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## **EFCA Board meets with Macedonian association ACEMA**

*Against the background of an ongoing series of reforms to strengthen Macedonia's democratic institutions and to facilitate the opening of EU accession negotiations, the EFCA Board met in Skopje on 22 and 23 February 2018.*

EFCA offered its support to ACEMA and Macedonia's public administrations in the roll out of the EU Public Procurement Directives to promote MEAT principles, to enhance capabilities to effectively manage complex projects, and increase transparency.



ACEMA President Mihajlo Mihajlovski - EFCA President Kevin Rudden

ACEMA is expected to submit its application for EFCA observer membership for approval to the 1 June 2018 General Assembly Meeting in Ghent.

## EFCA participate in 4th FIDIC Regional Infrastructure Conference

*EFCA President Kevin Rudden attended the 4th FIDIC Regional Infrastructure Conference in Tbilisi, Georgia on 6th & 7th March 2018. The conference coincided with the 1st Anniversary of the Association of Consulting Engineers Georgia (ACEG).*

In December 2017, FIDIC unveiled a new suite of Contracts to reflect the challenges construction contracts will face in a rapidly developing and highly digitized future. These changes will ensure that FIDIC Contracts remain the contract of choice for International projects particularly in Eastern Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

The conference focused on the principal changes between the 2017 and 1999 contracts. Experts shared best practices in adapting the FIDIC forms of contracts and agreements to national requirements in the Central Eastern European and Eurasia region.



The conference was opened by Mr. Zurab Alavidze, Minister of Regional Development and Infrastructure, EFCA President Kevin Rudden, FIDIC Managing Director Enrico Vink, FIDIC Executive Committee Member Gavin English and ACEG President Daduna Kokhreidze.

## Join us for a debate on the work EFCA is doing for the industry

*The General Assembly Meeting is giving an update on the activities and progress made in delivering the 2017-2020 Forward plan and provides the forum to make the industry's needs heard to the European federation.*

The morning session of the 1 June 2018 GAM is addressing the federation's administrative matters and statutory items, and Kevin Rudden will present the state of play in the one-year implementation of his ambitious 2017-2020 Forward Plan.

The afternoon session will be the major focal point for debate on the EFCA working groups' activities and outputs. A panel of a few national association delegates is invited to take the podium to 'interview' the chairs of the EFCA working groups one by one. In an open forum, the panel will raise questions, express national points of views on EFCA issues and voice the interests of the industry.

You are **invited** to make your voice heard in the federation's decision-making on strategy and policies!

## New technologies: how to position the firms for the future

*The EFCA flipbook 'Future Trends in the AEC industry' will be launched at the 1 June 2018 General Assembly Meeting in Ghent.*

Technologies are revolutionising the way firms can manage their projects and their business. They may also make old opportunities disappear and open new ones.



*Meet the authors  
and share your  
ideas in Ghent on  
1 June 2018*

The forthcoming booklet is offering food for debate to help guide firms in orienting their corporate vision and business strategy.

## Setting the example: FRI Young Professionals (YP) study trip to Brussels

*Danish YPs organise a two-day visit to the European capital and come to the EFCA secretariat.*

The programme of the first FRI YP study trip abroad includes a visit to the European Parliament and a meeting with Margrete Helle Auken Member of the European Parliament. A guided tour will allow participants to discover remarkable buildings in Brussels and offer them some unexpected views of the city.

But before all that, they are eager to hear about EFCA, the European federation's linkage with national associations and the global federation FIDIC, and how EFCA is working to ensure good framework conditions for the industry.



EFCA is hoping that this visit may trigger off a meeting with peers from other countries at the occasion of the 1 June 2018 General Assembly meeting in Ghent as well as the FIDIC-VBI-EFCA Berlin Conference (9-11 September 2018).

## Do you want to be recognised as the rising talent by the European industry leaders?

*The deadline for the 2018 EFCA YP [competition](#) is rapidly approaching: up to 5 entries per country are expected by 31 March 2018.*

The jury that will assess the projects and shortlist of ten candidates is composed of Liv Kari Hansteen Skudal (Norway), Nikola Matić (Serbia) and last year's winner Paul Doherty (Ireland).

