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I. Steering Committee, Council and General Assembly

1. Steering Committee

On the occasion of its meeting held in Prague on 24th April 2009, the Steering Committee members met with two leading officials:

- Ing. Milan Půček, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Regional Development
- Dr. Jan Wagner, Director of the State Housing Development Fund in the Czech Ministry of Regional Development

addressing, among others, the following issues:

1. the disparity in the figures for dwellings commenced and completed
("commenced" refers to construction permits granted)
2. the re-introduction of reduced VAT on housing
(the Vice-Minister refers to the opposition of the Finance Minister)

We express our gratitude to our Czech member federation SPS for having organised this interesting meeting during the Czech Presidency of the European Council.

In addition to material issues dealt with by ECO, SOC, TEC, TEN-T, SME, MEDA, Ethics, ECF, EIC and CICA, the following points raised during this last meeting are of particular note:

- application for membership from MALTA :
decision to give a positive recommendation to Council/ General Assembly
- European elections :
FIEC 10 point – Manifesto approved (final version available on-line – see also Mr. E 2009/193)

2. Council

Decision to hold the **autumn session of the Council in STRASBOURG** in order to meet newly elected MEPs.

Proposed programme (to be confirmed) :

25/11/2009 (as from 19.00) : cocktail & walking dinner with MEPs (FIEC CD + Council)

26/11/2009 : 08.00 – 09.45 : FIEC Steering Committee meeting

10.00 – 13.00 : FIEC Council meeting

13.00 – 15.00 : lunch with MEPs

3. Congresses

Congress 2009:	Madrid, Spain, Thursday 18 – Saturday 20/6/2009 Registration deadline : 31/5/2009 ! www.fiecmadrid2009.com Please respect this deadline and encourage your members to register.
Congress 2010:	Cyprus, 27– 29/5/2010
Congress 2011	initial discussions under way

4. Meetings/contacts with EU policy makers

07/4/2009 Meeting with Bertrand Carsin, EU Commission, Director, DG Markt C, responsible for Public Procurement Policy (Philippe Van Der Mersch, Ulrich Paetzold, Christine Le Forestier). Main issues discussed: social aspects in public procurement, greening PP, electronic PP, EU/national recovery plans.

24/4/2009 EU Czech Presidency / Meeting with Czech officials in Prague
(for details, please refer to item I.1. Steering Committee)

07/5/2009 EU Summit on Employment in Prague / EU Czech Presidency :
FIEC Declaration forwarded to Czech officials as well as to the Spanish and Swedish Ministry of Health and Social Affairs (with copy to EU Commission/DG EMPL & BusinessEurope). The FIEC Declaration is available on the FIEC website.

14/5/2009 Meeting with Mr. Wilfried Martens, EPP President (Dirk Cordeel, Ulrich Paetzold) in order to present the **FIEC 10 Point-Manifesto** in view of the EP elections. (*note: first brief meeting with Mr. Martens on 4th May on the occasion of a High-level panel debate on "Europe in the Economic & Financial Crisis" organised by EPP-European People's Party and CES-Centre for European Studies*).

(For further information on FIEC speakers on this occasion, please refer to **item II. G.**)

