



### EDITORIAL NOTE

In response to the unprovoked and unjustified military aggression carried out by Russia against Ukraine, EFCA express its support to the people of Ukraine, Ukrainian engineering consultants and ICEG. Early March, the Board adopted the [EFCA statement](#) on the Russian invasion.

As the humanitarian situation in Ukraine worsens and neighbouring countries receive Ukrainians fleeing their country and seeking shelter inside the EU's borders, all EFCA members support the EU institutions in their efforts to stop Putin's war and blatant violations of international law.

Jan Van der Putten



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**10/02/2022 - D&S meeting:** TECNIBERIA Director Araceli García shared best practice for promoting the engineering consulting industry as 'sustainable investment catalyst' with her European colleagues.

Finnish Director Helena Soimakallio announced the forthcoming launch of the report 'SKOL leaving a legacy'.

**16/02/2022** - launch of the spring 2022 **Industry Barometer survey**. A Russian version is now incorporated into the system in addition to the English, French, Dutch, Bulgarian, Italian, Turkish, and Estonian translations.

**17/02/2022** - **Board of Directors** meeting.

The Board is willing to initiate a revision of the 2011 EFCA **Code of Conduct**. A small dedicated task force will be established by early April 2022.

The Board agreed to ask ATCEA to postpone the **GAM and Conference** in Istanbul to 2023. The in-person GAM, Reports from Committee meeting and FL session will be organised on Friday, 10 June 2022.

The **30<sup>th</sup> EFCA anniversary event** will be held in Brussels on Wednesday, 17 November 2022.

**17/02/2022** – **FIDIC Europe Board** meeting.

The 2021-2022 Annual Agency Action Plan is being finalised. Actions are agreed to reinforce three EFCA-FIDIC Committee liaisons.

18/02/2022 – Joint EFCA-Feaco letter to DG INTPA - ‘Suggestions for improvement in **PRAG**’.

21/02/2022 - Launch of the first-ever **EFCA Sector Review**. The 2021 edition is including two rankings and an article on the engineering consulting industry’s developments.

The review highlights not only the engineering consulting services sector’s evolving role and capabilities but also its thoughtful and strategic response to rapid developments in essentially all areas of activity.

23/02/2022 - **Future Trends** Committee. Broad discussion on current Architecture, Engineering and Construction (AEC) industry trends, the future AEC ecosystem and disruptive scenarios. The 2022 Committee time schedule and actions are agreed.

24/02/2022 - EFCA Secretary General Jan Van der Putten sent a message of support to Interstate Consultants Engineers Guild (ICEG) of **Ukraine** President Oleksandr Nepomnyashchy and Vice-President Svitlana Reva.

01/03/2022 - **Communications** Advisory Group. The Advisory Group will submit its recommendation on the revised **Future Leaders logo** to the Board for approval. The secretariat is developing the action list for the coherent launch of the revised EFCA logo on 10 June 2022.

The work on the EFCA graphic charter is continued.

Member Associations will be invited to send (EU-funded) flagship projects to showcase on the EFCA website.

01/03/2022 - Extraordinary **Board of Directors** meeting. Invasion of Ukraine by Russia: exchange of views on EFCA and FIDIC Europe actions and evaluation of possible options.

02/03/2022 - Short EFCA **survey** on the **impact of the Russian invasion** on the engineering consulting business community.

04/03/2022 - EFCA statement on Russian invasion in **Ukraine**.

09/03/2022 - Extraordinary **Board of Directors** meeting. Follow-up discussion on the Russia/Ukraine issue.

11/03/2022 – joint **EIC-EFCA webinar** ‘A Global Connectivity Strategy to Shape EU Infrastructure Investments’. More than 60 participants joined the webinar. Representatives from the European Commission, from the European Investment Bank (EIB) and from the French and German development financing agencies highlighted the impact of the EU Global Gateway Strategy for European international contractors and consultants. EFCA President Benoît Clocheret and EIC President Benoît Chauvin stressed the importance of integrated and high-quality project preparation and implementation, which offer clients and users of infrastructure projects value for money on the basis of the life cycle approach.

 **SAVE THE DATES**

**buildingSMART International Virtual Summit Spring 2022**

Monday 28 March - Friday 1 April 2022

**EFCA GAM** – Friday, 10 June 2022 - venue TBD

Full Calendar of EFCA meetings



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**14/02/2022:** Call for Evidence: Revision of the **Waste** Framework Directive

**15/02/2022:** proposal for a Regulation on a **space-based secure connectivity** and a Joint Communication on an EU approach on Space Traffic Management (STM)

**16/02/2022:** European Parliament recommendations on how to deploy **offshore wind** more quickly

**17/02/2022:** **EIB Global** - new development branch, launched by European Investment Bank

**22/02/2022:** **EIB** and **Solas Capital** join forces to invest in energy efficiency in buildings across the European Union

**22/02/2022:** second set of calls for proposals of the **Digital Europe Programme**.  
Deadline: 17 May 2022

**23/02/2022:** **Data Act**. Proposed new rules on who can use and access data generated in the EU across all economic sectors

**23/02/2022:** proposal for a Directive on **corporate sustainability due diligence**

**24/02/2022:** Council position on the **corporate sustainability reporting directive** (CSRD)

**25/02/2022:** 3.2 billion **investment** package to support 21 transport, digital, climate and energy connectivity projects in the Western Balkans

28/02/2022: EU Platform on Sustainable Finance present their report on [Social taxonomy](#)

01/03/2022: first annual [report](#) on the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF). Progress in the implementation of recovery and resilience plans can be followed on the [Recovery and Resilience Scoreboard](#)

02/03/2022: EC Communication: Towards a green, digital and resilient economy: [our European Growth Model](#)

02/03/2022: [Fiscal policy guidance](#) for 2023. The communication sets out the key principles that will guide the Commission's assessment of Member States' stability and convergence programmes.

04/03/2022: the [Council](#) unanimously introduces [temporary protection for persons fleeing the war](#)

10/03/2022: Parliament adopts the 8<sup>th</sup> [Environment Action Programme](#)



**FIEC** (European Construction Industry Federation), in cooperation with EIC (European International Contractors), EuDA (European Dredging Association) and UNIFE (European Rail Supply Industry), has updated an interactive [map](#) of Europe to illustrate construction projects that **State-Owned Enterprises from third countries** have been bidding for

**WindEurope** - Annual [Statistics](#) 2021 highlight the insufficient speed of wind energy expansion in Europe.

The **Clean energy for EU islands** [website](#) - central platform for the clean energy transition of the more than 2,200 inhabited European islands

**Circular Plastics Alliance**: Supporting greater uptake of recycled [plastics](#) in Europe

**IPCC** [report](#) 'Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability': Europe needs to strengthen adaptive measures

**PLOS ONE** journal: The **clean energy claims** of BP, Chevron, ExxonMobil and Shell: A [mismatch](#) between discourse, actions and investments / Mei Li, Gregory Trencher, Jusen Asuka

