



European State of the Union Report

EFCA Board Task Force

Background

European Commission:

“A sustainable and competitive European construction industry brings many benefits to society and the EU economy. The sector is affected by several other policies, such as environmental protection, energy efficiency, work safety, taxation, and public procurement. The objective of the European Commission is to promote a favourable framework to boost competitiveness and support sustainable growth in the sector.”

Background

EU strategies will be revised

- New European Parliament will be elected in May 2019
- Next EU President's political guidelines 2020 - 2025

EFCA Forward Plan 2017 – 2019

- Goal 4: Preparing a “State of the Union Report” for the EC to align with a change in the Commission in November 2019 and every five years thereafter.

Consulting engineering and EFCA need to strengthen their profile and impact to EU bodies.

Need to boost quality based public procurement, digital solutions, infrastructure investments and RDI funding.

- To **inform** European policy and decision makers about consulting engineering industry
- To **recognize** development needs by professionals
- To **increase** EFCA's visibility and enhance its recognition as stakeholder
- To **propose** improvements for the EU policies in order to
 - enhance quality based and collaborative public procurement practices
 - use of digital solutions
 - promote funding for infrastructure investments
 - promote funding for RDI

OBJECTIVES

CONTENT OF THE REPORT

Title

**State of the European Union and way forward -
Engineering and consulting services perspective**

1. Introduction to consulting engineering services and business – Facts and figures
2. Introduction to engineering services and to EFCA
3. Description of relevant EU policies and regulation
4. **Recommendations for policy actions**

Report in e-format (total pages max 20)

ESSENTIAL REFERENCES

EU references

1. **White Paper on the Future of Europe** - Reflections and scenarios for the EU27 by 2025
2. **EU Budgets for the Future**
3. **Relevant directives**
4. **EC Working Plans**

EFCA vs. EU POLICY AREAS

EFCA Committees and Working Parties

- Partnership for Development
- Professional Liability
- Project Financing
- Public Procurement
- Qualifications
- Standardization
- Health & Safety

EU Policy areas in the White Paper on the Future of Europe

- **Sustainability**
- **Single Market and Trade**
- Economic & Monetary Union
- Schengen, migration & security
- Foreign policy & defence
- **EU Budget**
- **Capacity to deliver**

KEY ACTIONS

- 1. Building a sustainable World**
 - Climate change
 - Energy
 - Circular economy
- 2. Succeeding in digital transformation**
 - Digital single market (DMS)
- 3. Investing for the future**
 - RDI – Horizon 2020
- 4. Enhancing value creation**
 - Skills and competences needed
 - Life-long learning
 - STEM education tools
- 5. Making an impact with Single Market and Trade**
 - Public Procurement
 - e-procurement
- 6. Growing business through Entrepreneurship and SMEs**



SCHEDULE

- Kick-off meeting was held in 9.4.2018
- Project planning, organizing and resourcing 5/2018
- Committee work 8/2018 – 9/2019
- Drafting and commenting 5/2019 – 9/2019
 - 1st Draft (text) version available
- Final report will be published 11/2019



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