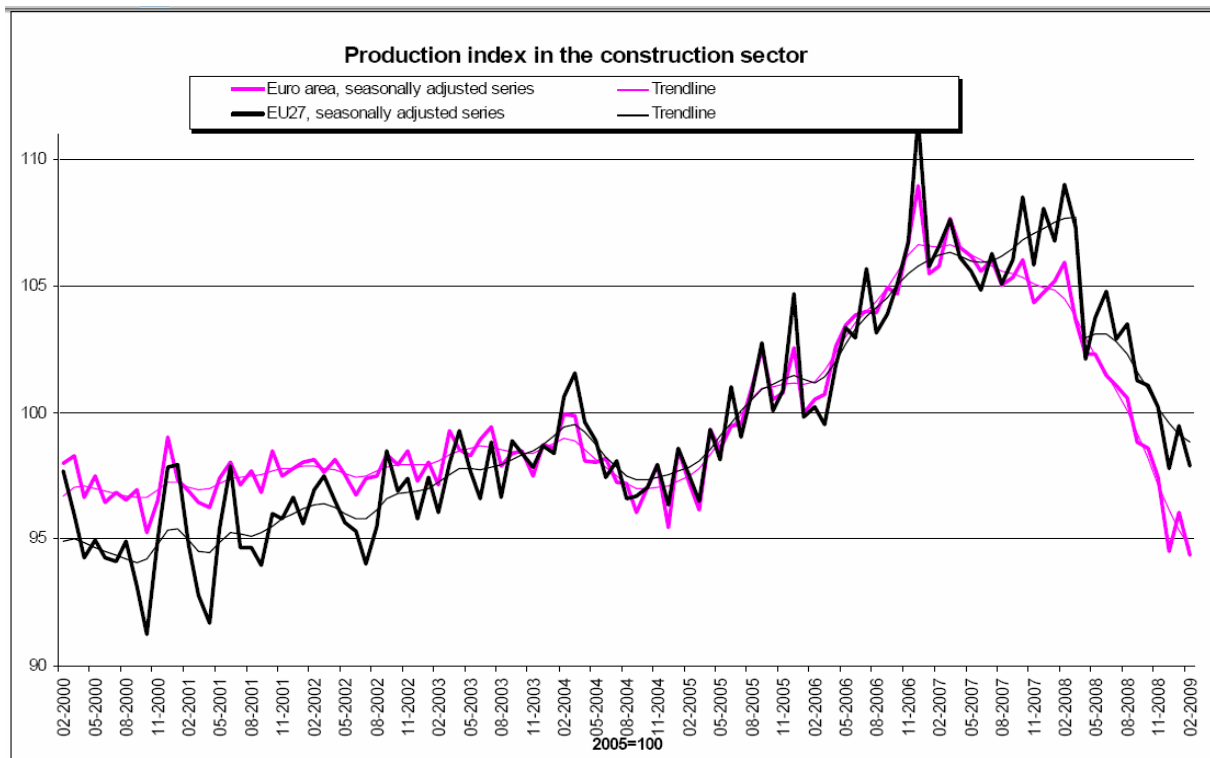
II. Current issues

A. ECO

1. EUROSTAT: construction output down by 1,6% in EU27 between January and February 2009

According to estimates released by Eurostat, seasonally adjusted production in the construction sector fell by 1.8% in the **euro area** and by 1.6% in the **EU27** in February 2009, compared with the previous month. In January, production rose by 1.6% and 1.7% respectively.

Compared with February 2008, output in February 2009 dropped by 11.8% in the **euro area** and by 11.2% in the **EU27**.



Monthly comparison

Among the Member States for which data are available for February 2009, construction output rose in six and fell in five. The most significant increases were registered in **Bulgaria** (+2.0%), **Germany** (+1.9%) and **Slovenia** (+1.1%). The largest decreases were recorded in **Romania** (-8.6%), **Spain** (-5.3%) and **Czech Republic** (-2.0%).

Building construction decreased by 1.5% in the **euro area** and by 1.6% in the **EU27**, after +0.2% and +1.7% respectively in January. Civil engineering decreased by 3.6% in the **euro area** and by 2.8% in the **EU27**, after +5.4% and +2.7% respectively in the previous month.

Annual comparison

Among the Member States for which data are available for February 2009, construction output fell in nine and rose only in **Poland** (+2.2%) and **Sweden** (+2.1%). The largest decreases were registered in **Slovenia** (-25.0%), **Germany** (-20.9%) and **Spain** (-15.4%).

Building construction decreased by 13.1% in the **euro area** and by 12.2% in the **EU27**, after -11.7% and -9.5% respectively in January. Civil engineering fell by 9.5% in the **euro area** and by 8.2% in the **EU27**, after -0.4% and -1.0% respectively in the previous month.

Notes:

1. The production index in construction approximates the evolution of output within the sector, broken down into building construction and civil engineering.

2. The seasonally adjusted euro area and EU series are calculated by Eurostat by aggregating the working day adjusted series from individual Member States and making an adjustment for seasonal effects on this series.

3. The euro area (EA 16) consists of Belgium, Cyprus, Germany, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland.

2.Regional Policy: several initiatives to back the European economic recovery plan

Among the various measures proposed in the field of Cohesion policy to back the EU economic recovery plan, one concerns the management of European funds (European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), European Social Fund (ESF) and Cohesion Fund), and another one concerns the extension of the scope of ERDF funding while investing in energy efficiency for homes.

