



### EDITORIAL NOTE

For the continent, major challenges are climate change and the digital revolution. EU lawmakers have an unprecedented transition agenda to implement.

When we look at our firms, they are transposing these challenges in drivers for balancing profitability and investment in innovation and technologies.

At the same time, we see also their continued and strong commitment to taking the right actions on climate change and Europe's digital future.

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**14/01/2022 - Future Trends** Committee meeting: presentation and preliminary discussion on the proposed 2022 deliverable and project 'to describe ecosystems as a solution for a disruptive scenario – a fully harmonized industry in Europe'. Final preparation of the webinar.

**18/01/2022 - European External Action** Committee: presentation of main changes of PRAG 2021, the industry's related concerns and preliminary legal advice on possible actions. Debate on integrity, proportionality of sanctions and the industry's compliance systems.

**19/01/2022 - Webinar** 'Which way to go?': four scenarios to assist the firms to prepare for change. EFCA Future Trends Committee Chair Jeffrey Seeck and Prof. Dr Torsten Wulf (HHL Center for Strategy and Scenario Planning, Leipzig) presented the tool that EFCA developed to help engineering consultancy firms in strategic decision-making in times of uncertainty and complexity.

**19/01/2022 - Vacancy for a new Director General:** launch of job description.

**21/01/2022 - Communications** Advisory Group: discussion on the time schedule and preparations for the launch of the new EFCA logo. Other topics included the Future Leaders logo, the incorporation of national flagship projects in the EFCA website and a proposed reader survey.

21/01/2022 - **Future Trends** (admin) Committee: feedback on the webinar. Preliminary discussion on the influence diagram. Draw up the agenda for the 9 February workshop on factors influencing our business environment.

02/02/2022 – **Future Leaders** (FLs) Steering Committee: Katrine Moshage (FRI) is taking over as interim Chair from Riitta Kujala (SKOL) until the June 2022 General Assembly Meeting, after which she will take over the Chair's function for two years. EFCA FLs seek active representation from Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Sweden and Norway.



SAVE THE DATES

## 7th European Africa Business Forum (EABF)

14 - 18 February 2022 (digital & free of charge). – Register [here](#)

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18/01/2022 :EC public [consultation](#) 'EU solar energy strategy' (Deadline: 12 April 2022)

18/01/2022: EC public [consultation](#) 'Renewable energy projects – permit-granting processes & power-purchase agreements' (Deadline: 12 April 2022)

24/01/2022: The EU Platform on Sustainable Finance, the group of experts advising the European Commission on green finance, [criticise](#) the EC draft proposal that to label gas and nuclear power as a “transitional” source of energy under the EU's [sustainable finance taxonomy](#)

26/01/2022: EU countries agreed on a Commission proposal to invest €1.037 billion in 5 cross-border infrastructure projects under the [Connecting Europe Facility \(CEF\)](#) for trans-European energy networks. CEF will provide financial support to 4 projects for construction and 1 study

27/01/2022: new [Guidelines on State aid for Climate, Environmental protection and Energy](#) enter into force. They create a [framework](#) to help Member States provide the necessary support to reach the Green Deal objectives in a targeted and cost-effective manner

02/02/2022: Political [agreement](#) on the [Taxonomy Complementary Climate Delegated Act](#) on climate change mitigation and adaptation covering certain gas and nuclear activities. Once translated into all official EU languages, the Complementary Delegated Act will be formally transmitted to the co-legislators (Council and European Parliament) for their scrutiny

02/02/2022: new EU [standardisation strategy](#)

**EIB** Investment Report 2021-22

**EIB** Activity Report 2021

**EBRD** green finance in 2021 hits record 51 per cent of €10.4 billion total

**DevelopmentAid**: PRAG 2021 – An overview of changes and novelties

**Building Performance Institute Europe (BPIE)**: Ready for carbon neutral by 2050? Assessing ambition levels in new building standards across the EU

**Foundation for Climate Friendly Procurement and Business**: CO<sub>2</sub> Performance Ladder

**European Court of Auditors** report: Energy efficiency in enterprises: some energy savings, but weaknesses in planning and project selection

**European Court of Auditors** report: Energy taxation, carbon pricing and energy subsidies

**European Environment Agency**: Economic losses and fatalities from weather- and climate-related events in Europe

**European Telecommunications Network Operators' Association**: State of Digital Communications 2022

**European Waste Management Association (FEAD) / Confederation of European Waste-to-Energy Plants (CEWEP) / the RDF Industry Group /Dutch Waste Management Association (DWMA)**: CO2 reduction potential by the European Waste Management Sector

**International Construction** listing of the world's top 200 contractors

**UNCTAD** - Investment Trends Monitor report

**Global Infrastructure Hub**: Transformative Outcomes Through Infrastructure

**Transparency International** - 2021 Corruption Perception Index

