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***FIDIC and EFCA at Business Climate Summit***

*FIDIC and EFCA (EFCA President Flemming Pedersen and Jean Félix, Chair FIDIC-EFCA Sustainable Development Committee) participated in the high-level Business & Climate Summit (BCS) in London on 28-29 June 2016.*



BCS is the annual gathering of leading global businesses and political leaders dedicated to climate action. The second BCS called for swifter government action on climate and the ratification of the Paris Agreement without further delay.

The Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction (Global ABC) organized a session that aimed at addressing the question ‘how to build a greater pace for action and make buildings and infrastructure a large-scale lever to reduce GHG emissions?’.

FIDIC addressed this session under the theme ‘Doubling Global Real Estate In A 2 Degree World’.

Brice Lalonde, President BCS, will moderate the Forum ‘Engineering Leaders towards COP22’ at the [FIDIC Conference](#) in Marrakesh, which is granted the ‘COP22 Label’.

***EFCA views on the revision of the financial rules applicable to the EU budget***

*At the invitation of DG DEVCO (Directorate General International Cooperation and Development), EFCA replied to the public consultation on the revision of the Financial Regulation.*

The Financial Regulation is impacting on the PRAG (Guidance on contracting procedures for EU external aid contracts).

Moreover, EFCA called upon the Commission to push a business-friendly regulatory environment.

**EFCA reports barriers to cross-border provision of services**

Through the introduction of a ‘Services Passport’, the Commission plans simplifying the administrative procedures to support companies in going abroad.

EFCA submitted general comments on the Commission proposal in terms of

- the need for national governments to remove all remaining discriminatory and unjustified national requirements in line with the 2006 Services Directive;
- the concept of the ‘Services Passport’ is welcome as it would eliminate the need for multiple requests for information and documentation already provided. However, its success will depend very much on the way it is designed and how it will work in practice;
- the real barriers that firms face are often regulatory obstacles such as legal form and shareholding requirements.

**Benchmarking the demand for consulting engineering services to forecast the total demand for consulting engineering services**

The FIDIC-EFCA survey benchmarks the demand for consulting engineering (CE) services arising from investment to the supply of CE services.

In July, Peter Boswell (Bricad Associates) released the [results](#) of the EU28 survey update for 2016, as well as a detailed [background note](#).

FIDIC-EFCA Consulting Engineering Industry Survey

European Union 2016 update

3% increase in demand in 2016.  
Fees amount to 9.8% of investment.  
All but 3 countries to have positive growth in 2016.  
Government investment generates 11.4% of demand.

The demand for consulting engineering services arises from public and private investment in construction and industry (mainly plant, equipment and intellectual property, notably research and development - R&D).

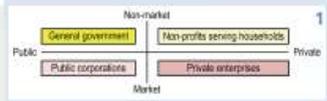
Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) representing changes in capital stock as opposed to investment in economic terms measures construction and industrial investment.

Public and private investment is split between the market and non-market sectors (Fig. 1).

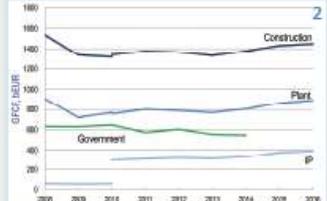
For consulting engineering services, private non-market investment by non-profit organisations is small and is usually combined with public non-market investment by government.

In the European Union 28 countries, market sector investment in construction and plant have regained their pre-financial crisis levels (Fig. 2). Investment by government on the other hand has decreased since 2010.

The construction investment requiring consulting engineering services (Fig. 3) comprises not only the investment in new-build buildings and infrastructure taken from national accounts but also investment in maintenance and renovation (M&R).



The System of National Accounts groups enterprises according to control (private, public) and market criteria (market, non-market).



EU28 market-sector investment in construction, plant and intellectual products. The government investment is the sum of GFCF and capital transfers.

Based on statistical data, this survey is presenting a broader picture of engineering consultancy sector developments than the [EFCA Barometer](#).



## E F C A A G E N D A

Task Force on BIM	Brussels	05.09.2016
Internal Market Committee	Brussels	08.09.2016



Board of Directors meeting	Stockholm	17-18.10.2016
D&S meeting	Bucharest	21.10.2016
European External Aid Committee	Brussels	25.10.2016
Board of Directors meeting	Budapest	24-25.11.2016
<b>2017 EFCA GAM &amp; CONFERENCE</b>	Copenhagen	1-2.06.2017



Olafur Eliasson's cirkelbroen bridge in Copenhagen



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## INTERNAL MARKET

### Single Market Scoreboard

The [Scoreboard](#) evaluates compliance with EU law, contribution to a number of EU assistance services and how countries ensure fair competition in several sectors

like [public procurement](#) and postal services.

### Electronic signatures, seals and trust services valid throughout EU

From 1 July, people, businesses and public administrations across the EU are able to carry out convenient, secure and legally valid [electronic transactions](#) across borders.

EU rules on electronic signatures, electronic seals, time stamps, electronic delivery service and website authentication, as well as electronic documents – as set out in the [eIDAS Regulation](#) (electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market) – apply directly in all EU Member States.

