



EDITORIAL NOTE

Europe and European industries face high energy prices, uncertain energy supply and disruption in the supply chain of raw materials.

Raw materials are an essential ingredient for the energy transition. The EU regulatory framework needs to address the huge supply gap the EU faces in securing raw materials.

Europe must invest in innovation so that recycling will help improving the EU's raw materials resilience and thus the transition to a more sustainable way of producing energy.

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19/04/2022 - **Governance and Nomination** Committee: post-interview meeting to discuss and decide the Committee's recommendation on the new EFCA Director General to the 21 April 2022 Board of Directors meeting

20/04/2022 - **Future Leaders** Steering Committee (FLSC) meeting: discussion on the 9-10 June 2022 FL programme in Paris (panel discussion, site visit, FL Award Ceremony) and the promotion of the Paris events. The FLSC is seeking to enlarge its membership and attract representatives from all European regions

20/04/2022 - Meeting with **EIC** (European International Contractors) on the joint development of a toolkit on Sustainable Procurement

21/04/2022 - **Board of Directors** meeting. Topics of discussion included the EFCA support to ICEG and the Ukrainian industry and society, the restart of the European Green Deal Committee, the status of the recruitment of a new EFCA Director General, the 2022 GAM agenda and the 9-10 June 2022 Paris programme

21/04/2022 - **Board** discussion with **DG GROW** (Hein Bollens and Pieter Staelens): the impact of Russia's invasion in Ukraine on the construction sector and the EU financial assistance to Ukraine and the country's reconstruction

21/04/2022 - **FIDIC Europe Board** meeting. Review of the ongoing Committee liaison activities and joint initiatives

21/04/2022 - Board discussion with Thanos Totsikas, General Manager of FIDIC Credentialing Ltd.

27/04/2022 - Future Trends Committee meeting in Brussels. Exchange of views and thorough feedback on the draft document 'Most Disruptive Scenario'. Request for support in planning forthcoming interviews with CEOs in various European countries

04/05/2022 - Future Leaders Steering Committee meeting: identification of speakers for the 9 June 2022 FL panel discussion ' Digitalisation and COVID-19's effects on the working environment' in Paris and promotion of the event

05/05/2022 - D&S meeting: update on EFCA activities, the EFCA – ICEG (Ukraine) relationship and the recruitment of a new EFCA Director General. Request to nominate representatives to join and reinforce the Industry Barometer Task Force. Discussion and exchange of information on the use of dispute adjudication board in Europe



SAVE THE DATES

EFCA GAM, Paris, Friday, 10 June 2022

4th European Engineers Day, Brussels, 21 June 2022

Full [Calendar](#) of EFCA meetings



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Overview & [timeline](#) 'EU response to Russia'

8 April 2022: disbursement of €120 million [grant](#) (in the form of a 'State and Resilience Building Contract')

[DG NEAR](#) 'Stand with Ukraine'

Ukrainian version of the [EU Skills Profile Tool for Third Country Nationals](#)

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

[European Research Area for Ukraine portal](#)

20/04/2022: [Team Europe Partnerships Portal](#): platform to support partner countries in finding innovative, effective and efficient tools that can help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and address inequality. The platform creates a bridge between members of Team Europe and partner countries, supporting the emergence of partnerships.

23/04/2022: political [agreement](#) between the European Parliament and EU Member States (EU Council) on the proposed [Digital Services Act](#) (DSA). The political agreement is now subject to formal approval by the two co-legislators.

27/04/2022 EC [Communication](#) 'Attracting skills and Talents to Europe' and [proposal](#) on the digitalisation of the Schengen visa process

29/04/2022: first payment request (€398.7 million) from [Slovakia](#) under the [Recovery and Resilience Facility](#)

30/04/2022: second request from [Spain](#) for disbursement (€12 billion) under the [Recovery and Resilience Facility](#)

04/05/2022: [Council](#) and [EP](#) negotiating position on the proposed regulation on [foreign subsidies distorting the internal market](#)

10/05/2022: [amendment](#) to the [Horizon Europe](#) Work Programme 2021-2022, increasing the budget by nearly €562 million

10/05/2022: [EC-EIB Guarantee Agreement](#) to implement the Economic and Investment Plans for the Western Balkans, the Southern and Eastern Neighbourhood

[Circular economy monitoring framework](#) – Revision: call for [feedback](#). Deadline: 3 June 2022



[European Financial Reporting Advisory Group](#) (EFRAG) - technical advisor to the European Commission providing draft European Sustainability Reporting Standards: first draft sustainability standards for public [consultation](#) (until 8 August 2022)

[Eurostat](#): European Statistical [Recovery Dashboard](#): April edition

[EC report](#) on the implementation of the [Maritime Spatial Planning Directive](#).

[EIB](#): Digitalisation in Europe 2021-2022 [report](#)

[European Environment Agency](#) [report](#): Land take and land degradation in functional urban areas

[WindEurope](#): Financing and investment trends [2021](#)

[European Telecommunications Network Operators' Association](#) (ETNO) [report](#): Europe's internet ecosystem: socio-economic benefits of a fairer balance between tech giants and telecom operators

[Architects' Council of Europe](#): The economic benefits of [regulation](#) in architectural services

[Centre for Economic Policy Research](#): A [blueprint](#) for the reconstruction of Ukraine (5 April 2022)

[Global Network Against Food Crises](#): 2022 global [report](#) of food crises

