + panel discussion

13:30 – 15:00

#### Thin concrete solutions for safety and resilience

**Dr. Stephan Hauser**

CEO of DUCON GmbH, Inventor of DUCON Technology, DUCON GmbH

#### Precast concrete as a foundation for climate-resilient infrastructure

**Stef Maas**

Director, FEBE - Federation of the Belgian Precast Concrete Industry

#### Panel discussion

**Dr. Stephan Hauser, Stef Maas and**

**Manuel Boccolini**

CEO of MANINI Prefabbricati; ASSOBTETON Vice-President

Further panellist to be confirmed

15:00 Coffee break + Innovation Workshop PROGRESS GROUP

### Innovative solutions for a greener future | Innovation Workshop

15:00 – 17:00

## Innovative solutions for a greener future

# Innovation Workshop | Thursday

10:45 – 11:00 during Coffee break

**Saving time and money: vacuum lifting and tilting in precast production**

**Eelco Kool**

Aerolift Industrials B.V.

13:15 – 13:30 during Lunch break

**Innovations from**

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15:15 – 15:30 during Coffee break

**Innovations from**

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15:30 – 15:45

**A new frontier in concrete acceleration**

**Dr. Roberta Magarotto**

Master Builders Solutions Italia Spa

15:45 – 16:00

**The new standard in precast enclosures: structural optimization, thermal efficiency, and sustainability**

**Carles Cots, PhD**

Mapei SpA

16:00 – 16:15

**Innovations from**

Chryso (Saint-Gobain)

16:15 – 16:45

**CAD-PRO Xpert: redefining laser projection in precast production**

**Max Mandt-Merck**

LAP GmbH Laser Applikationen

16:30 – 17:00

**Precast 3D modelling in Revit, Tekla and Allplan (Modellazione 3D di edifici prefabbricati in c.a. e c.a.p. con Tekla, Revit e Allplan)**

**Hemant Tarkhedkar**

PANGULF TECHNOLOGIES LTD.

# Innovation Workshop | Friday

10:45 – 11:00 during Coffee break

**Dry joining systems for seismic-resistant applications for precast concrete structures**

**Mr. Federico Artoni, Ph.D.**

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# Friday

## Rethinking resources: the circular economy + panel discussion

09:00 – 10:30

### Circular construction through prefabrication: the role of precast concrete in sustainable and responsible engineering

**Prof. Wit Derkowski**

Professor and Chairman of fib Commission 6 "Prefabrication", Cracow University of Technology, Linnaeus University and fib-International Federation for Structural Concrete

### Circular economy: practical examples in precast concrete

**Topi Paananen**

CEO at Peikko Group Corporation

**Ronald Klein-Holte**

R&D Manager at VBI / Consolis

### Panel discussion

**Prof. Wit Derkowski, Topi Paananen, Ronald Klein-Holte and**

**Dalal Badreddine**

Circular Economy Engineer, Agyre

10:30 Coffee break + Innovation Workshop EDILMATIC S.P.A.

## Precast in future cities: housing for a changing Europe + panel discussion

11:00 – 12:30

### NextGen precast concrete buildings – S4: safer, sustainable and smart – raising the bar to enhance community resilience and sustainability

**Prof. Ing. Stefano Pampanin**

Full Professor of Structural Engineering, Sapienza University of Rome

### Future proof precast concrete for housing

**Niki Loonen**

Consulting engineer for sustainable concrete, TBI

### Panel discussion

**Prof. Stefano Pampanin, Niki Loonen and**

**John-Erik Reiersen**

CEO of Betong Norge, Chairman of the BIBM Environment Commission

**Aggeliki Skaropoulou**

Senior researcher - NTUA, technical coordinator - Exploit4InnoMat

## Closing words by the new BIBM President

12:30

# Gala Dinner at Terrazza Caffarelli

Tickets available in the ticket shop

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**Meeting point:**

Thursday 21 May, 18:20

Hotel A.Roma reception area

**Dress code:**

Cocktail attire

**Transportation:**

Bus shuttle service

From A.Roma Hotel: 1st bus at 18:30, 2nd bus at 18:45

Back to A.Roma Hotel (pick-up at Via Luigi Petroselli 50): 1st bus at 22:30, 2nd bus at 23:00

