

## EDITORIAL NOTE



Our latest policy document, “Delivering a resilient, green and digital built environment: Manifesto from European Engineering Consultancies for 2030 and beyond.” underlines the need for joined-up policy making, developed in collaboration at the inter-institutional level and with the full participation of our sector. This should take into account the competence of consulting engineers in terms of planning, technical design, management, operation and maintenance; and regulatory measures should remain technology- and material-neutral.

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## efca newsroom

**26/10/2022** – **Communications** Advisory Group: review of analytics social media campaign of the Future Trends report and planning of the campaign of the 30<sup>th</sup> EFCA anniversary and launch of the new policy document.

**27/10/2022** - Renovate Europe's high-level conference REDay2022: two panel discussions with different policymakers and stakeholders from the public and private sectors. The first panel discussion focuses on the ongoing Energy Performance in Buildings Directive recast and the importance of using Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS). The second looks at how we can finance the Renovation Wave, both through public funds-based mechanisms, as well as private capital and bank schemes.

**04/11/2022** - **Future Leaders** Steering Committee meeting: the Committee discusses the ongoing projects of its three theme groups – EU Taxonomy, Sustainability and Digitalisation.

**16/11/2022** - Launch of new policy document “Delivering a resilient, green and digital built environment: [Manifesto](#) from European engineering consultancies for 2030 and beyond”.

16/11/2022 – [Video message](#) of EFCA President Benoît Clocheret (see [EFCA LI](#))

16/11/2022 - [Board of Directors](#) meeting: report on the relations with the national associations and preparations for both the D&S workshop and the 30<sup>th</sup> EFCA anniversary event. Review of Committee actions and developments.

16/11/2022 - [FIDIC Europe Board](#) meeting: welcome to the FIDIC liaison, Alfredo Ingletti. Status of FIDIC nominations of representatives to sit on the FIDIC Europe Board. Progress in the preparation of the 2023 Regional Infrastructure Conference in Warsaw.

16/11/2022 - [D&S](#) workshop: most active brainstorming sessions on six topics result in the preliminary definition of priorities for the 2023 EFCA work programme and the determination of European topics that are important from a business perspective.

16/11/2022 - EFCA 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary reception: almost 100 participants join the celebration. Sirpa Pietikäinen, MEP and Katharina Knapton-Vierlich, Head of Unit, European Commission DG Grow H.1, comment on the benefits of collective action of EU policymakers and our industry in climate and digital transitions.

Jan Van der Putten, past EFCA Secretary General, says goodbye after his 30-year commitment to the federation.

17/11/2022 - [European External Action](#) Committee: four topics are identified for discussion with the legal unit of DG INTPA. The Committee will collect specific examples to build the case. Presentation of the overall aim of the EFCA Ukraine Support Group, the status of the review of the EFCA Code of Conduct and EFCA's strategic messages in the EIC-EFCA Toolkit on Incorporating Sustainable Tender Criteria in Procurement. Vote on the candidates for Committee Chair.

17/11/2022 - Joint FIEC-EIC Task Group Ukraine: exchange with representatives of the EU Commission and external stakeholders on ongoing initiatives to support the reconstruction process of Ukraine, including possible financing schemes of individual support projects.

21/11/2022 - [Economic Environment](#) Committee launches the autumn 2022 [Industry Barometer report](#)

22/11/2022 - High-Level Forum - Webinar on ongoing EU initiatives supporting the green transition of construction: the webinar is divided into two parts. The first one focuses on circular approaches in construction, including the revision of the Construction Products Regulation and an ongoing study on the application of circular approaches in the industry. The second one looks at the development of the EU roadmap for the reduction of whole-life carbon of buildings.



**SAVE THE DATES**

Brussels, 30/11-1/12/2022: Annual [POLIS Conference](#)

Istanbul, 1-2 June 2023: [EFCA GAM & Conference](#)

Full [Calendar](#) of [EFCA meetings](#)



Overview & timeline 'EU response to Russia'

DG NEAR 'Stand with Ukraine'

The 8th package of **EU sanctions** includes the **prohibition to provide architectural and engineering services** as well as IT consultancy services and legal advisory services to Russia

24/10/2022: **EBRD** commits up to €3 billion to Ukraine

25/10/2022: **EIB** and UNDP expand partnership to help Ukraine rebuild sustainable and energy-efficient public

buildings.

09/11/2022: EC proposal: €18 billion of macro-financial assistance in the form of highly concessional loans.

18/11/2022: EBRD launches a quarterly newsletter for Ukraine's small businesses, tracking regulatory changes introduced since Russia's invasion in February 2022.

18/11/2022: EBRD signs a MoU with the authorities of Mariupol on commissioning a 'Damage, Loss and Needs Assessment Report', which will examine the war's impact on its infrastructure and estimate the financial cost of restoring it.

**Opensource data** project to document, verify, analyse, and estimate the material damage caused to Ukraine's physical infrastructure as a result of a large-scale Russian invasion.

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**25/10/2022:** EU energy ministers adopt a general approach to a proposal setting new requirements for the **energy performance of buildings** (EPBD).