- With the support of the European Parliament, the Council adopted on 7th April 2009 a regulation – amending regulation 1083/2006 on the ERDF, ESF and Cohesion funds – aiming at a quicker, simpler and more targeted use of EU structural funds in order to counter the economic crisis. The main objective of this regulation is to facilitate the mobilization of European funds and to accelerate herewith the impact of investment on the economy. Up to 4,5 billion € of the ERDF are namely brought forward from 2010 and 2011 to 2009 in order to finance investment in infrastructure and regional and local development. Furthermore, the new regulation increases the provision of assistance to Member States by the EIB (European Investment Bank) and the EIF (European Investment Fund) in the implementation of operational programmes.
- The Council also adopted on 5th May 2009 another regulation, backed by the European Parliament, amending ERDF rules to authorize the use of funds to co-finance national, regional and local authority programmes supporting energy efficiency and renewable energy investment in housing (for low-income households) by all 27 Member States of the EU. This extension of the scope to all EU Member States do not increase funding or affect the Community budget, but only allow Member States to redirect their priorities to fund projects in this area. In each Member State, spending to improve energy efficiency and use renewable energy in housing is now eligible for ERDF funding up to a ceiling of 4% of the Member State's total ERDF allocation.

3.Parliament's position on urban mobility

On 23rd April 2009, the Parliament adopted with a large majority the own-initiative report of Mr. Savary (PES – F) on an action plan on urban mobility.

Calling on the European Commission to develop an action plan in this field, as it was foreseen and announced in its Green Paper on urban mobility dated September 2007, the Parliament suggested to:

- foster research, innovation and the exchange of good practice between local powers, transport operators and authorities;
- promote an integrated approach on urban transport in terms of transport systems, including pedestrians, public transport and bicycles;
- establish a specific European financial instrument for urban mobility under the 2014-2020 financial perspectives, in order to finance a study of urban transport plans and a share of investment; and
- improve the interoperability of modes of transport , standardization and certification of materials, as well as the quality of services.

FIEC, which participated in the consultation of the Commission's Green Paper, continuously monitors this issue, which concerns the construction sector in terms of financial repercussions for transport infrastructure. The action plan adopted by the Parliament however makes little proposals of interest for the construction sector.

For further information on the ECO Commission please contact Christine Le Forestier at the FIEC Secretariat (info@fiec.eu; Tel: +32 2 514 55 35).

B. SOC

1. EP adopts its resolution on “Social responsibility of sub-contracting undertakings in production chains”

On 26/3/2009 the plenary session of the European Parliament adopted (with 321 votes in favour, 235 against and 11 abstentions) the ALDE-PES-Greens alternative motion for resolution, which replaced the “Lehtinen” Report as adopted by the EMPL Committee.

With this resolution the EP, amongst others :

1. welcomes the fact that 8 Member States (Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain) have developed national legislative “joint liability” schemes and encourages other Member States to consider introducing similar schemes;
2. stresses that the study of the Dublin Foundation indicates that a narrow scope of liability, such as one limited to only one level of the chain, is one of the reasons why existing arrangements are ineffective;
3. asks the European Commission to establish a clear-cut EU legal instrument introducing joint and several liability at Community level, which respects the different legal systems in place in the Member States and the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality;
4. calls on the European Commission to launch a cross-sectoral impact assessment on the added value and feasibility of a Community instrument on chain liability.

On the other hand, the resolution also:

5. calls on the European Commission to raise awareness of good practice, existing guidelines and standards and social responsibility practices among undertakings, be they main contractors or subcontractors;
6. recognises that implementing “joint liability” rules in cross-border subcontracting processes is particularly difficult when Member States have different systems in place;
7. stresses the need to promote incentives for companies to make every reasonable effort in good faith to eliminate labour law infringements by subcontractors, including reporting to the authorities and terminating a contract with a subcontractor which engages in illegal practice in order to avoid the possibility of being held jointly and severally liable for that infringement.

This resolution is not a legally binding instrument, but it will certainly be used in the future for putting political pressure on the Commission for undertaking actions at the EU level on this matter.

