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EFCA will host the '**2021 EFCA Week**' from Tuesday, 1 June until Friday 4 June 2021. The week will start with the Future Leaders programme on 1/06, followed by the GAM on 2/06, then the Reports from Committees on 3/06 and finally the roundtable on 4/06. The four sessions will run in the morning from CET 09:30 until 11:00. More details on the programme will follow shortly.

At a meeting with **EBRD's** Sustainable Infrastructure Policy and Project Preparation Department on 4 March 2021, the **European External Aid Committee** introduced the European consulting engineering industry's capabilities to support green growth and sustainable development and listened to the Bank's approach and consulting needs.

EFCA is holding a **webinar** on KfW (Kreditanstalt Für Wiederaufbau) and AFD (Agence française de développement) procurement procedures on Wednesday, 24 March 2021 (15:00 – 16:30 CET). Click [here](#) to reserve your free place and to find the programme.

FIDIC CEO Nelson Ogunshakin joined the 4 February 2021 **Board of Directors** meeting to explain the purpose and structure of **FIDIC's Credentialing** programme, and to set out what it means for the member associations.

21 representatives presented national policies and measures to achieve climate neutrality and sustainability in the **European Green Deal** Committee's kick-off meeting (17 February 2021).

William Neale, Adviser for Circular Economy (DG ENV/B – Circular Economy & Green Growth) joined the 1 March 2021 meeting. He underlined that '*consulting engineers can play a very important role in helping officials to understand how to integrate circularity in a systemic way when preparing national recovery and resilience plans*'.

There is less than three weeks to go until the 2021 **Future Leaders Competition** deadline (31 March 2021). All member associations are invited to send the entries to [fl@efca.be](mailto:fl@efca.be).

The **Construction 2050 Alliance** held a meeting with the Cabinet of Commissioner Breton. It discussed the 2021 construction-related priorities for the Commission, the forthcoming new Industrial Policy and the role of construction in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Construction 2050 Alliance is made up of around 50 European organisations, including **EFCA**, involved in the construction value chain.



The European Parliament and the Council adopted the €672.5 billion Recovery and Resilience [Facility](#), which represents the main pillar of the €750 billion EU recovery fund. EU countries have until 30 April 2021, as a rule, to submit their national recovery and resilience plans, setting out their reform and investment agendas until 2026.

Economic [forecast](#): Some EU countries will recover in 2021, others must wait until 2022

Capital increase for the European Investment Fund ([EIF](#)) to implement the *InvestEU* programme, to help EU businesses in emerging out of the crisis, and to support the green and digital transformation of the EU economy.

Commission 'do no significant harm' technical [guidance](#) to protect the environment. The guidance aims to support Member States in ensuring that all investments and reforms they propose to be financed by the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) do no significant harm to the EU's environmental objectives, within the meaning set out in the Taxonomy Regulation.



UN [publication](#) 'Managing Infrastructure Assets for Sustainable Development': lack of proper infrastructure planning is costly and hurts COVID-19 recovery, climate action, and SDGs