### Consultation on the creation of Single Digital Gateway

The [consultation](#) will be open until 21 November 2016.

## EU FUNDS & PROGRAMMES

### €6.7 billion funding for transport infrastructure to boost jobs and growth

[195 selected projects](#) are primarily located on the [core trans-European transport network \(TEN-T\)](#).

Under the [Connecting Europe Facility \(CEF\)](#), €24.05 billion will be made available from the EU's 2014-2020 budget to co-fund [TEN-T](#) projects in the EU member states. Of this amount, €11.305 billion will be available for projects in member states eligible for the Cohesion Fund. 2014 was the first programming year under the CEF.

Along with the [European Fund for Strategic Investments \(EFSI\)](#) and the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF), the

CEF plays a major role in bridging the investment gap in Europe.

### **€263 million investment in key trans-European energy infrastructure projects**

*Nine projects were selected following a call for proposals under the [Connecting Europe Facility](#) (CEF).*

Of the 9 proposals selected for funding:

- 5 are in the gas sector (EU support worth €210 million) and 4 are in the electricity sector (EU support worth €53 million);
- 3 relate to construction works (€236 million) and 6 to studies (€27 million).

With a total of €800 million available for grants under Connecting Europe Facility – Energy in 2016, the second 2016 call for proposals with an indicative budget of €600 million is currently ongoing and will close on 8 November.

### **Map of key EU cross-border energy infrastructure projects**

The Commission updated its [transparency platform map](#) viewer of ongoing and completed energy infrastructure projects – known as [Projects of Common Interest \(PCIs\)](#).

A total of 195 projects are on the current list.

### **€187.5 million EU investment in first gas pipeline between Estonia and Finland**

The EU's financial support to the Balticconnector comes from the [Connecting Europe Facility](#) programme (CEF) and corresponds to 75% of the needed funding.

### **Beneficiaries 2015 EU funds published**

*The [Financial Transparency System \(FTS\)](#) website is updated with the names and countries of the beneficiaries as well as the exact types and amounts of funding.*

The online FTS database provides only information on the beneficiaries of funds directly managed by the Commission between 2007 and 2015. Beneficiaries of the European Development Fund in 2010-2015 are also recorded in the system.

In practice, around 80% of the EU budget is managed by national or regional governments (under the so-called 'shared management' mode).

EU member states are responsible for publishing data on the beneficiaries of the funds they administer. These data are not published on the FTS but on [national websites](#).

### **European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) open data platform**

New data and features are added to the [ESIF](#) open data platform:

- Visualisations for all 533 ESIF programmes 2014-2020 (accessible via the country pages)
- Finances dataset updated to reflect adopted programmes as at June 2016
- Cross-border cooperation programmes under the Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA)
- Possibility to visualise thematic breakdown of funding as either the total amount or the percentage of the national allocation.

### **First comprehensive report on results of EU-financed development projects and programmes**

The report '[EU International Cooperation and Development Results Framework](#)' provides a selection of results achieved in about 100 partner countries across the globe with the support of EU-funded projects and programmes.

## **US\$ 81 billion mobilised in 2015 to tackle climate change**

The latest multilateral development banks (MDBs) climate finance figures are detailed in the [2015 Joint Report on Multilateral Development Banks' Climate Finance](#), prepared by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) together with MDB partners: the African Development Bank (AfDB), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the European Investment Bank (EIB), the Inter-American Development Bank Group (IDBG), and the World Bank Group (WBG).

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Strong global tendency to restrict trade**

*Trade protectionism continues to be on the rise around the world, according to the '2016 [Report on Trade and Investment Barriers and Protectionist Trends](#)'.*

#### **Commission proposals for binding annual greenhouse gas emissions targets**

*The proposed national binding [targets](#) are to align investments with climate and resource-efficiency objectives.*

#### **European Innovation Scoreboard, Regional Innovation Scoreboard and Innobarometer released**

*The main [findings](#) are that EU innovation is catching up with Japan and the US, Sweden is once again the innovation leader, and Latvia has become the fastest growing innovator.*

## **Building resilient cities key to tackling effects of climate change**

*The European Environment Agency (EEA) report '[Urban adaptation to climate change in Europe 2016 – transforming cities in a changing climate](#)' provides an in-depth overview of actions that urban planners and policymakers can take to help lessen the impact of climate change.*

#### **EU-China relationship**

*The EU adopted the first EU-China strategy in ten years.*

The [Communication](#) 'Elements for a new EU strategy on China' maps out the European Union's relationship with China for the next five years.

The [Business Confidence Survey 2016](#) reports the views of European Chamber member companies on China's business and regulatory environment.

#### **European Construction Sector Observatory (ECSO)**

*DG GROW (Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs) and the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (EASME) set up [ECSO](#).*

ECSO monitors market conditions and trends, and national/regional strategies related to the [five thematic priorities of Construction 2020](#).

Full content on all of the 28 EU countries will be available in late 2016/early 2017.

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