At the end of April – beginning of May, all short-listed candidates and all interested YPs will be invited to make themselves available to participate in the FIDIC-EFCA-VBI conference and YP meetings (Berlin, 9-11 September 2018).



networking for new knowledge

The overall winner, runners-up and honorary mentions will be formally announced at the 10 September 2018 Gala dinner in Berlin. The winner will have the opportunity to present his/her project.

## International Infrastructure Conference: Berlin, 9-11 September 2018



Preparations for the FIDIC-VBI-EFCA conference 'Mobility and Smart Infrastructure' are progressing very well.

For the first time, the programme is introducing the CEO lunch. EFCA strongly encourages all national associations to secure representation at this event.

The preliminary conference programme and other practical details are available at <http://fidic2018.org/en>.

### E F C A A G E N D A

BIM Task Force	Brussels	11.04.2018
Board of Directors meeting	Brussels	13.04.2018
European External Aid Committee	Brussels	24.04.2018
Directors & Secretaries General meeting	Brussels	25.04.2017
Barometer Task Group	Brussels	08.05.2018
Internal Market Committee	Prague	11.05.2018
Board of Directors meeting	Ghent	31.05.2018
<b>EFCA GAM</b>	Ghent	01.06.2018
<b>FIDIC-VBI-EFCA Conference</b>	Berlin	9-11.09.2018
Board of Directors meeting	Lisbon	21.09.2018
Board of Directors meeting	Brussels	23.11.2018



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## **Commission guidance on upcoming new data protection rules**

The [guidance](#) recalls the main innovations, opportunities opened up by the 2016 General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), takes stock of the preparatory work already undertaken and outlines the work still ahead of the European Commission, national data protection authorities and national administrations.

The Commission launched a new practical online tool to help citizens, businesses, in particular [SMEs](#), and other organisations to comply and benefit from the new data protection rules.

## **Opentender**

Through the [platform](#) you can search and analyse available data on public procurement at national level for 35 jurisdictions (EU member states, the EU institutions, Norway, Iceland, Switzerland, Serbia, Georgia and Armenia).

Beyond the possibility of download the databases, the portal will also include some indicators of transparency and administrative quality.

## **Macedonia taking steps on path to EU**

Macedonia, working on settling its chronic name dispute with Greece, is one of the six Western Balkan nations seeking EU membership. The other western Balkan states are Serbia, Montenegro, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Kosovo.

The EBRD, leading institutional investor in the six countries of the region, issued a [report](#) that is emphasising the need for intensified reforms for building sustainable market economies.

## EU - Western Balkans [Strategy](#): a credible enlargement perspective

The strategy spells out the priorities and areas of joint reinforced cooperation, addressing the specific challenges the Western Balkans face.

The Western Balkans need to implement comprehensive reforms in crucial areas: strengthening the rule of law, fundamental rights and governance, and pursuing economic reforms.

The Commission proposes to gradually increase funding under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) until 2020 in so far as reallocations within the existing envelope allow. In 2018 alone, €1.07 billion of pre-accession assistance for the Western Balkans is already foreseen.

## New programmes to address migrant situation and support reintegration in Africa

The EU adopted three new programmes, worth over €150 million, under the European Union Emergency Trust [Fund](#) for Africa.

## The future of the European budget

The European Commission has set out [options](#) - and their financial consequences - for a new, modern, long-term EU budget in order to deliver efficiently on the priorities for Europeans beyond 2020.

## Roadmap to put the EU economy on a more sustainable path

Sustainable finance experts presented the Commission with new [recommendations](#), which could boost energy policy with fresh investment.

Also, a new [observatory](#) is set up to share data, knowledge and best practices on energy poverty in the EU.

## World's biggest city database shines light on increasingly urbanised planet

The Joint Research Centre, the European Commission's science and knowledge service, launched a new [tool](#) with data on all 10,000 urban centres scattered across the globe.

The [city centres database](#) shows growth in population and built-up areas over the past 40 years and tracks environmental factors.

The data is free to access and open to everyone.

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