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## Future Leaders – Call for nominations!

EFCA's Board of Directors has decided to reactivate the Future Leaders Committee and get young talented professionals involved in the backbone activity of the Federation: its Committees.

Through its Committees, EFCA promotes the interests of the European engineering consultancy industry in European Institutions, and promotes fair and transparent EU legislation, rules and procedures, programmes and investments that are equally accessible to firms from all over Europe. EFCA currently represents consulting engineering associations from 29 countries, going from Portugal to Russia.

Some of EFCA's recent achievements include a position for a clear and fair relationship with software companies, a Future Trends leaflet, promoting digitalisation in EU External Aid tenders and the publication and dissemination of the MEAT (most economically advantaged tender) guidelines.

Members of the Future Leaders Committee are now invited to join EFCA's Committees, gaining access to high-level information and Senior management from across Europe, participating in decisions and taking over specific tasks. Future Leaders' involvement will bring added value to their firms and will give them visibility, tools and contacts to develop their professional careers. It will also energise the Committees and give them a renewed interest.

EFCA's Committees are: [Digitalisation & BIM](#), [European External Aid](#), [European Green Deal](#) and [Internal Market](#).

Invitations for the Future Trends Committee will be issued as from June. The Committee is currently working on a survey which will be made available during the GAM 2021.

**To current and prospect Future Leaders:** Read some of the introductions below and decide which Committees you wish to join! You can send your CV and motivation letter to the Member Association in your country, indicating that you wish to join EFCA's Future Leaders Committee (if you are not part of it) and which Committee you would be interested in and why.

Please send your application by **25 January 2021!** If you have any questions or need further details, you can check [www.efcanet.org](http://www.efcanet.org) and/or contact the Future Leaders Coordinator: Aurélie Anyikoy Ashema [fl@efca.be](mailto:fl@efca.be)

## **EFCA Committees:**

### **Digitalisation & BIM Committee**

The Digitalisation & BIM Committee consists of a team of professionals, engaged as consulting engineers and simultaneously actively involved in the digitalisation of our industry. The Committee focuses on two main goals. The first objective is to obtain, to share and to evaluate all the information about digitalisation and BIM. The Committee monitors closely the developments in regulations, normalisation like ISO and CEN, open standards (BuildingSmart), software market, etc. and assesses the impact on our sector. Appropriate actions are taken to ensure this sharing of knowledge. For example, with the introduction of ISO19650, the code on organisation and digitisation of information including BIM, the Committee decided to compose a booklet that advises consulting engineers on how to implement this ISO. Another objective of the Committee is to defend the interests of consulting engineers in this volatile world of digitalisation.

Digitalisation and information management induce changes that involve opportunities and threads. The Committee keeps track of these changes and takes action when threads are detected. Aspects that are discussed in this field are often related to data security, intellectual ownership and responsibilities. In this matter, the Committee also explores mutual interests together with other umbrella organisations that share the same concerns. Joint meetings are frequently organized to discuss and to share thoughts on these topics.

### **European External Aid Committee**

For decades European Consulting Engineers have been working hand in hand with development institutions to bring prosperity to the regions that need it the most. The EU is the world's largest donor, and the European Commission's external action budget is estimated at 123 billion for the next seven years, representing 10% of the total Commission budget. The focus is on the EU Neighbouring countries and on Sub-Saharan Africa, and to a lesser extent in Latin America and Asia. In all these regions the European Commission is striving to promote a more sustainable and greener growth.

The Committee aims at working closely with EU development institutions to improve the procurement and contract conditions, and also to contribute more significantly to their operations, having a multiplier effect that would help partner countries move faster in the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

### **For Future Leaders: @EUengineers4dev**

European Consulting Engineers' contribution to the development of low and middle-income countries, and our commitment to promoting a greener growth, is a story that needs to be told with renewed strength. In coordination with the EEA Committee members and the Member Associations, the Future Leaders involved in this Committee would set-up a network to share the stories of European Engineers contributing to bringing safer water supply and sanitation, more reliable and affordable clean energy, a low carbon mobility, better connectivity, and resilient buildings in these countries, and to make the stories more visible to EU financing institutions and other relevant stakeholders.

The Future Leaders would connect with this community through social media and coordinate the content (articles, interviews, videos, photos).

## **European Green Deal Committee**

This recently established committee has a dual assignment:

**Top down:** the EU Green Deal will become very important for sustainability policies and developments in the whole EU. This will come with new constraints as well as new opportunities. It could be very relevant for member organisations if the EFCA GDC would be able to advise them about the implications of the Green Deal, but also lobby with EU institutions regarding sustainability topics on relevant sustainability topics.

**Bottom up:** a lot is happening regarding sustainability (policies, developments, innovations, etc.) in all countries of the EFCA member organisations. There is much to learn from each other and thus where member organisations can help each other regarding tools, training, communication and good practices.

The aim is that the GDC exists of one or more participants from all EFCA member countries. This guarantees the best overview and thus exchange of knowledge. Participants can be professionals of EFCA members (ideally sustainability workgroups/committees members) and of their members. A mix of both, thus with also strong firm based input would give a strong basis for the GDC.

## **Future Trends Committee**

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## **Internal Market Committee**

The Internal Market Committee deals with all matters related to competition. This includes all developments concerning forms of cooperation, contracts, procurement, and regulations linked to this area. Specific topics are MEAT (most economically advantaged tender), contract conditions for engineering services, Best Value Procurement, jurisprudence, Early Contractor Involvement.

Every member of the Internal Market Committee is committed to bringing knowledge, skills, and experience related to current affairs through the exchange of documents, (digital) meetings and gatherings. We support our associations in each respective member state by holding seminars, drafting notes and manuals (such as the Guidance on MEAT, and an analysis of the Contractual Terms). We seek to exert our influence in the formation of legislation, such as the various directives issued by the European Commission. The committee - through its field of work - forms a valuable part of the EFCA's overall work.