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EDITORIAL NOTE

The Communications Advisory Group is welcoming suggestions for content and format of the EFCA e-newsletter from the readership.

*You also may take your chance to promote a major (national) event across Europe.
Or do you wish to share ideas for a catchy and unique name of this newsletter?
We want to hear your ideas!*



From 1 until 4 June 2021, EFCA is hosting the [EFCA Week](#): 4 sessions taking place between 9:30-11:00: Future Leaders (01/06), General Assembly meeting (02/06), Reports from Committees (03/06) and Roundtable (04/06)

On 4 June 2021, EFCA is hosting a roundtable on “[Be prepared for the EU Recovery and Resilience Facility](#)”
Key speakers: Kerstin Jorna, Director General, DG GROW (Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs)
Moderator: David Eades, BBC World News reporter

EFCA NEWSROOM

14/4: **D&S discussion on increasing insurance costs**, availability and extent of cover in various countries. In view of the scattered European insurance market and conditions, it is relevant to share information, identify best practices and for EFCA to identify major internally active insurers and insurance brokers for a debate about their views and our industry’s concerns

19/4: **National Associations Best Practices [Guidance](#)**: besides offering forums for interaction between the Directors, EFCA is presenting information about the national associations’ work and practices, as well as good practice advice in its guidance

20/4: **Spring 2021 Industry Barometer [Report](#)**: the 12 months of the coronavirus pandemic has impacted hiring policies, order stock, turnover and profitability alike. However, as a sign of the “return to normal”, the currently largest challenge for the consultancy and engineering industry in Europe is staff shortage

20/4: **EFCA-EIB presentation meeting**: the Bank underlined the need to enhance environmental and social safeguard measures throughout the whole project cycle and particularly at the design stage. To improve their competitiveness, engineering consultancies must elevate environmental and social commitments and capabilities

22/4: **The Board of Directors welcomed FIDIC** President Bill Howard, FIDIC President Elect Tony Barry and Olga Kubanskaya (NACEC – FIDIC representative) for a discussion on the FIDIC strategic plan and FIDIC regional strategy

26/4: **The European Green Deal Committee** agreed to set up four working groups: climate adaptation; circular economy, sustainable mobility and renewable energy

28/4: **EFCA and ACE** (UK) negotiate possible partnership to organise the European CEO Conference

29/4: **The Internal Market Committee** welcomed three new members. Two interesting and useful UK approaches were presented: the Construction [Playbook](#) and the Construction Innovation Hub's Value [Toolkit](#). A guest speaker will introduce NEC4 contracts at the next Committee meeting. A second MEAT webinar is scheduled for mid-June 2021

BLOCK THE DATES

27/05/21 [DigiPLACE](#) Closing Conference

01/07/21 (10:00-12:00): [C2050](#) webinar 'Let's dispel the false myths about construction', on the attractiveness of the construction sector. The programme will be launched shortly

Full [Calendar](#) of EFCA meetings

EU NEWSROOM

13/4: **OECD-ODA**: the EU and its 27 Member States have significantly increased their Official Development Assistance (ODA) for partner countries to €66.8 billion in 2020 (OECD-[DAC](#))

15/4: **EU-OACPS**: New [Partnership Agreement](#) between the European Union and members of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS)

21/4: **Sustainable finance and EU Taxonomy**: adoption of package of [measures](#) (including a proposal for a Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive - CSRD) to help channel investments towards sustainable activities

21/4: **AI**: First-ever legal [framework](#) to regulate the use of artificial intelligence in Europe

21/4: **EU Climate Law**: Policymakers reached an [agreement](#)

28/4: **EU-UK**: EP approval of the trade and cooperation [agreement](#)

29/4: **Better EU regulation**: EC unveils [plans](#) to make better EU laws, including the requirement to assess the UN SDGs in all legislative proposals and to simplify public consultations

REPORTS

Eurostat: [What makes a city a city?](#) Global, harmonised definitions for urban and rural areas

Architects' Council of Europe (ACE): [Sector Study on the state of the architectural profession in Europe](#) (7th edition)

European Commission: [Open Research Europe](#) platform for scientific articles