**26/10/2022:** **Zero Pollution Package** - the EC is proposing stronger rules on ambient air, surface, and groundwater pollutants, and the **treatment of urban wastewater**.

**28/10/2022:** Council approves **2021 climate finance figure**: the EU and its 27 member states committed €23.04 billion in climate finance from public sources to support developing countries to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

**01/11/2022:** the EU **Digital Markets Act (DMA)** enters into force. The new Regulation puts an end to unfair practices by companies that act as gatekeepers in the online platform economy.

**03/11/2022:** European Commission launches the third call for large-scale projects under the EU Innovation Fund. The call is open for projects located in EU Member States, Iceland, and Norway until 16 March 2023.

**08/11/2022:** European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the European Investment Bank (EIB), and the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) set up the Blue Mediterranean Partnership.

**08/11/2022:** Provisional political deal on an **EU-level greenhouse gas emission reduction target of 40%** compared to 2005, by 2030, for road and domestic maritime

transport, **buildings**, agriculture, waste, and small industries (sectors not covered by the EU Emissions Trading System - EU-ETS).

**08/11/2022**: Parliament approves rules to counteract **market-distorting foreign subsidies** to companies operating in the EU.

**09/11/2022**: EC Communication on orientations for a reform of the EU economic governance framework. Proposals to reform the **debt and spending rules** for national governments.

**09/11/2022**: EC Proposal for a Council Regulation laying down a framework to accelerate the **deployment of renewable energy**.

**10/11/2022**: Parliament adopts new **EU sustainability reporting requirements** for large firms. The Commission will adopt the first set of standards by June 2023. The Council is expected to adopt the proposal on 28 November. The directive will enter into force 20 days after publication. The rules will start applying between 2024 and 2028.

**11/11/2022**: EC Autumn 2022 **Economic Forecast**.

**14/11/2022**: European Parliament and the Council of the European Union reach an agreement on the **EU budget for 2023**. The vote in plenary, which will mark the end of the process, is currently scheduled for 23 November 2022.

**14/11/2022**: the European Parliament's industry committee approves legislation that will help **speed up the deployment of solar, wind and hydro projects**. The report will be put to a vote by the full House during a forthcoming plenary session.

**16/11/2022**: the **Digital Services Act** (DSA) enters into force.

**17/11/2022**: **EIB** approves €11 billion for climate action and clean energy, business, sustainable transport, health and urban investment.

**22/11/2022**: launch of the **2023 European Semester** cycle of economic policy coordination

## reports room

**EBRD**: Climate Adaptation Action Plan

**European Environment Agency** (EEA): Trends and Projections in Europe 2022: limited rebound in EU emissions amid post-pandemic recovery and energy crisis

**European Environment Agency** (EEA) report: Climate change as a threat to health and well-being in Europe: focus on heat and infectious diseases.'

**European Environment Agency** (EEA) briefing 'Cooling buildings sustainably in Europe'

**Eurostat**: Production in construction up by 0.1% in euro area and by 0.2% in EU (September 2022 compared with August 2022)

2022-2023 **EIB Climate Survey**: the majority of Europeans say the war in Ukraine and high energy prices should accelerate the [green transition](#)

**EIB Investment Survey**: Sustaining transformative investment in the face of multiple shocks

**EBRD** (in collaboration with Climate Focus): Survey [report](#) on [climate funding and carbon markets](#). Positions of key international climate funds, donor and recipient countries on blending climate funding with carbon markets

**EBRD**: [TCFD](#) (Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures) report on climate risk assessment

**EBRD**: [Climate Adaptation Action Plan](#)

**EBRD** [Transition report](#) 2022-2023 – Business Unusual

**THE LANCET**: 2022 Europe [report](#) on [health and climate change](#): towards a climate-resilient future

**EU Copernicus Climate Change Service & World Meteorological Organisation**: State of the Climate in Europe [report](#). Temperatures in Europe increase more than twice the global average

**Arup, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and University of Liverpool**: [Cities Alive](#): Designing Cities That Work for Women

**International Energy Agency (IEA)**: [2022 World Energy Outlook](#)

**International Energy Agency (IEA)**: Never Too Early to Prepare for Next Winter: Europe's [gas balance](#) for 2023-2024

**E3G and Ember**: More [Renewables](#), Less Inflation. Restoring EU economic stability through investment in renewables

**GI Hub**: Infrastructure [Monitor](#) 2022 – the latest global trends in private investment in infrastructure

**UNEP**: Emissions Gap [Report](#) 2022: The Closing Window – Climate crisis calls for rapid transformation of societies

**UNEP**: 2022 Global Status Report for Buildings and Construction. Buildings and construction set an unwanted new record in 2021 for carbon

**UNEP**: Adaptation Gap [Report](#): Adapting to climate change must become a global priority

**UNCTAD**: Global Investment Trend [Monitor](#) (October 2022). Investment to tackle climate change falls amid global crises

**Bloomberg Philanthropies and BloombergNEF (BNEF)**: Climate Policy Factbook: COP27 Edition

**Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE, UK)**: [Financing Low-Carbon Infrastructure](#): what civil engineers can bring to the table