**Please note:**

**A 7-minute walk over cobblestones from drop-off to location is necessary.**

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**About Terrazza Caffarelli:**

Admire Rome from a breathtaking viewpoint in the heart of the Eternal City. The Terrace is an exclusive venue with adaptable outdoor spaces of up to 300 sqm, fully equipped and heated in winter. Renowned for its unrivalled beauty and chosen by world leaders, it transforms events and meetings into unforgettable experiences immersed in Rome's history, art, and architecture.

Terrazza Caffarelli offers refined cuisine and a unique atmosphere, creating timeless memories in one of the city's most prestigious locations.



# Sightseeing Tours

Tickets available in the ticket shop

Enjoy a guided tour of Rome's most iconic landmarks, including the Colosseum and the Pantheon. Transportation and guided visits are included.

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**Meeting point:**

A.Roma reception area (across from the congress area)

**Please note:**

**A change of name or booking is not possible. A valid ID must be presented at the entrance to the Colosseum and the Pantheon.**

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## Friday, 22 May 2026

15:00 pick-up from A.Roma Hotel

15:45 drop-off at Via delle Terme di Tito, meeting point with the guide

16:00 private Colosseum tour

17:00 end of the Colosseum tour

After the Colosseum, during the walk from the Colosseum to the Pantheon, the guide will continue to provide explanations, pointing out and describing the landmarks and sites that guests will see along the way.

18:00 private Pantheon tour

19:00 pick-up near the Pantheon and drop-off at the hotel

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## Saturday, 23 May 2026

09:00 pick-up from A.Roma Hotel

09:45 drop-off at Via delle Terme di Tito, meeting point with the guide

10:00 private Colosseum tour

11:00 end of the Colosseum tour

After the Colosseum, during the walk from the Colosseum to the Pantheon, the guide will continue to provide explanations, pointing out and describing the landmarks and sites that guests will see along the way.

12:00 private Pantheon tour

13:30 pick-up near the Pantheon and drop-off at the hotel



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### Registration opening times:

Wednesday **20 May 2026**, 17:00–19:00  
 Thursday **21 May 2026**, 08:00–16:00  
 Friday **22 May 2026**, 08:00–12:00

### Exhibition opening times:

Wednesday **20 May 2026**, 18:00–21:30  
 Thursday **21 May 2026**, 08:30–18:00  
 Friday **22 May 2026**, 08:30–13:00



**Alessio RIMOLDI**  
**Secretary General**  
**BIBM - Federation of the European Precast Concrete Industry**



**BIBM** is the Federation of the European Precast Concrete Industry and the main representative body for precast concrete manufacturers at European level. Based in Brussels, it acts as the collective voice of the precast sector towards EU institutions, standardisation bodies and key construction stakeholders, ensuring that the specificities of prefabricated concrete construction are properly reflected in European legislation, standards and policy initiatives.

Full members of BIBM are national branch associations of the precast concrete sector; associate members, organisations engaged with the development of the sector, are also supporting the association. BIBM's role goes beyond advocacy. It provides a structured platform for technical exchange and coordination among its members, supporting the development of harmonised standards, guidance documents and best practices. Through its committees and working groups, BIBM addresses current and future trends and policies, helping members anticipate regulatory change and adapt to evolving market and policy expectations.

A strong focus of BIBM's work lies in sustainability and innovation. The federation actively contributes to EU debates on climate policy, circular economy, construction products regulation and whole-life carbon assessment, while promoting the benefits of precast concrete in terms of durability, resource efficiency, quality control, fire safety and industrial performance. It also collaborates closely with other European construction and concrete-sector organisations to deliver coherent, science-based messages at EU level.

In addition, BIBM organises the **BIBM Congress**, a flagship international event held every two years that brings together industry leaders, engineers, architects, researchers and policymakers to exchange ideas on innovation, sustainability and future pathways for precast concrete construction in Europe and beyond.



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