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**EDITORIAL NOTE**

For many of our readers, the time has come to take a break over the summer period. We hope that following successful vaccination programmes and easing restrictions you will have a chance to take a meaningful and safe holiday. Meanwhile, we continue to plan for the future and prepare the industry's views on policy pathways to achieve a better, greener, more inclusive and more digital Europe.

Over the coming weeks, the EFCA team will still be available and active on LinkedIn. The next Newsletter will be published mid-September.

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**11/6/2021: Future Leaders** Steering Committee: following the successful [webinar](#), EFCA FLs wish to leverage their network and intensify activities

**14/6/2021: FIDIC Regional Chairs** meeting: the Chairs of the regional groups (FIDIC Africa, FIDIC Europe and FIDIC Asia-Pacific) give a short overview/presentation about their region. Announcement of the formation of FIDIC North America, bringing together ACEC (United States), ACEC (Canada) and CNEC (Mexico)

**15/6/2021: Digitalisation and BIM** Committee: the EU BIM Task Group, representing Europe's public clients and public sector procurers, invites the chair to present our industry's issues. EFCA and ACE (Architects), will send a joint letter to DG GROW, setting out the challenges for the European design community regarding data accessibility and ownership, intellectual property and interoperability

**16/6/2021: ECCREDI** (European [Council](#) for Construction Research, Development and Innovation) Meeting: update on the new European Bauhaus and the EU Taxonomy

**17/6/2021: European External Action** Committee: the Committee's new name is adapted to its extended scope, entailing both aid and financial resources from the development banks.

Topics of discussion included the involvement of FLs in helping to profile the industry's contribution to sustainable development and green growth, the advocacy of the need for more TA funding and the use of TA funds for project preparation, and how to strengthen the industry arguments in the dialogue on PRAG with DG INTPA

21 & 25/6/2021: the Chairs of the **European Development Action, European Green Deal and Internal Market** Committee meet with **EIC** (European International Contractors) on the development of a possible joint EIC / EFCA Toolkit on Sustainable Procurement

1/7/2021: second public [event](#) organised by the **Construction 2050 Alliance**, showed that construction is a sector that can offer many opportunities to new talent

8/7/2021: the four working groups of the **European Green Deal** Committee (Climate Adaptation; Circular Economy; Sustainable Mobility and Renewable Energy) present their action plans, which they elaborated over the past period

9/7/2021: EFCA and the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE) jointly elaborated a position paper on the **relationship between users and software companies/editors/service providers**, based on the FIEC paper issued last year



## BLOCK THE DATES

21/10/2021 - Deadline for registration - "EU BIM for Building Renovation Competition". The [competition](#) has two categories: professionals and students

Full [Calendar](#) of EFCA meetings



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4/6/2021: EU **Taxonomy** - Delegated [Act](#) on the climate objectives, as adopted on 4 June 2021: all language versions

**EU Taxonomy Compass** will help users to navigate through the EU Taxonomy, see the included activities and associated criteria and facilitate the integration into databases and IT systems

6/07/2021: EU **sustainable finance** [framework](#)

11/6/2021: EU energy ministers endorse the EU's **Renovation Wave** [strategy](#) which aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from buildings by 60% by 2030

16/06/2021: **Horizon Europe** 2021-2022 work [programme](#)

17/06/2021: **Hydrogen Public Funding Compass**: online [guide](#) to public funding instruments at EU and national level, supporting renewable and low-carbon hydrogen projects

28/06/2021: the [Council](#) adopts the **European climate law**, setting into legislation the objective of a climate-neutral EU by 2050.

30/06/2021: Long-Term [Vision](#) for the EU's **Rural Areas**, proposing a rural pact and a rural action plan

## reports room

EC: Implementation and best practices of **national procurement** policies in the [Internal Market](#)

EC: [Guidance](#) on **Innovation Procurement**

EC: European **Innovation Scoreboard** 2021 and 2021 [Regional](#) Innovation Scoreboard

EC: Summer 2021 interim **Economic Forecast**

BPIE: Nearly Zero: A [review](#) of EU Member State implementation of **new build requirements**

Eurostat: Sustainable development in the European Union — Monitoring report on **progress towards the SDGs** in an EU context - 2021 [edition](#)

EBRD **Regional Economic Prospects report**: Emerging economies return to 4.2 pc growth in 2021

AfDB, ADB, AIIB, EBRD, EIB, IDBG, IsDB, NDB and the WBG: 2020 Joint [Report](#) on Multilateral Development Banks' **Climate Finance**: Eight MDBs committed US\$ 66 billion for climate finance in 2020

European Court of Auditors [report](#): **Common Agricultural Policy and climate**: Half of EU climate spending but farm emissions are not decreasing

European Construction Industry Federation (FIEC) Statistical [Report](#) 2021

[Study](#) commissioned by DIGITALEUROPE: The value of cross-border data flows to Europe: risks and opportunities

UN **Sustainable Development Solutions Network**: Sustainable Development [Report](#) 2021

Arup and the Open Data Institute (UK) [report](#): Exploring new approaches for **sharing data in the built environment**

