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The **EFCA** Industry Barometer Task Force carried out a fourth COVID-19 survey, conducted between 1 and 7 September 2020: signs of stabilisation

<https://www.efca.be/news/efca-corona-survey-iv>

https://www.khl.com/construction-europe/efca-survey-hints-at-stabilisation/146057.article?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Construction+Europe+-+16th+September+2020&utm_term=CE

The **EFCA** Board of Directors agreed to prepare a mid-term update of the EFCA State of the Union (March 2022), assessing the repercussions of the pandemic on EU policies and programmes and presenting the industry's positions in the context of the EC's Recovery Plan for Europe and the European Green Deal

The **EFCA** European External Aid Committee will report about cancellations of Technical Assistance (TA) tenders, requests for proposal submissions in paper and the high incidental expenditure in TA contracts to DG DEVCO (International Cooperation and Development)



The Council approved €87.4 billion in financial support for 16 member states under **SURE** - a temporary EU instrument to mitigate unemployment risks during the COVID-19 crisis

<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2020/09/25/covid-19-council-approves-87-4-billion-in-financial-support-for-member-states-under-sure/>

State of the Union address by President von der Leyen at the European Parliament Plenary (16 September 2020): the EU Commission President recognises the importance of the construction industry and the development of a European digital (data) infrastructure.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/ov/SPEECH_20_1655

Significant changes are taking place in many **national and regional cohesion policy programmes** to support their COVID-19 response

https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/newsroom/coronavirus-response/

Fund pages: see ERDF, ESF, Cohesion Fund and YEI:

<https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu/funds>

Country Pages: <https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu/countries>

Programme pages: <https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu/programmes>

EIB approves € 12.6 billion financing for transport, clean energy, urban development and COVID-19 resilience

<https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2020-242-eib-approves-eur-12-6-billion-financing-for-transport-clean-energy-urban-development-and-covid-19-resilience>

ECDC (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control) launches new COVID-19 situation dashboard

<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/news-events/ecdc-launches-new-covid-19-situation-dashboard>

EC strategic guidelines for the **implementation of the €672.5 billion European Recovery Plan** NextGenerationEU

The plans presented by the Member States will have to respect four dimensions defined by the Commission in the framework of the European Semester: environmental sustainability, productivity, equity and macroeconomic stability

<https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/rep/1/2020/EN/COM-2020-575-F1-EN-MAIN-PART-1.PDF>

Database - **Research** and publications relating to COVID-19 and its impact on the environment and climate / European Environment Agency

<https://www.eea.europa.eu/post-corona-planet/explore/#search-the-database>

EC proposal for more clarity and predictability of any measures restricting free movement in the EU

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_20_1555

EC recommendations for the establishment of a common Covid-19 testing strategy for the Member States

https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/health/files/preparedness_response/docs/common_testingapproach_covid-19_en.pdf

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Covid survey by CECE (Committee for European Construction Equipment), ERA (European Rental Association) and Lectura

The survey primarily targeted international contractors, dealers, rental companies and machine owners, and further questioned them about the impact of Covid-19 and following restrictions on their businesses. The survey included questions about changing business strategies, plans for the future, and who the respondents expect support from.

<https://lectura.press/en/report/covid-survey-by-cece-era-and-lectura/48>

How Covid-19 is changing the world: a **statistical** perspective - Volume II

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ccsa/>

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (**ECDC**): Increased transmission of COVID-19 in the EU/EEA and the UK –twelfth update (24 September 2020)

<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications-data/covid-19-risk-assessment-increased-transmission-twelfth-update>

OECD report on the **place of ecology in stimulus packages**. The report notes that a "majority of states have included provisions to support the transition to a greener economy in their recovery strategies" with a total of \$312 billion of public money devoted to green stimulus. However, the report also points out inconsistencies in some plans that support "non-green" industries, including fossil fuel subsidies, and calls for more to be done for the green transition

https://read.oecd-ilibrary.org/view/?ref=136_136201-ctwt8p7qs5&title=Making-the-Green-Recovery-Work-for-Jobs-Income-and-Growth

What 800 executives envision for the **postpandemic workforce** / McKinsey global survey, 23 September 2020

<https://www.mckinsey.com/featured-insights/future-of-work/what-800-executives-envision-for-the-postpandemic-workforce#>

PwC's 2020 Future of **Remote Work** survey

<https://www.pwc.be/en/news-publications/2020/future-of-remote-work-survey.html>