

EDITORIAL NOTE



This month, I attended the FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference in Geneva. During a panel session on energy and technology I highlighted the need for collaboration between the EU institutions and for industry engagement in policymaking, together with other players across the construction value chain, in order to scale up the energy transition; and for support measures to tackle climate change.

As EFCA turns 30, we are getting ready to invite you all to the anniversary reception. You are welcome to join us on 16 November at 7 pm in Brussels. Register [here](#)

Sue Arundale

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29/08/2022 - Benoît Clocheret, Sue Arundale and Peter Boswell discuss the forthcoming update of the **EFCA Sector Review**

31/08/2022 - **Future Trends Committee**: final discussion on the report '**Seizing opportunities in times of disruption**', that will be launched in October 2022. Preliminary discussion and Committee contribution to the 2022 update of the EFCA State of the Union report

01/09/2022 - **D&S meeting**: presentation of the impact of the war on the Ukrainian economy and the engineering consulting industry by ICEG (Ukraine) Vice-President Svitlana Reva. Update on EFCA activities.

Discussion on the Taxonomy Regulation: reporting obligation for firms versus business opportunities for the industry.

05/09/2022 - **Board of Directors meeting**: arrangements for the 16 November 2022 meetings and 30th EFCA anniversary reception. Review of Committee activities

05/09/2022 - **FIDIC Europe Board meeting**: report on ongoing preparations for the joint FIDIC-EFCA webinar on 'Boosting Project Preparation of Quality Infrastructure with MDBs' (11 October 2022, 10:00-11:30). Report on the discussion with Tony Barry and Dr Nelson Ogunshakin on concerns about the potential use of FIDIC certification as prequalification/selection criterion, expressed by a few European member associations.

05/09/2022 - Board meeting with FIEC Honorary President Kjetil Tønning, Chair of the joint FIEC-EIC (European International Contractors) 'Ukraine' Task Force: aims, activities and plans of the dedicated task force. Initial discussion on possible collaboration and exchange of information.

06/09/2022 - Future Leaders Steering Committee meeting: planning of webinars with FL competition winners. 2022 - 2023 year plan and discussion on three themes for group work

07/09/2022 - Meeting between Sue Arundale and Martin Mühleck (Support Group Ukraine [SGUA] at European Commission): discussion on EFCA support to the Ukrainian engineering consulting industry and mobilisation for post-war reconstruction efforts, in line with the EU's green and digital transition standards

08/09/2022 - Meeting between Sue Arundale and Ilektra Papadaki (DG GROW)

10-13/09/2022 - FIDIC Annual D&S meeting, General Assembly meeting and Conference

12/09/2022 - FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference - [session](#) 'ESG – Creating social and community value and embracing a circular economy': Benoît Clocheret emphasised that delivery of social and community value is to be made central to our industry and its commitment made known to the general public

13/09/2022 - FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference - panel discussion [session](#) on 'Energy and technology perspectives': Sue Arundale highlighted that the industry needs to drive change and wider collaboration needs to be stepped up, with the rest of the value chain and the policy makers; and at global level between Europe and the other regions

15/09/2022 - Franziska Mohr starts as policy and communications advisor in the EFCA secretariat

16/09/2022 - Digitalisation and BIM Committee meeting: feedback on recent developments in digitalisation. Katja Vaahtera, DG CONNECT, offers insights into the potential impact of the [Data Act](#). Presentation 'Norwegian governmental initiative on digitalisation of the building industry'. Committee discussion and contribution to the 2022 update of the EFCA State of the Union report.

19/09/2022 - European External Action Committee meeting: report on past EC events, the federation's and the industry's supporting actions for Ukraine's recovery and reconstruction and the update of the section on EU external aid of the 2019 EFCA State of the Union publication. Discussion on EFCA's contribution to the 'Toolkit on Incorporating Sustainable Tender Criteria in Procurement'. Exchange of views on the selection process of a new Committee Chair and Vice-Chair.

20/09/2022 - Sue Arundale discusses EFCA cooperation with the FIEC-EIC 'Ukraine' Task Force

21/09/2022 - Communications Advisory Group meeting: review EFCA homepage (national projects section), use of social media, use of Teams channel for Committees, Future Leaders interviews/webinars

 **SAVE THE DATES**

11/10/2022 (12:00-13:30): FIDIC-EFCA [webinar](#) **Boosting Project Preparation of Quality Infrastructure with MDBs**

Brussels, 28/10/2022: **EU Sustainable Investment [Summit](#)**

Brussels, 16/11/2022: **EFCA 30th Anniversary [event](#)**

Full [Calendar](#) of EFCA meetings



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

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

[Council](#) and [Parliament](#) adopt additional €5 billion macro-financial assistance

29/08/2022: [Instrument for International Procurement \(IPI\)](#) enters into force. The IPI is applicable to tenders regarding works and concessions which are worth at least EUR 15 million and for tenders regarding goods and services which are worth at least EUR 5 million.

07/09/2022: Statement by President von der Leyen on [energy](#)

07/09/2022: EC and EIB (European Investment Bank) sign the agreement on the [Public Sector Loan Facility](#), in support of regions most affected by the shift away from fossil fuels

08/09/2022: [Environmental Implementation](#) Review (EIR)

08/09/2022: State of the Union ([SOU](#)) 2022 - [Achievements](#)

14/09/2022: State of the Union 2022 – [Address](#) by President von der Leyen

14/09/2022: European [Parliament](#) backs the revision of the [Renewable Energy Directive](#) and the [Energy Efficiency Directive](#). MEPs and the Czech Presidency of the Council will now enter into negotiations on the files, on which EU Ministers have set their position in June.

14/09/2022: Council and Parliament sign [Digital Markets](#) Act

15/09/2022: [proposal](#) for a new [Cyber Resilience](#) Act

19/09/2022: EC [proposal](#) 'Single Market [Emergency](#) Instrument'

reports room

Open Letter to Autodesk from the Danish, Norwegian, Finnish and Icelandic Architectural Associations, which represent 14,000 architects, with a supporting message from the Architects Council of Europe

Cooperation for Restoring the Ukrainian Energy Infrastructure project Task Force: Ukrainian energy sector evaluation and damage assessment – I (as of August 24, 2022)

World Bank, Ukrainian government and European Commission: Ukraine - Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment (RDNA)

Climate-ADAPT – Dashboard - Economic losses and fatalities from weather- and climate-related events in Europe

European Court of Auditors report: The Commission's assessment of national recovery and resilience plans – Overall appropriate but implementation risks remain

Nordic Council of Ministers: Climate Accounting in Public Procurements - Status in the Nordic Countries

Ember: EU generates record 12% of electricity from solar this summer

International Energy Agency: World energy employment

CDP: Missing the Mark: CDP temperature ratings – 2022 analysis

InfluenceMap report: Big Oil's Real Agenda 2022

Bruegel: A grand bargain to steer through the European Union's energy crisis



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