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EDITORIAL NOTE

Almost two years into a pandemic and grappling with increasing coronavirus case numbers, societies try to find a consensus on public health measures. These, undeniably, impact on our federation's activity. As another busy year in European politics gets underway, EFCA continues advocating EU policy and legislative changes that advance the continent's green and digital transition. At the same, EFCA is promoting business framework conditions that support both the shift towards a low-carbon economy and the European industry's competitiveness.

Jan Van der Putten



17/11/2021 - European Green Deal Committee: two Future Leaders joined the Committee. The Chair will hold a separate meeting with them on their particular involvement.

The meeting discussed feasible and relevant action plans of the four working groups (Climate Adaptation, Sustainable Mobility, Renewable Energy, Circular Economy and Waste Management). The Committee reported about the work in liaison with other EFCA Committees.

19/11/2021 - Board of Directors meeting: Future Leaders (FL) Chair Riitta Kujala and Vice Chair Filip Zinkiewicz presented main FL activities and discussed further improvements.

The Board agreed on a modernised EFCA logo that will be launched shortly.

19/11/2021 - Board of Directors meeting with EIC (European International Contractors): EIC President Benoît Chauvin and EIC Director Frank Kehlenbach presented three proposals for EFCA-EIC collaboration.

19/11/2021 - FIDIC Europe Board meeting: topics discussed included the nomination of a second FIDIC representative, the European industry's interest in FIDIC credentialing, the events listed in the 2020-2024 FIDIC-EFCA Agreement in the light of the pandemic and travel restrictions, ongoing collaboration and the FIDIC Climate Change Charter.

23/11/2021 - NLingenieurs representative Geert van Boekel, sitting on EFCA's European External Action Committee, participated in the **EBRD webinar** on Business and Consultancy opportunities within the Sustainable Infrastructure Sector.

1/12/2021 - former EFCA – FIDIC Sustainable Development Committee Chair Jean Félix invited the European Green Deal Committee to comment the draft international standard **ISO 37101** - Sustainable cities and communities — Recommendations and requirements for project developers.

7/12/2021 - **Digitalisation and BIM Committee** meeting: topics of discussion were EFCA collaboration with the EU BIM Task Group and building SMART International, the linkage with other EFCA Committees and the enhancement of the Committee's communications on activities and EU developments.

A presentation by and discussion with Estonia's former Minister of Foreign Trade and IT Kaimar Karu concluded the meeting.

8/12/2021: the EC accepted all **DigiPLACE** deliverables and recognised the project's exceptional results

13/12/2021 - launch of the thirteenth edition of the 2022 EFCA **Future Leaders competition**

December 2021: **Construction Europe** (page 47): EFCA article 'The best of times ... the worst of times'

03/01/2022 - EFCA welcomed **Stefan Weber**, Policy and Communication Advisor

06/01/2022 - **Internal Market Committee**: an overview of national procurement rules below the EU thresholds in nine member countries demonstrated broad differences and a wide variety of specifics. It was reported about the ongoing review of the FIDIC QCBS document and the Proportionality guide.

In view of a future public procurement reform a small working party will define the industry's relevant themes and objectives.



SAVE THE DATES

**EFCA WEBINAR 'Which way to go? -
Strategic considerations for consulting engineers in times of high uncertainty'**
Wednesday, 19 January 2022, 12:30-14:00 – Register [here](#)

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1/12/2022 -: **Global Gateway**: €300 billion plan to propel the EU's infrastructure and global influence

9/12/2021: the **EU Taxonomy Climate Delegated Act** is published in the Official Journal

14/12/2021: the EC adopted four proposals that will modernise the EU's **transport** system

14/12/2021: the EC published its [proposal](#) for the recast of the [Energy Performance of Buildings Directive](#) (EPBD)

14/12/2021: the European Parliament adopted its [position](#) on the [international procurement instrument](#). Talks on the final form of the instrument with the Council started on 16 December.

15/12/2021: Recovery and Resilience [Scoreboard](#), a public online platform to show progress made in the implementation of the [Recovery and Resilience Facility](#) (RRF)

15/12/2021: Practical guide on contract procedures for European Union external action ([PRAG](#)), applicable as of 15 December 2021

16/12/2021: EBRD Financial Sector [Strategy](#) for 2021-2025

20/12/2021: [Single Market Scoreboard](#) 2021. The scope of the Scoreboard has been extended to three new policy areas and indicators: circular economy/greening of industry, market surveillance and SMEs' business environment

21/12/2021: new [guidelines on 'state aid for climate, environmental protection and energy'](#) will facilitate investments by Member States to accelerate the achievement of the European Green Deal. The new guidelines are applicable as from January 2022

21/12/2021: the EC adopts the 2021-2027 Multiannual Indicative [Programmes](#) of [Global Europe](#)

22/12/2021: [proposal](#) for a Directive on ensuring a [global minimum level of taxation for multinational groups](#) in the EU

31/12/2021: the Commission invites the Member States to give feedback on a [draft](#) text of a [Taxonomy](#) Complementary Delegated Act covering certain gas and nuclear activities

January 2022: [Proportionality Guide](#) (3rd revision): the general EU principle of proportionality is incorporated in EU public procurement law. The (free) [guide](#) explains how to use this principle to awarding authorities, economic operators and advisors



FIEC (European Construction Industry Federation): Annual [Report](#) 2021

EU Science Hub: [Energy and Industry Geography Lab](#): tool for geographical data related to energy, industry and infrastructure.

International Cost Management Standard (ICMS3): universal standard for reporting carbon dioxide emissions used in the building and lifecycle of structures

International Energy Agency (IEA): Energy [Efficiency](#) 2021

International Energy Agency (IEA): [Renewables](#) 2021: Analysis and forecasts to 2026

