



EDITORIAL NOTE

Many countries brought ambitious climate promises to Glasgow. But that is not enough. There remains the gap between policy commitments to act and the world of solutions that our industry has in hand.

We have to take a step forward and make ourselves visible as **real-life practitioners of climate action** routed in a system change approach. We need to demonstrate what is possible and expedient in the climate transition to policy makers, financiers, clients and civil society.

Jan Van der Putten



20/10/2021 - **RIF**, the Association of Consulting Engineers in Norway published an **open letter**, addressing the challenges of the use of software in the construction industry, to design software developers and users, governmental entities and trade organisations

1/11/2021 – **Industry Barometer** Task Force: Latvia participates for the first time in the EFCA survey. The responses, which show overall positive developments, were gathered before the recent surge in COVID-19 cases across Europe

5/11/2021: **D&S** meeting: forum to discuss and share best practices in tackling recruitment and retention issues.

Finnish Director Helena Soimakallio presented '**SKOL LEAVING A LEGACY - Consulting's every-day legacy through foot-and handprints**'. The report was presented at COP26. It is demonstrating the light footprint of our industry and at the same time presenting the industry leverage impact (handprint) on SDGs through true life projects

8/11/2021 - **Communications** Advisory Group: three proposals for a modernised logo will be presented for decision at the 19 November 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors. Proposal to feature engineering consultancy projects on the EFCA website

9/11/2021: four EFCA representatives participated in a discussion with **DG International Partnerships** (DG INTPA) on the feasibility of formulating Team Europe Initiatives for **strategic corridors in Africa, based on city networks**

10/11/2021: EFCA **launched** 'Which way to go? – Strategic scenarios for consulting engineers'

12/11/2021: EFCA **statement** in relation to COP26 and climate emergency

17/11/2021: EFCA published the **autumn 2021 Industry Barometer report**



BLOCK THE DATES

EFCA WEBINAR 'Which way to go? - Strategic considerations for consulting engineers in times of high uncertainty'
Thursday, 9 December 2021, 12:30-13:30 (TBC)

EBRD webinar: Business and Consultancy opportunities within the Sustainable Infrastructure Sector
Tuesday, 23 November 2021, 08:00-09:30 GMT – Register [here](#)

CICA – Confederation of International Contractors' Associations SEMINAR Innovation and Collaboration in the Construction Industry
Monday, 6 December 2021, 09.00 am-11.30 am (CET) – Register [here](#)

Full [Calendar](#) of EFCA meetings



newsroom

14/10/2021: Commission invests €15 million in development plans that could ultimately result in the creation of a 10,000km-long pan-European **hyperloop** network

19/10/2021: EC relaunches **review** of the EU's **economic governance framework**

19/10/2021: 2022 **Commission Work Programme**

19/10/2021: 2021 **Enlargement Package**

26/10/2021: Commission **invests** €1.5 billion in **innovative clean tech projects**

26/10/2021: The **EIB Climate Adaptation Plan** - Supporting the EU Adaptation Strategy to build resilience to climate change

29/10/2021: economy and finance ministers sign off on **resilience** plans for Estonia, Finland and Romania. So far, the **national recovery and resilience plans** of 22 countries have been adopted, including investments and reforms

2/11/2021: EC announces €1 billion pledge to protect world **forests**

9/11/2021: Commission pledges €100 million to the **Adaptation Fund**

10/11/2021: €1.98 billion investment in three work **programmes** under the **Digital Europe Programme**. The first calls for the Digital Europe Programme will be published by the end of November, and more calls will be published in 2022

11/11/2021: European Parliament adopts new [rules](#) obliging big multinationals to publicly **declare the taxes they pay in each EU country**. Businesses will need to be complying with the first provisions of the directive by mid-2024.

16/11/2021: informal political [agreement](#) on the **EU budget for 2022**

18/11/2021: Communication on a [competition policy](#) fit for new challenges



Danish Association of Architectural Firms: The [17 Global Goals](#) – How to get going!

CISPE (Cloud Infrastructure Services Providers in Europe): [Cloud Infrastructure Services: An analysis](#) of potentially anti-competitive practices

EC Autumn 2021 [Economic Forecast](#): From recovery to expansion amid headwinds

EC - [Climate action in the post-COVID world](#) - Insights from EU-funded projects on how to build forward better

EC – 2021 Digital Economy and Society Index ([DESI](#))

EEA: [Europe's changing climate hazards](#): interactive report that gives an overview of past and projected changes in Europe's most important climate hazards and how they impact European regions. The EEA report is especially valuable for policymakers and experts concerned with climate risk assessment and adaptation planning in Europe

EBRD [Transition Report](#) 2021-2022

EBRD [Regional Economic Prospects report](#)

EEA report '[Water resources across Europe](#) - confronting water stress: an updated assessment'

IEA [Sustainable Recovery Tracker](#) (October 2021): clean energy accounts for just 3% of recovery spending to date, with a stark imbalance between advanced economies and the developing world

IEA [Energy Transitions hub](#): key energy and emissions indicators, providing an overview of progress towards net zero emissions

UNEP 2021 [Production Gap Report](#): discrepancy between governments' planned fossil fuel production and global production levels consistent with [limiting](#) warming to 1.5°C or 2°C

Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction: 2021 Global Status [Report](#) for Buildings and Construction

Climate Change Performance [Index](#) 2022

World Business Council for Sustainable Development: The business case for [circular](#) buildings: Exploring the economic, environmental and social value