Things should not change in the near future, but a particular attention will have to be given to possible initiatives after the European elections and the nomination of the new Commission in the autumn.

2. Agreement on new conditions for mobilisation of Globalisation Adjustment Fund (GAF)

At the beginning of April, the Czech EU Presidency has managed to getting an agreement between the European Parliament and the Member States on the new conditions to be met so that dismissed workers can have access to the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (GAF).

According to this agreement, the Member States may apply to the fund for financial support for crisis-affected enterprises that dismiss 500 workers (instead of the current 1000). Over the next two years, the level of EU-provided financial support will increase to 65% compared to the current 50%. Resources from the fund may be used for the retraining of workers and lifelong learning projects,

support for workers' mobility as well as for careers advice for jobseekers or for transition to self-employment. For this reason, the support has also a long-term impact. The period during which it will be possible to benefit from financial support will increase from the current 12 months to 24 months.

Such changes have still to be formally validated by the European Parliament during the plenary session in May and by EU Employment and Social Affairs ministers in June. The new rules could therefore enter into force before the end of the Czech Presidency. These rules will, moreover, be applicable retroactively to applications submitted to the European Commission as from May 2009.

3. The Council of Ministers calls on Member States which have not yet ended their temporary free movement of labour periods to do so

On 9th March, the Employment and Social Affairs ministers adopted some conclusions on the mobility of labour and the free movement of workers within the European Union.

In these conclusions, the Council asks, amongst others :

- 1) **the Member States** to:
 - a. take account of elements related to mobility in all relevant decisions, to include mobility among the objectives of their national strategies or national reform programmes, and to promote measures which favour the professional and social mobility of the workforce, and equal treatment and non-discrimination towards migrant workers, in line with the Community *acquis*;
 - b. contribute to the assessment of skills that will be required in the future;
 - c. facilitate a safe transition between two jobs or between unemployment and employment;
 - d. modernise the social protection systems in order to accompany and to facilitate these transitions;
 - e. draft and implement integrated flexicurity strategies;
- 2) **the Commission** to:
 - a. examine the reasons given by the Member States which decide to continue to apply the temporary provisions during the third phase;
 - b. closely follow the way in which these provisions are applied and their impact on the free movement of workers;
 - c. take new initiatives to better inform the citizens and to make them aware of the rights they may claim when they move within the EU;
 - d. reinforce current dialogue with all interested parties, the governments, the social partners and other players in the field of the free movement of workers;
 - e. support the analysis carried out by the European social partners of all of the factors which may help to develop the various forms of work and mobility within the EU and the impact of these on the competitiveness of the Union;
- 3) **the Member States which continue to apply restrictions under the heading of the temporary provisions** to:
 - a. look into the possibility of continuing to apply restrictions during the second phase, with the objective of moving as quickly as possible to the full implementation of the *acquis* in the field of the free movement of workers;
 - b. lift the restrictions during the third phase if it cannot be proved that their employment markets would suffer, or may suffer, serious distortions.

According to the Commission, those Member States that continue to apply limits on the free movement of labour will have to justify their approach with clear arguments.

For further information on the SOC Commission please contact Domenico Campogrande at the FIEC Secretariat (info@fiec.eu; Tel: +32 2 514 55 35).

C. TEC

1. TEC-3 meets to address Sustainability in Construction

Gathering at the FIEC offices in Brussels on 17th April 2009, FIEC's environment sub-commission met with a number of items on the agenda. Of significant interest among these was the issue of securing a sustainable construction industry for future society and how, leaving aside initiatives from the European Union and other stakeholders, building enterprises can lead the industry's response to the challenge of climate change and, more specifically, the huge part our industry has to play in securing the goal of a 20% gain in energy efficiency by 2020. It has been the case, up to now, that these discussions have often been dominated by others such as architects and materials producers and very often building firms themselves have found themselves following the debate rather than shaping it. The meeting was adamant in insisting that sustainability is the biggest challenge for the industry in the medium to long-term and consequently should be considered as an opportunity for new markets and growth rather than perceived as a threat.

