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Building and Public Works INTERMAT launches the first international Observatory for construction in the EMEA zone: €1,600 billion of investment planned in the next 30 years

INTERMAT, the international trade show for construction and infrastructure, today officially unveiled its first construction Observatory, produced in association with Business France. The INTERMAT Observatory was born out of the desire to establish stronger bonds with the market and provide construction equipment manufacturers with strategic research on 12 countries in the EMEA zone, handpicked for their planned investment levels in infrastructure and buildings

Designed as a working tool to support the growth of firms, the report analyses each country's domestic investment plans, both ongoing and planned for 2025-2030, divided into application sectors (airports, buildings, railways, mining and quarries, ports, roads, transport) and offers an overview of the major projects, the main imports and exports of construction equipment and the foreign brands established in each country.

"INTERMAT 2018 is the exhibition for economic recovery and technological innovation in the construction sector. The Europe, Middle East and Africa zone that we cover holds a wealth of opportunities for companies in the sector. With the INTERMAT Observatory, we are offering all our partners an up-to-date working tool to support them in their development plans on high-potential markets," explains **Isabelle Alfano, Exhibition Director**.

Main findings of the Observatory

- Europe: 925 billion euros of investment planned up until 2030-2050

The six European countries studied – Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom – represent 925 billion euros of projects, running up to 2030 for some and 2050 for others. Based on the master plans sourced, Germany tops the list (€287 bn up to 2030) followed by Italy (€223 bn) and the UK (€167 bn). France arrives fourth at €139 bn (€63 bn for the Netherlands and €42 bn for Belgium).

Grand Paris and Grand Paris Express constitute the headline projects for the next 15 years in Europe, with €67 billion of investment planned.

The sectors offering the highest development potential for firms are, in descending order: roads, railways and buildings.

- Africa: €307 billion euros of investment between now and 2040

The four African countries studied, two in the Maghreb (Morocco and Algeria), and two in sub-Saharan Africa (a Francophone country with Ivory Coast and an Anglophone country with Kenya), account for €307.2 billion of investment between now and 2040.

Algeria (€183.7 bn) and Morocco (€87.8 bn) feature the highest investment plans to 2030. The sectors offering the highest development potential for construction firms are road and rail followed by buildings and ports.

Among the region's most noteworthy projects:

- In **Algeria**: the construction of 1.6 million dwellings between now and 2019 (€20 billion) and the construction of the fourth southern bypass around Algiers
- In **Morocco**: the construction of a high-speed line running more than 2,000 kilometres between the three countries of central Maghreb (Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia)
- In **Ivory Coast**: the construction of the port of San Pedro (€1.3 billion)
- In **Kenya**: the Standard Gauge Railway Project (€7.35 billion), the country's most substantial infrastructure project since it gained independence.

- Middle East: €239 bn of investment planned up to 2033

The two Middle Eastern countries, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar, plan to invest €239.3 billion up to 2033.

Qatar slightly exceeds the Emirates, with €137.2 billion compared to €102 billion.

The two most promising sectors are buildings and roads.

Among the region's flagship projects:

- In the **United Arab Emirates**: road improvements in Dubai and Abu Dhabi (€733 million)
- In **Qatar**: the Smart City of Lusail (€40 billion, delivery between 2020 and 2022) and the road drainage programme (between 15 and 20 billion euros).

You can download the full findings of the INTERMAT Construction Observatory [HERE](#)

The next event for INTERMAT (23-28 April 2018 at Paris-Nord Villepinte exhibition centre):

PRE-INTERMAT: exclusive exchange between the media and exhibitors, three months before the show.

On 18 and 19 January 2018 at Maison de la Mutualité, Paris, exhibitors will be offering the international specialist media an exclusive glimpse of their events, new products and special "show news". These privileged meetings will also be the backdrop for the announcement of the winners of the INTERMAT Innovation Awards.

About INTERMAT

INTERMAT Paris, the international trade show for construction and infrastructure – 23-28 April 2018 in Paris (Paris-Nord Villepinte Exhibition Centre).

INTERMAT Paris is the platform that unites all construction professionals along the chain to form a single sector, dedicated to the efficiency of communities. **From 23 to 28 April 2018, talks and round tables, networking opportunities, market analysis and the potential of major construction projects will be showcased to the 1,500 exhibitors and nearly 200,000 trade visitors from 167 countries, to help them meet their current and future challenges. A new geographical and sector-led approach in 2018:**

A trade show with international reach, INTERMAT Paris brings together supply and demand on the construction market in the EMEA zone (Europe, Middle East, Africa), incorporating high-potential and developing regions. The show is furthermore organised into **four hubs of expertise**; Earthmoving & Demolition, Roads, Minerals & Foundations, Buildings & Concrete Sector, Lifting, Handling & Transportation.

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