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EC proposal for a €3 billion macro-financial assistance (MFA) package to ten **enlargement and neighbourhood partners**

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_20_716

EU Member States, supported by the Commission, adopted an **EU toolbox** to use mobile applications for efficient **contact tracing** and warning in response to the coronavirus pandemic. The toolbox is accompanied by guidance on data protection for such mobile apps

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_20_670

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_20_669

EU COVID19 Data Platform: collection and comprehensive data sharing of available **research data** from different sources for the European and global research communities

<https://www.covid19dataportal.org/>

23 April 2020: European Council meeting on **phasing out measures** and the EU's **recovery strategy**

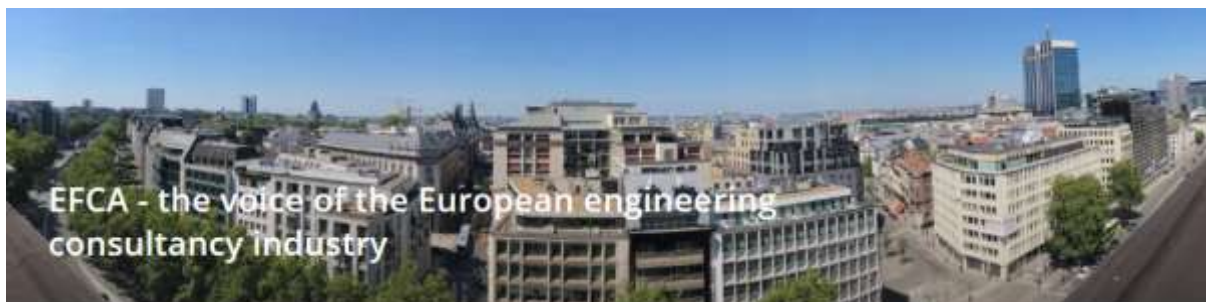
<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/covid-19-coronavirus-outbreak-and-the-eu-s-response/>

Guidelines on COVID-19 in vitro diagnostic **tests** and their performance. These guidelines recall the legal framework governing the tests and aim to help Member States to use them effectively as part of their national strategies, in particular in preparation for the lifting of confinement

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/testing_kits_communication.pdf

How to run a business during the coronavirus pandemic: Five tips for **EBRD** clients in the age of COVID-19

<https://www.ebrd.com/news/video/how-to-run-a-business-in-times-of-the-coronavirus-pandemic-.html>



EFCA president Kevin Rudden invites **suggestions for further EFCA actions** from all Directors at the virtual 17 April 2020 D&S meeting.

All **national associations** call authorities to mind the essential importance of our upstream business, responsible for the design of the built environment and supporting public clients in their critical activities. They reiterate their call to support employment and not divert existing funding/investment programmes.

Ongoing **focus** of federation and national association actions: strong call for the continuation and new tendering of projects, and for a simplified and shortened procurement process.

Redirection of existing **development aid resources** in response to the coronavirus pandemic: effects on service contracts?

The **EFCA** European External Aid Committee is collecting information on projects that are cancelled.

The second **EFCA corona survey**, circulated on 21 April, is asking for lessons learnt in the countries that gradually ease restrictions and open businesses to facilitate more rapid recovery. Find out about the report on the EFCA website and LinkedIn in the coming days.

The first EFCA corona report features in Construction Europe

https://www.khl.com/construction-europe/efca-survey-shows-effects-of-virus-on-business/143513.article?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Construction+Europe+-+22nd+April+2020&utm_term=CE

A banner for the 'CONSTRUCTION europe Newsletter'. The text 'CONSTRUCTION' is in small caps, 'europe' is in a large, bold, blue font, and 'Newsletter' is in a large, grey font. Below this, it says 'The latest news from the biggest single construction market in the world'. A dark blue bar contains the text 'Top Story'. Below this, the EFCA logo (a green square with 'efca' in white) is followed by the headline 'EFCA survey shows effects of virus on business' and a sub-headline 'European engineering association report provides insight into lost projects and staff retention...'.

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USIC (Switzerland) corona-websites:

German: <https://www.usic.ch/de/leistungen/corona>

French: <https://www.usic.ch/fr/prestations/corona>

FIDIC COVID-19 webinar programme

<https://fidic.org/node/29213>

Measures taken on construction jobsites in Europe (**FIEC**) – Update as at **20 April 2020**

<http://www.fiec.eu/en/themes-72/covid-19.aspx>

Interview with Domenico Campogrande, director general of the European Construction Industry Federation (**FIEC**) - the impact of the coronavirus on contractors throughout the continent

<https://www.khl.com/construction-europe/video-europes-response-to-covid-19-crisis/143547.article>

Sources of updated information on COVID-19 in the EU/EEA and the UK

https://ec.europa.eu/info/live-work-travel-eu/health/coronavirus-response/eu-eea-and-uk_en

Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on global **energy** markets, energy resilience and climate change

<https://www.iea.org/topics/covid-19>

buildingSMART International - collection of on-demand webinars

https://www.buildingsmart.org/news/webinars/?utm_campaign=Digital%20Newsletter&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=86401775&hsenc=p2ANqtz-eWiFkyDcQX_5DK8jnmEY5p1Dz8up5Z-GsYIIX1CG01ro_yI8I3IXYfCY9JOSzGXdTOR1UH6_zjONqvwG1YKc6hFfA&hsmi=86401775

Engineering-centric COVID-19 hub - how engineering is being used to combat the coronavirus (projects/technologies/equipment and news stories)

<https://interestingengineering.com/covid-19>