Members present underscored the need for sustainability to be at the heart of FIEC's action but equally that construction enterprises cannot act alone in the drive to sustainability without others and most importantly the client. In this light, the debate will be carried forward to the upcoming plenary meeting of the Technical Commission on 15th May.

One of the major drivers of sustainable development on the current political agenda is the energy efficiency question. Recently the debate has been focused on the European Commission's proposal for a recast Energy Performance of Buildings Directive, the major tenet of which is the removal of the 1000m² threshold for upgrading existing buildings to minimum requirements and the obligation to consider alternative technical systems for new-build. FIEC has been following the debate in the European Parliament which has seen the provisions of the proposal tightened to make all new buildings zero energy by 2019.

TEC-3 discussed these matters as well as the opportunities for contractors in energy efficiency assessment. The meeting concluded that these opportunities should be further investigated by FIEC. Since the TEC-3 meeting, the European Parliament has voted in plenary session in first reading with FIEC's response following shortly afterwards in the form of a press release.

In order to better focus FIEC's work on more detailed questions facing contractors, it was also decided that temporary working groups be set up under TEC-3 to work on specific questions. Terms of reference for these groups are currently being drawn up which will cover such things as preparing a FIEC questions and answers guide for contractors on REACH, attempting to advance plan FIEC's position on end of waste criteria for uncontaminated excavated soil under the recently adopted Waste Framework Directive and another group to deal with issues linked to developing Europe's energy networks to prepare the arrival on the grid of renewable energy sources and to better ensure security of supply.

2. TEC-1 finalises FIEC's "Principles for Standardisation"

As the passage of the proposed Construction Products Regulation through the European Parliament and Council of Ministers reaches a decisive juncture, attempts for a first reading compromise before the European Parliament elections in June have been abandoned and the Council will prepare its common position in view of a second reading early in the next legislative period. This delay comes as somewhat of a blow to the European Commission who had wanted to see the text adopted before the end of the current parliament. In recent months, following the vote in the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) Committee in February, the Commission has been active in attempting to exert pressure on MEPs and Member States to encourage them to change position on such issues as the declaration of performance and the scope of the specific technical documentation that can, in certain cases, be used by manufacturers to replace type testing.

FIEC is by and large happy with the outcome of the IMCO vote and the subsequent plenary vote which was held on 24th April confirmed this positive trend. FIEC does however have significant reservations about successful amendments to the proposal which will effectively end the practice under the CE marking of affixing information on product performance to the product itself. Replacing this information with a unique identification code cross-referenced to a website is insufficient in enabling engineers and site managers on-site to immediately identify a product and know its performances. Thousands of construction products arrive on site each day consequently it should not be up to the product user to search for information on-line.

The meeting also finalized FIEC's "Principles for Standardisation" which will be presented to the plenary meeting of the Technical Commission for approval on 15th May. Following a change in the European Commission's contract with the European Office for Crafts, Trades and Small and Medium sized enterprises for Standardisation (NORMAPME), FIEC and other SME representative associations are being consulted on NORMAPME positions in CEN Technical Committees. Given this context and the general overhaul of standardisation that the European Commission envisages in the next few years, it is timely for FIEC to define its principles on the subject.

At the heart of FIEC's principles is the assertion that associations representing SME interests cannot represent for example both users and manufacturers of products as these are often in contradiction. FIEC also reiterates its view that standards must respond to the needs of the market and in this way the process should itself be inclusive of all interested parties first and foremost through CEN's mirror committees at national level.

3. TEC-4 bids farewell to Juan Muro.

It was with a tinge of regret that Juan Muro (SEOPAN) bade farewell to TEC-4 members following his decision to resign the Chairmanship. Mr Muro had been in the position since TEC-4 was created in 2006. In a moving speech made at the end of the sub-commission meeting held on the fringes of the INTERMAT construction plant and equipment trade fair at the Villepinte trade fair ground on the outskirts of Paris, he spoke of his enjoyment of having led the sub-commission for the last two years and continued to reaffirm the need for FIEC to continue to address questions linked to plant and equipment especially those relating to health and safety aspects but also the need to fight for ease of transportation of equipment across the EU's internal borders.

