

## **Ger Maas Chairman of European Construction Technology Platform**



The European Construction Technology Platform (ECTP) has elected Ger Maas as its new chairman. Mr. Maas is the director of Strategy at Koninklijke BAM Groep nv and professor at the department of Architecture, Building and Planning of Eindhoven University of Technology.

Ger Maas is a part-time Professor of Construction Engineering and Management at the unit of Performance Engineering for Built Environments (PEBE) of TU/e. Mr. Maas is also the chairman of the European Network of Construction Companies for Research and Development (ENCORD).

ECTP has over 120 members, among which are large companies, universities, research centers and professional associations. The platform, that was started in 2004, aims to develop both a vision and a strategic agenda for the research and development activities of the European construction sector.

ECTP puts the emphasis on, among other topics, healthy buildings, cultural heritage, underground construction, environmental issues in the construction sector, reliability, the integration of construction processes and contributions to a sustainable society.

Mr. Maas will use his term as chairman of the ECTP to address the relatively new topics of 'virtual construction' and the consequences of an ageing population for the European construction sector.