20/10/2021 - **RIF**, the Association of Consulting Engineers in Norway published an open letter, addressing the challenges of the use of software in the construction industry, to design software developers and users, governmental entities and trade organisations.

1/11/2021 – **Industry Barometer** Task Force: Latvia participates for the first time in the EFCA survey. The responses, which show overall positive developments, were gathered before the recent surge in COVID-19 cases across Europe.

5/11/2021: **D&S** meeting: forum to discuss and share best practices in tackling recruitment and retention issues. Finnish Director Helena Soimakallio presented ‘**SKOL LEAVING A LEGACY - Consulting’s every-day legacy through foot-and handprints**’. The report was presented at COP26. It is demonstrating the light footprint of our industry and at the same time presenting the industry leverage impact (handprint) on SDGs through true life projects.

8/11/2021 - **Communications** Advisory Group: three proposals for a modernised logo will be presented for decision at the 19 November 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors. Proposal to feature engineering consultancy projects on the EFCA website.

**EDITORIAL NOTE**

Many countries brought ambitious climate promises to Glasgow. But that is not enough. There remains the gap between policy commitments to act and the world of solutions that our industry has in hand.

We have to take a step forward and make ourselves visible as **real-life practitioners of climate action** routed in a system change approach. We need to demonstrate what is possible and expedient in the climate transition to policy makers, financiers, clients and civil society.

Jan Van der Putten
9/11/2021: four EFCA representatives participated in a discussion with DG International Partnerships (DG INTPA) on the feasibility of formulating Team Europe Initiatives for strategic corridors in Africa, based on city networks

10/11/2021: EFCA launched ‘Which way to go? – Strategic scenarios for consulting engineers’

12/11/2021: EFCA statement in relation to COP26 and climate emergency

17/11/2021: EFCA published the autumn 2021 Industry Barometer report

### BLOCK THE DATES

**EFCA WEBINAR ‘Which way to go? - Strategic considerations for consulting engineers in times of high uncertainty’**

Thursday, 9 December 2021, 12:30-13:30 (TBC)

**EBRD webinar: Business and Consultancy opportunities within the Sustainable Infrastructure Sector**

Tuesday, 23 November 2021, 08:00-09:30 GMT – Register here

**CICA – Confederation of International Contractors’ Associations SEMINAR Innovation and Collaboration in the Construction Industry**

Monday, 6 December 2021, 09.00 am-11.30 am (CET) – Register here

**Full Calendar of EFCA meetings**

14/10/2021: Commission invests €15 million in development plans that could ultimately result in the creation of a 10,000km-long pan-European hyperloop network

19/10/2021: EC relaunches review of the EU’s economic governance framework

19/10/2021: 2022 Commission Work Programme

19/10/2021: 2021 Enlargement Package

26/10/2021: Commission invests €1.5 billion in innovative clean tech projects

26/10/2021: The EIB Climate Adaptation Plan - Supporting the EU Adaptation Strategy to build resilience to climate change

29/10/2021: economy and finance ministers sign off on resilience plans for Estonia, Finland and Romania. So far, the national recovery and resilience plans of 22 countries have been adopted, including investments and reforms

2/11/2021: EC announces €1 billion pledge to protect world forests

9/11/2021: Commission pledges €100 million to the Adaptation Fund

10/11/2021: €1.98 billion investment in three work programmes under the Digital Europe Programme. The first calls for the Digital Europe Programme will be published by the end of November, and more calls will be published in 2022
11/11/2021: European Parliament adopts new rules obliging big multinationals to publicly declare the taxes they pay in each EU country. Businesses will need to be complying with the first provisions of the directive by mid-2024.

16/11/2021: informal political agreement on the EU budget for 2022

18/11/2021: Communication on a competition policy fit for new challenges

Danish Association of Architectural Firms: The 17 Global Goals – How to get going!

CISPE (Cloud Infrastructure Services Providers in Europe): Cloud Infrastructure Services: An analysis of potentially anti-competitive practices

EC Autumn 2021 Economic Forecast: From recovery to expansion amid headwinds

EC - Climate action in the post-COVID world - Insights from EU-funded projects on how to build forward better

EC – 2021 Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI)

EEA: Europe's changing climate hazards: interactive report that gives an overview of past and projected changes in Europe's most important climate hazards and how they impact European regions. The EEA report is especially valuable for policymakers and experts concerned with climate risk assessment and adaptation planning in Europe

EBRD Transition Report 2021-2022

EBRD Regional Economic Prospects report

EEA report ‘Water resources across Europe’ - confronting water stress: an updated assessment’

IEA Sustainable Recovery Tracker (October 2021): clean energy accounts for just 3% of recovery spending to date, with a stark imbalance between advanced economies and the developing world

IEA Energy Transitions hub: key energy and emissions indicators, providing an overview of progress towards net zero emissions

UNEP 2021 Production Gap Report: discrepancy between governments’ planned fossil fuel production and global production levels consistent with limiting warming to 1.5°C or 2°C


Climate Change Performance Index 2022

World Business Council for Sustainable Development: The business case for circular buildings: Exploring the economic, environmental and social value

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