Following confirmation by FIEC's Steering Committee, Mr Muro's successor will be named as Mr José Ramon Yannone (see CV, "Members' corner") from the Spanish company TECSA; a subsidiary of Dragados SA specializing in railway construction. Mr Yannone has extensive experience dealing with the construction plant and equipment and has held numerous management positions.

FIEC thanks Mr Muro for his hard work and dedication to the sub-commission and wishes him success and every happiness in his future activities.

4. ECCREDI to join new "E2B-Public Private Partnership" for energy efficiency

Gathering in Brussels on 31st March 2009 for its latest Council meeting, the European Council for Construction Research, Development and Innovation (ECCREDI) of which FIEC is a founding member, decided unanimously to join the E2B Public Private Partnership through a recently created association that will act as the European Commission's chief interlocutor for identifying future research needs in the construction sector for delivering on gains in energy efficiency from both constructed assets but also through the construction process. The association was founded in November 2008 and currently involves several major building enterprises as members as well as some technology institutes.

The Initiative enjoys the enthusiastic support of the European Commission which has joined together with the industry partners to produce a joint statement to press home the commitment of both the European Union and several major building contractors. The Commission, in this instance, backs the initiative financially and has pledged support of €500m over the next four years. This funding will be matched by the private sector partners.

The Commission had originally given its support to the idea of a Joint Technology Initiative that would have included Member States. However given the mixed results of such joint initiatives in other areas, it has been decided to channel funding for research needs for construction through a direct partnership with industry. The first calls for proposals under the PPP will be published in July.

D. TEN-T

1. Parliament's position on the Green Paper on Ten-T

On 22th April 2009, the European Parliament adopted the own-initiative report of Mrs Lichtenberger (Greens/EFA – AT) on the Green Paper on the Trans-European Transport Network.

Contrary to FIEC position (see FIEC contribution to the Green paper on TEN-T on the FIEC website), the Parliament supports “option C” – drawn up by the Commission for the review of the TEN-T policy – which proposes a “dual layer, consisting of a comprehensive network, based on the current TEN-T maps, and an intermodal “core network”, still to be defined, and with rail, sustainable waterways and ports and their interconnection with logistical centres as priorities. This concept of “core network” consists in a “geographical pillar” and a “conceptual pillar”, whereby this conceptual pillar would contain criteria and objectives enabling projects, corridors and network parts to be identified flexibly over time rather than rigidly at the start of the budget period and for the entire period. This would expand TEN-T flexibility during the budget period in order to adapt to changing market conditions.”

However, the Parliament also mentions that “it does not see the rationale for introducing a vague notion of a “conceptual pillar”, which would overload the list of priorities”, and the TEN-T policy should rather develop concrete projects. FIEC sees here a contradiction with the Parliament's choice for the “option C”.

As regards financing solutions, the Parliament recalls that “the increased reliance on PPPs and on the EIB would be no substitute for a significant portion of budgetary funding for large-scale projects”, and therefore pledges for “the reconsideration of the TEN-T budget in the context of the mid-term review of the 2009-2010 financial perspectives” and “to allocate a percentage of toll revenue from road infrastructure to funding TEN-T projects.”

The Commission's Green Paper and the Parliament's position both reflect the EU institutions' unease towards the TEN-T policy's big ambitions but small financing sources.

2. Short news

- On 31st March 2009, the European Commission launched calls for tenders for TEN-T 2009 annual projects, which will benefit from a financing amounting about 1 billion €. Within this amount, 500 million € are funds brought forward in the European economic and recovery plan. The rest is, amongst others, dedicated to Intelligent Transport Systems (100 million €), the European Traffic Management System (240 million €) and motorways of the sea (30 million €). The TEN-T Executive Agency is responsible for the management and evaluation of bids, as well as the technical and financial implementation of this programme.
- On 11th March 2009, the French government and France's northern regions (Picardie, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, Ile-de-France) signed an agreement on the 30th TEN-T priority project “Seine-Scheldt inland waterway”. This 4 billion € project will be financed by local authorities (900 million €), the state (900 million €), the EU (330 million €) and the future private partner 2,1 billion €, still to be chosen to carry out this project in the framework of a PPP.
- On 26th March 2009, the Danish Parliament ratified the Treaty signed in September by Denmark and Germany for the construction of the Fehmarn Belt Bridge a road and rail bridge linking the two countries over the Baltic sea. This 5,6 billion € project will be built, financed and operated by Denmark. The works are foreseen to last from 2011 to 2018.

