EDITORIAL NOTE

On 7 October, the European Commission organised the first EU Sustainable Investment Summit. Main challenge is to develop a robust pipeline of investment projects for the European Green Deal. The availability of investment projects that are compatible with the expectations and requirements of investors does not yet match the demand. In all policy debates, EFCA is underlining the industry’s important role in directing investments towards sustainable projects.

Jan Van der Putten
29/9/2021 - Roundtable ‘Benefits and Maturity of OpenBIM Project Management’ at buildingSMART International Autumn 2021 Summit: EFCA Vice-President Maximilian Grauvogl and Digitalisation & BIM Committee Vice Chair Veljko Janjic participated.

30/9 – 1/10/2021: Vice-President Nikola Matic represented EFCA at the HELASCO Conference in Athens. He made a presentation on challenges faced by SMEs.

1/10/2021 - EFCA – ACE (UK) dialogue: following the departure of the EFCA liaison person at ACE, EFCA President Benoît Clocheret, Past President Kevin Rudden and Secretary General Jan Van der Putten had a briefing meeting with interim ACE CEO Laurence Brett. The ACE CEO will reach out to his board concerning future cooperation regarding the European CEO conference, the benchmarking survey and ACE participation in the EFCA Barometer survey.

7/10/2012 – Future Trends Committee: discussion on the final draft publication. Last comments are being incorporated. The report is due to be published sometime mid-October both as a PDF-file and an online flipbook. It is anticipated to organise a webinar on the topic towards the year end.

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15/09/2021: EIB to set up a development branch to increase the impact of its activities outside the European Union.

17/9 – 5/10/2021: NextGenerationEU: Commission endorses Malta’s, Romania’s, Finland’s, and Estonia’s recovery and resilience plans.

NextGenerationEU – pre-financing disbursements to Slovenia, Austria, Czechia, Croatia and Slovakia.


24/9/2021: Iceland and Norway are the first countries associated to Horizon Europe. Entities in those two countries can participate in Europe’s €95.5 billion research and innovation programme.


1/10/2021: Council agrees position on Data Governance Act
7/10/2021: Council adopts blue card directive to attract highly-qualified workers

DG GROW and the EU BIM Task Group: BIM CBA (cost-benefit analysis) package (calculation tool, methodology handbook and training materials)

EC: Towards a shared culture of architecture - Investing in a high-quality living environment for everyone

Construction Europe: Europe’s Top 100 contractors

Report from Dutch financial services group ING: outlook for EU construction

FIEC (and ERF, CICA, FNTP and Routes de France): Mobility and Recovery in Europe: Impacts of the Covid-19 crisis. The study screens national recovery and resilience plans with respect to public expenditure for transport infrastructure

UNOPS: Infrastructure for climate action

International Energy Agency (IEA): Key World Energy Statistics (KWES)


European Court of Auditors: Sustainable water use in agriculture: CAP funds more likely to promote greater rather than more efficient water use

European Environment Agency: Counting the costs of industrial pollution

AidData: new dataset of 13,427 Chinese development projects worth $843 billion reveals major increase in ‘hidden debt’ and Belt and Road Initiative implementation problems

Autodesk and FMI Corporation: Harnessing the Data Advantage in Construction

Marsh and Guy Carpenter: The Future of Construction: A Global Forecast for Construction to 2030

OECD - Global tax reform agreement

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