



EDITORIAL NOTE

During the past 30 years, I have seen many changes in the federation to deliver on its ambitions and better reflect the business sector it is representing.

Leading EFCA has been an enormous privilege and a valuable experience. I'd like to thank my colleagues, the board, and especially my president Benoît and everyone who has been involved in committee work to further grow EFCA's influence. I believe Sue will bring EFCA from strength to strength and take the good work to new heights.

Jan Van der Putten

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10/05/2022 - Governance and Nomination Committee: assessment of the CVs of the candidate new Board members

17/05/2022 - European Green Deal Committee: discussion on the way forward and focal points of activity

20/05/2022 - Communications Advisory Group: two new members attended the virtual meeting. Review of past initiatives and actions. Finalisation of the concise reader survey that will provide insights in the member associations' needs and perspectives

25/05/2022 - European External Action Committee: first in-person meeting after more than two years virtually-held meetings. EFCA advocacy, addressed to Members of the European Parliament will clarify the industry's position as critical development actor

25/05/2022 - European External Action Committee **workshop with DG INTPA R4** (Nicolas Provençal and Paolo Sergio): discussion on the changes to the PRAG, their impact on the consulting (engineering) sector and the industry's concerns



09/06/2022 - Board of Directors meeting: introduction of the incoming Director Sue Arundale.

Exchange of views on an EFCA network for European CEOs, EFCA's role in the preparation of the 2023 Conference in Istanbul and the priority topics of the European Green Deal Committee.

Introductory open brainstorming session on the Board's 2022-2023 main topics, action plan and the federation's strategy

09/06/2022 - FIDIC Europe Board meeting: clarification of the aim of the FIDIC Climate Change Charter. Status report on the liaison between the federations' Committees. Update on the June 2022 FIDIC Board meeting

09/06/2022 - Board of Directors meeting with **SYNTEC-Ingénierie (S-I)** and **CINOV**: topical discussion on the S-I guidance on the EU taxonomy and the tension between clients' requirements for international experience and the recruitment of junior professionals. It was concluded that selection is mainly CV-based and insufficiently related to the firm's multidisciplinary professional competences



09/06/2022 - Future Leaders Day: panel debate 'Digitalisation and COVID-19's effects on the working environment'

10/06/2022 – General Assembly Meeting: introduction of EFCA's new Director General. Appointment of Inés Ferguson as President- Elect for the 2022-2023 period, Philippe Van Troeye as Treasurer, and Johan Dozzi and Despina Kallidromitou as Director.

Launch of the modernised EFCA logo

10/06/2022 - Virtual discussion with DG NEAR (Support Group for Ukraine SGUA): outline of the EU support and economic impact of the Russian invasion. Future outlook and needs for reconstruction. EC plans for the EU's immediate response to address Ukraine's financing gap, as well as the longer-term reconstruction framework.

Invitation to EFCA and the industry to notify the EC of possible ways for providing support

10/06/2022 - [Future Leaders Award Ceremony](#), including participation/attendance of 2020, 2021 & 2022 Winners and Runners-Up

10/06/2022 – [Report from Committees](#) meeting: all Committee Chairs presented main results over the past 2021-2022 period, planned priorities for the coming year, major challenges and critical issues

Panel debate ‘Consulting engineers in 2023: a disruptive picture of the future’

10/06/2022 – Launch of the spring 2022 [Industry Barometer report](#)

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[DG NEAR](#) ‘Stand with Ukraine’

Phone helpline for those fleeing the war in Ukraine (free): 00 800 6 7 8 9 10 11

[Communication](#) Ukraine relief and reconstruction

The war in Ukraine: Navigating [disruption](#) / McKinsey & Company

16/05/2022: the EC proposed targeted [adjustments](#) to the [Financial Regulation](#) (the European Union's financial rules)

16/05/2022: the Council [approved](#) the [Data Governance Act](#)

16/05/2022: the Council [adopted](#) a revised [Trans-European Networks for Energy \(TEN-E\) Regulation](#)

18/05/2022: the EC [adopted](#) the [REPowerEU Plan](#), the [EU Save Energy Communication](#), the [EU External Energy Engagement Strategy](#), the [EU Solar Strategy](#) and [Amendments to Renewable Energy, Energy Performance of Buildings and Energy Efficiency Directives](#)

18/05/2022: [RebuildUkraine](#) – [Communication](#) Ukraine relief and reconstruction

19/05/2022: Council and Parliament reached a provisional [agreement](#) on the regulation on [gas storage](#)

19/05/2022: release of the first of three products from the [European Ground Motion Service \(EGMS\)](#)

23/05/2022: **European Semester** Spring Package

01/06/2022: EC endorsement of **Poland**'s €35.4 billion **recovery and resilience plan**. Parliament expressed serious concerns (09/06/2022)

02/06/2022: Council adopted its position on three texts relating to the **transport** sector: Alternative fuels infrastructure, Renewable and low-carbon fuels in maritime transport and Sustainable air transport

08/06/2022: Parliament agreed its negotiating position on the revision of a series of EU laws in sectors responsible for **emissions**: zero-emissions for cars and vans in 2035 and higher carbon sink ambitions in land use and forestry. MEPs also backed more ambitious emissions reductions in international aviation and stricter reduction targets for EU countries

08/06/2022: MEPs voted down major pieces of **climate legislation** in a plenary vote. The rejection of the Emissions Trading System (ETS) report caused a domino effect, bringing down two other key votes: one on the Social Climate Fund and another on the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM). A compromise deal was reached on 14/06/2022

09/06/2022: EP final vote on the **International Procurement Instrument** (IPI). After its official adoption by the co-legislator Council and its signature, the regulation will enter into force on the 60th day after its publication

14/06/2022: MEPs in the two responsible committees objected to the inclusion of **nuclear and gas** in the list of environmentally sustainable economic activities, covered by the **EU Taxonomy**. The resolution is scheduled for a vote during Parliament's plenary session of 4-7 July 2022

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Evaluation **Environmental Liability** Directive, deadline: 04/08/2022

Consultation **Waste Framework** Directive, deadline: 16/08/2022

reports room

European International Contractors (EIC): [Statement](#) - The Impact of the Russian-Ukrainian War on Construction Contracts and New Tenders

EC: [Spring 2022 Economic Forecast](#)

EIB: [Business resilience](#) in the pandemic and beyond – Adaptation, innovation, financing and climate action from Eastern Europe to Central Asia

EIB: How bad is the [Ukraine war](#) for the European recovery?

Eurostat: Sustainable development in the European Union — [Monitoring report](#) on progress towards the [SDGs](#) in an EU context

European Court of Auditors [report](#): Protecting the EU budget - Better use of blacklisting needed

European Court of Auditors [report](#): SME internationalisation instruments - A large number of support actions but not fully coherent or coordinated

European Environment Agency: Decarbonising [road transport](#) — the role of vehicles, fuels and transport demand

World Green Building Council (WorldGBC): [EU Policy Whole-Life Carbon Roadmap](#)

International Energy Agency: [Renewable Energy Market Update](#) (May 2022)

International Energy Agency: 2022 edition [Tracking SDG 7: The Energy Progress Report](#)

InfluenceMap: The [Automotive Sector](#) and Climate Change - [Assessing](#) automakers climate strategies against a 1.5°C aligned transition

DNV: The [Cyber](#) Priority – The state of [cyber security](#) in the energy sector

GSMA: 2022 [Internet Value Chain report](#)

Climate Action Tracker: Despite Glasgow [Climate](#) Pact, 2030 climate target updates have stalled

