



WORKING WITH EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FINANCING INSTITUTIONS

EU EXTERNAL ACTION COMMITTEE

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EEAC Key Figures

- 6** New Members from Germany, Turkey, Spain and Italy
- 2** Future Leaders selected from Serbia and Turkey
- 1st** EFCA Webinar on procurement with AFD and KfW
- 2** Meetings with EBRD and EIB on Sustainability
- 4** Joint letters with FEACO to EU Institutions
- 2** Positions on EU Development architecture and instruments
- 1st** Collaboration with FIDIC IFI Committee for HoPs Conference



Gain EU political influence

EFCA's position on the proposed **European financial architecture for development**: creating a strong European Climate and Development Bank to promote EU investments in line with EU values, policies and standards. EIB supports our position.

EFCA's position on the **financial instruments in the new MFF**: creating a more business-friendly environment, encouraging the participation of SMEs, and allocating more Technical Assistance funds to the preparation of project pipelines in line with EU standards. EIB supports our position.

EFCA participation in the European Commission's **MFF Programming Consultation with the Private Sector**. Expressed reserves on high dispersion of development funding, including to non-European financing institutions, and excessive orientation towards blending and delegated management.

EFCA-FEACO exchange with DG INTPA Director General (former DEVCO) on:

- the need for **e-procurement in the European external action service tenders and contracts** during and after the Covid-19 crisis
- the list of **priority topics in the PRAG** and the impact in the industry of the changes in PRAG 2020
- key considerations for the **next PRAG version 2022**
- drop of the invitations in the **SIEA Framework Contracts**



EFCA Webinar on Procurement with AFD and KfW

Strong support from SYNTEC-Ingénierie and VBI

120 participants from across Europe

Good European procurement practice highlighted:

- Direct payment to consultants
- High Environmental, Social, H&S Standards
- Clear treatment of taxes
- Security in high-risk countries as a reimbursable cost

Organisation of the Bi-annual HoPs Conference with FIDIC

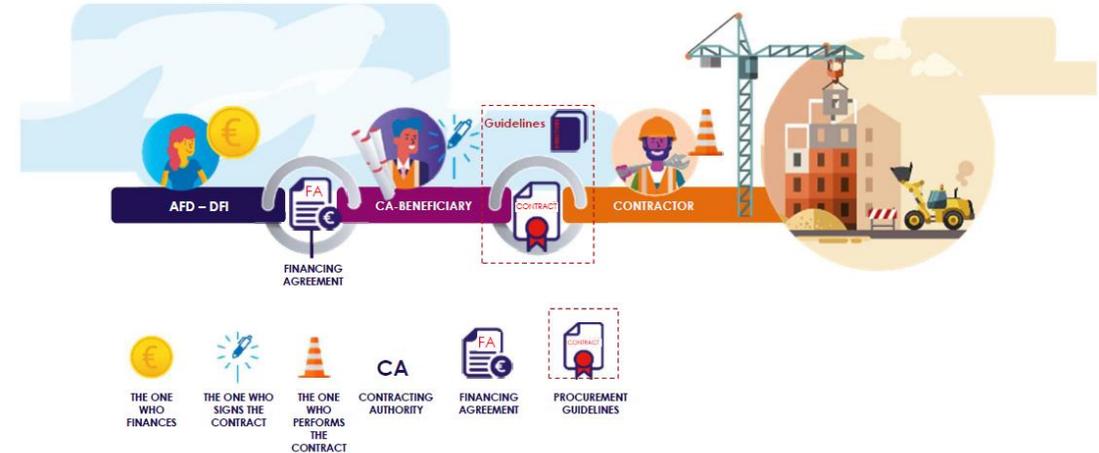
Coordination with the FIDIC IFI Committee

New Conference format, combining global trends and practical procurement issues affecting firms

Focus on biodiversity, digitalisation and inclusion

Collaboration with EIC (European International Contractors)

PROCUREMENT / THE STANDARD SCENARIO





Promote industry's capacity to contribute to SD Agenda and create a SD platform

Promoting our contribution to sustainable development and green growth in low and middle-income countries

5 SDGs are directly related to our business activity



Clean water and sanitation

Access to WASH, land remediation, spills, sustainable water withdrawals, water efficiency, water quality, water recycling and reuse, water related ecosystems and biodiversity, water risk management.



Affordable clean energy

Electricity access, electricity availability and reliability, energy efficiency, resilient infrastructure investments, renewable energy, energy consumption.



Industry, innovation and infrastructure

Infrastructure investments, R&D and intellectual property, technological legacies, capacity building, economic value.



Sustainable cities and communities

Access to affordable housing and public spaces, cultural heritage, disaster emergency planning and response, infrastructure investments, noise, sustainable buildings, sustainable transportation, ICT networks.



Climate Action

Energy efficiency and use of renewable energy, GHG emissions, resilience to climate events, energy consumption, circular economy criteria.



WE ASSIST GOVERNMENTS, INSTITUTIONS AND COMPANIES APPLY AND IMPROVE SDG INDICATORS

EEA Committee presentation including project examples from Member firms

Introduction meetings with European Development Banks' **Sustainable Development Units**:

- **EBRD:** *"We need to incorporate new capacities to our projects related to decarbonising infrastructure, green cities and clean energy, particularly hydrogen"* (March 2021)
- **EIB:** *"Environmental and Social standards are key to the Project's quality and success, and they are being overlooked. They need to be fully incorporated into the preparation, design and implementation."* (April 2021)

Future Leaders will follow-up on this initiative to showcase the impact of our activity on sustainable development.



From Aid to Investments

- **DG DEVCO is now DG INTPA**

European Commission to promote International Partnerships around 5 priorities:
1. Green Deals, 2. Science, Technology & Innovation, 3. Sustainable Growth and Development, 4. Migration, 5. Governance & Peace

- **#Team Europe**

EU Institutions + MS Development Institutions + EIB + EBRD
Covid-19 relief and other initiatives will have an associated TA for project preparation

- **Single External Action Instrument: NDICI-Global Europe**

EUR 79.5 billion from 2021 to 2027

To boost sustainable private and public investments worldwide through blending stronger EU Guarantees (EFSD+).
A good use of the TA is key to our industry.



We need to work closer with European Development Banks to prepare pipelines of sustainable and green projects worldwide