



#### EDITORIAL NOTE

On 7 October, the European Commission organised the first EU Sustainable Investment Summit. Main challenge is to develop a robust pipeline of investment projects for the European Green Deal.

The availability of investment projects that are compatible with the expectations and requirements of investors does not yet match the demand. In all policy debates, EFCA is underlining the industry's important role in directing investments towards sustainable projects.

Jan Van der Putten

## efca newsroom

**15/9/2021 - Communications** Advisory Group: revised proposals for a modernised logo will be presented at the November meeting of the Directors & Secretaries General and Board of Directors

**17/9/2021 - Industry Barometer** Task Force: given that baselines for indicators have changed, it is evidently difficult to assess Covid-related impacts. Therefore, no fifth EFCA survey will be conducted

**22/9/2021 - European Sector Review:** EFCA launches the survey, aimed at making the ranking list of the 200 major European engineering consulting groups/European branches of international groupings

**23/9/2021: Internal Market** Committee: guest speaker Lonneke Cheung explained the use of NEC4 contracts in the Oosterweel project (Belgium)

**28/9/2021 – Launch of the High Level Construction Forum** meeting: construction-related federations grouped in the C2050 Alliance discussed priorities and challenges construction and the built environment are facing

**28/9/2021 - European External Action** Committee: EFCA and Feaco (management consultancies) prepared responses to the EC consultation on a review of the Financial Regulation for indirect and shared management of EU funds

29/9/2021 - Roundtable 'Benefits and Maturity of OpenBIM Project Management' at buildingSMART International Autumn 2021 Summit: EFCA Vice-President Maximilian Grauvogl and Digitalisation & BIM Committee Vice Chair Veljko Janjic participated

30/9 – 1/10/2021: Vice-President Nikola Matic represented EFCA at the **HELLASCO Conference** in Athens. He made a presentation on challenges faced by SMEs

1/10/2021 - **EFCA – ACE (UK)** dialogue: following the departure of the EFCA liaison person at ACE, EFCA President Benoît Clocheret, Past President Kevin Rudden and Secretary General Jan Van der Putten had a briefing meeting with interim ACE CEO Laurence Brett. The ACE CEO will reach out to his board concerning future cooperation regarding the European CEO conference, the benchmarking survey and ACE participation in the EFCA Barometer survey

7/10/2012 – **Future Trends** Committee: discussion on the final draft publication. Last comments are being incorporated. The report is due to be published sometime mid-October both as a PDF-file and an online flipbook. It is anticipated to organise a webinar on the topic towards the year end



## BLOCK THE DATES

EFCA WEBINAR 'Which way to go? -  
Strategic considerations for consulting engineers in times of high uncertainty'  
Monday, 25 November 2021, 14:00-15:00

Full [Calendar](#) of EFCA meetings



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15/09/2021: **EIB** to set up a [development branch](#) to increase the impact of its activities outside the European Union

17/9 – 5/10/2021: **NextGenerationEU**: Commission endorses [Malta's](#), [Romania's](#), [Finland's](#), and [Estonia's](#) recovery and resilience plans

**NextGenerationEU** – pre-financing disbursements to [Slovenia](#), [Austria](#), [Czechia](#), [Croatia](#) and [Slovakia](#)

20/09/2021: European Court of Auditors report: **Sustainable finance**: More consistent EU action needed to redirect finance towards sustainable investment

24/9/2021: Iceland and Norway are the first countries associated to **Horizon Europe**. Entities in those two countries can participate in Europe's €95.5 billion research and innovation programme

27/09/2021: European Parliament's environment and economic affairs committees jointly rejected **EU Taxonomy** objections

28/9/2021: EC **consultation** on the **transition** pathway for the **energy-intensive industries** ecosystem. Deadline: 22 November 2021

1/10/2021: Council agrees position on [Data Governance Act](#)

7/10/2021: Council adopts [blue card directive](#) to attract highly-qualified workers

## reports room

**DG GROW** and the **EU BIM Task Group**: [BIM CBA](#) (cost-benefit analysis) package (calculation tool, methodology handbook and training materials)

**EC**: [Towards a shared culture of architecture](#) - Investing in a high-quality living environment for everyone

**Construction Europe**: Europe's [Top 100 contractors](#)

Report from Dutch financial services group **ING**: [outlook for EU construction](#)

**FIEC** (and ERF, CICA, FNTF and Routes de France): [Mobility and Recovery in Europe](#): Impacts of the Covid-19 crisis. The study screens national recovery and resilience plans with respect to public expenditure for transport infrastructure

**UNOPS**: [Infrastructure for climate action](#)

**International Energy Agency** (IEA): Key World Energy [Statistics](#) (KWES)

**International Energy Agency**: [World Energy Outlook 2021 \(WEO-2021\)](#)

**European Court of Auditors**: [Sustainable water use in agriculture](#): CAP funds more likely to promote greater rather than more efficient water use

**European Environment Agency**: [Counting the costs of industrial pollution](#)

**AidData**: new [dataset](#) of 13,427 **Chinese** development projects worth \$843 billion reveals major increase in 'hidden debt' and Belt and Road Initiative implementation problems

**Autodesk** and FMI Corporation: [Harnessing the Data Advantage in Construction](#)

**Marsh** and Guy Carpenter: The [Future of Construction](#): A Global Forecast for Construction to 2030

**OECD** - Global [tax reform](#) agreement

