



EDITORIAL NOTE

With all eyes set on Russia's invasion in Ukraine and facing a humanitarian crisis, everyone is looking for guidance to gauge the global economic impact of the war.

Europe needs to speed up the green transition and energy autonomy while at the same time increasing defence spending and investment to improve digitalisation. It is a challenge that can and actually must succeed.

However, Europe will first have to deal with a reduction of growth potential and a higher inflation outlook.

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14/03/2022 - EFCA/FIDIC preparatory meeting: joints efforts to organise three 2022 MDB webinars

15/03/2022 – FIDIC notification to the **FIDIC Europe Board**: at the 11 March 2022 FIDIC Board Meeting, the FIDIC Board decided to suspend the nomination of Olga Kubanskaya (CEO of NACEC Russia) at the FIDIC Europe Board as representative from European countries not eligible to full EFCA membership

16/03/2022 - **Governance and Nomination** Committee meeting concerning the CVs of the shortlisted candidates for the position of EFCA Director General

17/03/2022 - **Future Leaders** Steering Committee: 2022 FL award ceremony in Paris and invitation to the 2020 and 2021 winners. FL contribution to the 2022 Paris programme. How attracting new members?

21/03/2022 - **EFCA/buildingSMART International**: discussion to prepare the EFCA presentation at the bSI spring 2022 summit. Elements for a EFCA-bSI collaborative agreement

23/03/2022 - **EFCA/Feaco** meeting with representatives of the Permanent Representations: impact of the PRAG changes on the business of European consulting and engineering firms

23/03/2022 - in-person meeting between Benoît Clocheret, Denis Lohest and three shortlisted candidates for the position of EFCA Director General

24/03/2022 - NACEC letter to EFCA President Benoît Clocheret: request for **temporary suspension of the NACEC-EFCA cooperation and interaction**, including suspension of participation in joint activities

28/03/2022 - **Governance and Nomination** Committee meeting: post interview discussion

30/03/2022 - **Future Leaders Competition**: 16 entries are received. This year shows for the first time a **50%** female participation

01/04/2022 - Extraordinary **Board of Directors** meeting: update on the EFCA dialogue with NACEC and relationship with ICEG, the future EFCA Presidency and the recruitment process of a new Managing Director. Composition of the FL competition jury

04/04/2022 - **Future Leaders** Steering Committee: how to increase and seek a balanced representation? Development and promotion of the 9 June 2022 in-person FL programme. Flagship projects and FL LinkedIn

07/04/2022 - **Communications** Advisory Group: first proposals of modernised graphic design of EFCA. Flagship projects on the EFCA website. New members to strengthen the Advisory Group

08/04/2022 - **Industry Barometer** Task Force: first physical meeting in the EFCA secretariat since the COVID-19 outbreak in spring 2020. Analysis of the preliminary results spring 2022 survey. Workshop on how to condense and improve the presentation of all collected data



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EFCA GAM – Friday, 10 June 2022 – Paris

European Development Days (EDD) - Global Gateway: building sustainable partnerships for a connected world, 21-22 June

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[EBRD](#) excludes the Russian Federation and Belarus from receiving funding for projects

[State Aid Temporary Crisis Framework](#) to support the economy in the context of Russia's invasion of Ukraine

War in [Ukraine](#): the **construction impact** (Construction Europe)

[European Research Area for Ukraine portal](#)

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14/03/2022: informal deal on the **international procurement instrument (IPI)**. The IPI will introduce measures limiting the access to open EU public procurement tenders to companies from non-EU countries that do not offer similar access to EU companies. The agreement reached between the Parliament and the Council negotiators now has to be approved by both institutions.

15/03/2022: **Council** agreement on the **Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)**. The CBAM was proposed by the EC in 2021 as a way to protect EU industry from imports of products coming from countries where it is cheaper to pollute. The products of the following sectors will be covered by CBAM: cement, aluminium, fertilisers, electric energy production, iron and steel.

24/03/2022: Parliament and Council negotiators agree on the **Digital Markets Act** to limit the market power of big online platforms. After the legal text is finalised at technical level and checked by lawyer-linguists, it will need to be approved by both Parliament and Council.

30/03/2022: **Package** of measures proposed in the **circular economy** action plan: Sustainable Products Initiative, including the proposal for the Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation; EU strategy for sustainable and circular textiles; proposal for a **revised Construction Products Regulation**; proposal for empowering consumers in the green transition

29-30/03/2022: Platform on **Sustainable Finance**: report on the environmental transition taxonomy and report with recommendations on technical screening criteria for the four remaining environmental objectives of the EU taxonomy

05/04/2022: Commission proposals to update the **Industrial Emissions Directive**

07/04/2022: launch of the **NEB LAB**, a 'think and do' tank to make the New European Bauhaus a reality through concrete and tangible projects.

08/04/2022: new European Research Area (ERA) **industrial technology roadmap for low-carbon technologies**

EC consultation: revision of the **Combined Transport Directive**. Deadline: 30 May 2022

EC invitation for feedback: Proposal for a **revision** of the **Construction Products Regulation**. Deadline: 30 May 2022

EC consultation: environmental, social, and governance (**ESG**) ratings and sustainability factors in credit ratings. Deadline: 6 June 2022

EC consultation: iProcureNet (network of public procurers from the security sector from different EU countries) on **joint cross-border public procurement**

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EC / DG INTPA - 2021 Annual Report on the implementation of the EU's External Action Instruments in 2020.

EC / DG INTPA - Roadmap to improve the European financial architecture for development

EC / DG REGIO - Kohesio. Public online platform gathering information on over **1.5 million projects** in all 27 Member States financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the Cohesion Fund and the European Social Fund (ESF) since 2014.

EC / DG Research and Innovation - Transitions Performance Index 2021. The Transitions Performance Index ranks EU Member States and 45 other countries on their performance in four specific transitions - economic, social, environmental and governance - between 2011 and 2020.

European Environment Agency (EEA) briefing 'Resource nexus and the European Green Deal'.

World Green Building Council (WorldGBC), EBRD and UN Habitat - Sustainable Reconstruction & Recovery Framework. Toolkit for disaster-hit areas in the Middle East and North Africa region, including the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean.

International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) - World Energy Transitions Outlook 2022

Ember – Global electricity review 2022

Deloitte – The progress towards the EU's Digital Decade ambitions

Maastricht Journal of European and Comparative Law - Is public procurement fit for reaching sustainability goals? A law and economics approach to green public procurement

