



## EDITORIAL NOTE

The consulting engineering industry has a major role in supporting the EU's climate policies and accelerating its twin digital and green transitions. Consulting engineers are helping to solve their clients' biggest challenges, deliver value to investors and improve people's lives.

I look forward to representing this industry to European policymakers and enhancing the federation's impact and reach.

Sue Arundale

## efca newsroom

**24/06/2022 – EBSA** (European Business Services Alliance) meeting: election new Chair and Vice-Chair. Priorities for the next months and 2023-2025 work programme

**29/06/2022 – Future Trends** Committee: new members are strengthening the Committee. Comprehensive review of the draft October 2022 report

**01/07/2022 – Communications** Advisory Group: review of the member associations' perspectives on present EFCA communications and proposals for the work ahead

**18/07/2022 – Future Trends** Committee Chair Jeffrey Seeck, Advisor Torsten Wulf and Sue Arundale review the draft 2022 report

**27/07/2022 – Benoît Clocheret** consults with Sue Arundale about planned EFCA actions and the federation's approaches to short and long-term challenges

**01/08/2022 – Sue Arundale** takes over as EFCA's Director General and Jan Van der Putten becomes her adviser until the end of September 2022

## SAVE THE DATES

Brussels, 06/10/2022 - PIANC [Conference](#) - 'A Framework for Early Contractor Involvement in Infrastructure Projects'

28/10/2022 - EU Sustainable Investment [Summit](#)

Brussels, 16/11/2022 **EFCA 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** event

[Full Calendar of EFCA meetings](#)



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Overview & [timeline](#) 'EU response to Russia'

[DG NEAR](#) 'Stand with Ukraine'

Ukraine Recovery [Conference](#) (Lugano, 4-5 July)

New [EIB](#) funding tool: EU-Ukraine Gateway Trust Fund

EIB [€1.59 billion](#) financial assistance, supported by guarantees from the EU budget

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**20/06/2022:** EC and EIB launch two new models for setting up [financing instruments](#) combining grants and loans in support of the objectives of **REPowerEU** and **New European Bauhaus**

**21/06/2022:** provisional political [agreement](#) on the **corporate sustainability reporting directive** (CSRD). EP plenary vote in autumn

**23/06/2022:** the **Data Governance Act** enters into force.

Following a 15-month grace period, it will be applicable from September 2023. The Data Act is setting rules regarding the use of data generated by Internet of Things (IoT) devices

**24/06/2022:** contract procedures for EU External Action - A practical guide applicable to any procedure to be launched as of 24 June 2022 (**PRAG 2021.1**)

**27/06/2022:** the Council adopts its negotiating [position](#) (general approaches) on the **renewable energies directive** and the **energy efficiency directive**. The Council and the Parliament will now enter interinstitutional negotiations to agree on the final text of the two directives

**29/06/2022:** EU invests €5.4 billion to support key [transport infrastructure](#) projects across the continent

**30/06/2022:** provisional political [agreement](#) between the Council and the European Parliament on the **Foreign Subsidies Regulation**. The regulation aims to remedy the distortions created by subsidies granted by non-EU countries to companies operating in the EU's single market

**05/07/2022:** EP adopts the Digital Services Act (DSA) and Digital Markets Act (DMA), i.e. a regulation on online platforms. On 18 July, the Council adopted the DMA (and is expected to adopt the DSA in September)

**05/07/2022:** EC presents new European Innovation Agenda

**08/07/2022:** The Netherlands submits its national recovery and resilience plan. The EC has now received 27 recovery and resilience plans.

**12/07/2022:** EU finance ministers give the go-ahead for €1 billion in financial help to Ukraine

**14/07/2022:** provisional political agreement on the 2030 policy programme ‘**Path to the Digital Decade**’

**15/07/2022:** publication Taxonomy Delegated Act - to include specific nuclear and gas energy activities, under certain conditions, in the list of environmentally sustainable economic activities covered by the so-called **EU Taxonomy**. The Regulation enters into force on 1 January 2023

**18/07/2022:** proposal for a **Nature Restoration Law**

**20/07/2022:** ‘**Safe Gas for a Safe -Winter**’ Plan

**22/07/2022:** proposed flexibilities to continue **European Neighbourhood** cross border and **Interreg** transnational cooperation programmes

**25/07/2022:** Romania will receive €31.5 billion in **cohesion funds** from the EU for the 2021-2027 period.

An overview of the agreements between the European Commission and individual EU countries that set out the national authorities' plans on how to use EU funds in shared management in 2021-2027 is available here

**27/07/2022:** revised **TEN-T** proposal to reflect impacts on infrastructure of Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine

**09/08/2022:** EU regulation stipulating that Member States “shall use their best efforts” to reduce their **gas demand** by 15% (compared to their average consumption in the past five years) between 1 August 2022 and 31 March 2023, enters into force

**12/08/2022:** adoption Multi-annual strategy for the **Interreg** NEXT programmes

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

European Research Area (ERA) - Industrial Technology Roadmap on **Circular Industrial Technologies and Business Models** for Energy-intensive industries, Textile and **Construction**; Deadline: 30 September 2022

**European Statistical System** – Making it fit for the future; Deadline: 25 October 2022

**Soil health** – protecting, sustainably managing and restoring EU soils; Deadline: 24 October 2022

Count your **transport emissions** – ‘CountEmissions EU’; Deadline: 17 October 2022

# reports room

**EC:** Strategic Foresight [Report](#) 2022 ‘Twinning the green and digital transition in the new geopolitical context’

**EC:** European Economic [Forecast](#) - Summer 2022

**EC:** Annual [Report](#) 2022 on EU Development Aid Targets

**EC:** Review [report](#) on the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility

**EC:** Digital Economy and Society Index ([DESI](#) 2022)

**EC - Joint Research Centre:** [Drought](#) in Europe – July 2022

**European Court of Auditors** [opinion](#): REPowerEU might fail to quickly identify and implement EU strategic projects with immediate and highest impact on the EU energy security and independence

**European Environment Agency (EEA)** [briefing](#): Towards ‘just resilience’

**EEA** [briefing](#): Building renovation: where circular economy and climate meet’

**EIB** Group Sustainability [Report](#) 2021

**European Central Bank:** 2022 climate risk stress test [report](#). Of the 104 banks that participated, 60% were found not to have a climate risk stress-testing framework, and only 20% consider climate risk as a variable when granting loans

**European Construction Industry Federation** (FIEC): 2022 statistical [report](#)

**International Construction** listing of the world’s top 200 contractors by sales ([ICON](#) 200)

**EnAppSys** [report](#): Sweden overtakes France as Europe’s biggest net power exporter

**Green Finance & Development Center**, FISF Fudan University, Shanghai: China Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) – Investment [report](#) H1 2022

**Publish What You Fund:** 2022 Aid Transparency [Index](#)

**REN21:** Renewables 2022 – Global status [report](#)

**International Energy Agency:** Africa Energy [Outlook](#) 2022

**UN:** World population [prospects](#) 2022

