EDITORIAL NOTE

During the past 30 years, I have seen many changes in the federation to deliver on its ambitions and better reflect the business sector it is representing. Leading EFCA has been an enormous privilege and a valuable experience. I'd like to thank my colleagues, the board, and especially my president Benoît and everyone who has been involved in committee work to further grow EFCA’s influence. I believe Sue will bring EFCA from strength to strength and take the good work to new heights.

Jan Van der Putten
09/06/2022 - Board of Directors meeting: introduction of the incoming Director Sue Arundale. Exchange of views on an EFCA network for European CEOs, EFCA’s role in the preparation of the 2023 Conference in Istanbul and the priority topics of the European Green Deal Committee. Introductory open brainstorming session on the Board’s 2022-2023 main topics, action plan and the federation’s strategy.

09/06/2022 - FIDIC Europe Board meeting: clarification of the aim of the FIDIC Climate Change Charter. Status report on the liaison between the federations’ Committees. Update on the June 2022 FIDIC Board meeting.

09/06/2022 - Board of Directors meeting with SYNTEC-Ingénierie (S-I) and CINOV: topical discussion on the S-I guidance on the EU taxonomy and the tension between clients’ requirements for international experience and the recruitment of junior professionals. It was concluded that selection is mainly CV-based and insufficiently related to the firm’s multidisciplinary professional competences.

09/06/2022 - Future Leaders Day: panel debate ‘Digitalisation and COVID-19’s effects on the working environment’

10/06/2022 – General Assembly Meeting: introduction of EFCA’s new Director General. Appointment of Inés Ferguson as President-Elect for the 2022-2023 period, Philippe Van Troeye as Treasurer, and Johan Dozzi and Despina Kallidromitou as Director. Launch of the modernised EFCA logo.

10/06/2022 - Virtual discussion with DG NEAR (Support Group for Ukraine SGUA): outline of the EU support and economic impact of the Russian invasion. Future outlook and needs for reconstruction. EC plans for the EU’s immediate response to address Ukraine’s financing gap, as well as the longer-term reconstruction framework. Invitation to EFCA and the industry to notify the EC of possible ways for providing support.
10/06/2022 - Future Leaders Award Ceremony, including participation/attendance of 2020, 2021 & 2022 Winners and Runners-Up

10/06/2022 – Report from Committees meeting: all Committee Chairs presented main results over the past 2021-2022 period, planned priorities for the coming year, major challenges and critical issues
Panel debate ‘Consulting engineers in 2023: a disruptive picture of the future’

10/06/2022 – Launch of the spring 2022 Industry Barometer report

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Overview & timeline ‘EU response to Russia’

DG NEAR ‘Stand with Ukraine’
Phone helpline for those fleeing the war in Ukraine (free): 00 800 6 7 8 9 10 11

Communication Ukraine relief and reconstruction

The war in Ukraine: Navigating disruption / McKinsey & Company

16/05/2022: the EC proposed targeted adjustments to the Financial Regulation (the European Union's financial rules)

16/05/2022: the Council approved the Data Governance Act

16/05/2022: the Council adopted a revised Trans-European Networks for Energy (TEN-E) Regulation

18/05/2022: the EC adopted the REPowerEU Plan, the EU Save Energy Communication, the EU External Energy Engagement Strategy, the EU Solar Strategy and Amendments to Renewable Energy, Energy Performance of Buildings and Energy Efficiency Directives

18/05/2022: RebuildUkraine – Communication Ukraine relief and reconstruction

19/05/2022: Council and Parliament reached a provisional agreement on the regulation on gas storage

19/05/2022: release of the first of three products from the European Ground Motion Service (EGMS)
23/05/2022: European Semester Spring Package

01/06/2022: EC endorsement of Poland’s €35.4 billion recovery and resilience plan. Parliament expressed serious concerns (09/06/2022)

02/06/2022: Council adopted its position on three texts relating to the transport sector: Alternative fuels infrastructure, Renewable and low-carbon fuels in maritime transport and Sustainable air transport

08/06/2022: Parliament agreed its negotiating position on the revision of a series of EU laws in sectors responsible for emissions: zero-emissions for cars and vans in 2035 and higher carbon sink ambitions in land use and forestry. MEPs also backed more ambitious emissions reductions in international aviation and stricter reduction targets for EU countries

08/06/2022: MEPs voted down major pieces of climate legislation in a plenary vote. The rejection of the Emissions Trading System (ETS) report caused a domino effect, bringing down two other key votes: one on the Social Climate Fund and another on the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM). A compromise deal was reached on 14/06/2022

09/06/2022: EP final vote on the International Procurement Instrument (IPI). After its official adoption by the co-legislator Council and its signature, the regulation will enter into force on the 60th day after its publication

14/06/2022: MEPs in the two responsible committees objected to the inclusion of nuclear and gas in the list of environmentally sustainable economic activities, covered by the EU Taxonomy. The resolution is scheduled for a vote during Parliament’s plenary session of 4-7 July 2022

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Evaluation Environmental Liability Directive, deadline: 04/08/2022

Consultation Waste Framework Directive, deadline: 16/08/2022
European International Contractors (EIC): Statement - The Impact of the Russian-Ukrainian War on Construction Contracts and New Tenders

EC: Spring 2022 Economic Forecast

EIB: Business resilience in the pandemic and beyond – Adaptation, innovation, financing and climate action from Eastern Europe to Central Asia

EIB: How bad is the Ukraine war for the European recovery?

Eurostat: Sustainable development in the European Union — Monitoring report on progress towards the SDGs in an EU context

European Court of Auditors report: Protecting the EU budget - Better use of blacklisting needed

European Court of Auditors report: SME internationalisation instruments - A large number of support actions but not fully coherent or coordinated

European Environment Agency: Decarbonising road transport — the role of vehicles, fuels and transport demand

World Green Building Council (WorldGBC): EU Policy Whole-Life Carbon Roadmap


InfluenceMap: The Automotive Sector and Climate Change - Assessing automakers climate strategies against a 1.5°C aligned transition

DNV: The Cyber Priority – The state of cyber security in the energy sector

GSMA: 2022 Internet Value Chain report

Climate Action Tracker: Despite Glasgow Climate Pact, 2030 climate target updates have stalled

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