Dutch CIB Members join a Consortium to draft a High Rise Building Code

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The Dutch building industry will draft a building code for high rise building and CIB expressed its support for this initiative of its members. In The Netherlands the number of high rise buildings is steadily increasing. From only a few in the seventies to over 100 buildings now a days. A problem in the design and development of high rise is the fact that Dutch building codes do not specify requirements for buildings above 70 meters. When the construction industry asked the ministry of housing for a high rise building code, the minister in return asked the industry to come with a draft themselves.

14 Parties, mainly associations, representing the whole industry signed on November 1st an official agreement to encourage the public-private partnership for the drafting of such a building code. The minister of housing was present and expressed her support for this industry driven initiative. Prof Frits Scheublin signed the agreement on behalf of CIB.

Coordinator and members of Task Group 50 on Tall Buildings were consulted and supported the initiative. Parties will first seek agreement on criteria and standards. Then a legally not binding pré-legislative document will be written. After testing of this document by a number of project steam a revised draft will be submitted to the Ministry for incorporation in the Dutch building code.

On behalf of CIB Prof. Scheublin committed to the Dutch High Rise Building Convenant