For further information on the TENs Ad-Hoc Working Group, please contact Christine Le Forestier or Domenico Campogrande at the FIEC Secretariat (info@fiec.eu; Tel: +32 2 514 55 35).

E. SMEs

F. MEDA

1. MEDA newsletter

The latest MEDA newsletter is available on the FIEC website.

A special Conference on the issue “**Reconstructing the Mediterranean**” will take place in **ROME** on **30th September – 1st October 2009** with the support of our Italian member federation **ANCE**.

For further information on MEDA please contact Ulrich Paetzold at the FIEC Secretariat (info@fiec.eu; Tel:+32 2 514 55 35).

G. Speeches/ Presentations on behalf of FIEC

Oslo, 18-20 May 2009: Public procurement conference organised by PEPPOL and BusinessEurope: Round discussion on "other purposes than delivering value for money - possibilities and dilemmas", FIEC Director General Ulrich Paetzold.

Please also refer to <i>speeches available on the FIEC website under "Conference/speeches"</i> : http://www.fiec.eu/content/default.asp?PageID=25&LanguageCode=EN .

H. Members Corner

FIEC Technical Commission New Chairman of TEC-4 “Plant and Equipment”



Curriculum Vitae

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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QUALIFICATIONS

1976-1983 Ingeniero Superior Industrial , especialidad Automática-Electrónica, por la Universidad politécnica de MADRID.
(Industrial Engineering Degree, specialized in Electronics and Robotics), at the Polytechnic University of Madrid.
Curso de orientación Universitaria en el CEU (Madrid)
(University preparatory course).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2004-2009 Equipment and Plant Manager of TECSA (Spanish company specialized in railway construction jobs that belongs to DRAGADOS).
1984-2004 Began as engineer, worked in all areas of equipment matters; spent last three years as Plant manager in DRAGADOS .

LANGUAGES

Spanish: mother tongue
English: fluent level

1. Current deadlines for response

MR E N°	TO	SUBJECT	DEADLINE
2009/163	ECO-PLEN Ad-Hoc WG TEN-T	FIEC “Blue Book” 16th Edition	24/4/2009
2009/171	ECO-PLEN	EC Proposal to recast Directive on Late Payment	27/4/2009
2009/126	SOC-2	Questionnaire on Nanotechnologies in the Construction Industry	30/4/2009
2009/166	ECO-PLEN	National Recovery Plans	30/4/2009
2009/182	ECO-PLEN	Business Europe WG on SGEI Draft outline Paper	7/5/2009
2009/143	SOC-3	“Self-employment and bogus self-employment - Draft FIEC-EFBWW joint conclusions	8/5/2009
2009/177	TEC-2	Mobi3Con Project – Dissemination to SMEs	18/5/2009

All FIEC consultations are available on the web site: www.fiec.eu / For our Members / Consultations

2. Forthcoming internal meetings

2009	BODY	PLACE	DETAILS
• 14 th - 15 th May	SOC-3 + “EMPLOYMENT” SOC. DIAL.	BRUSSELS	
• 15 th May	TEC-PLEN	BRUSSELS	
• 18 th – 20 th June	FIEC CONGRESS 2009 www.fiecmadrid2009.com	MADRID SPAIN	Registration deadline: 31/5/2009 !
• 30 th June	SOC-PLEN + PLENARY SOC. DIAL.	BRUSSELS	
• 10 th September	TEC-1	BRUSSELS	
• 1 st – 2 nd October	SOC-1 + “VOC. TRAINING” SOCIAL DIALOGUE	BRUSSELS	
• 19 th October	TEC-4	BRUSSELS	
• 20 th October	ECO-PLEN	BRUSSELS	
• 20 th – 21 st October	SOC-2 + “H&S” SOC. DIALOGUE	BRUSSELS	
• 19 th – 20 th November	SOC-3 + “EMPLOYMENT” SOC. DIAL.	BRUSSELS	
• 25th November (19h00)	COCKTAIL & WALKING DINNER WITH MEPs	STRASBOURG	TO BE CONFIRMED
• 26th November	STEERING COMMITTEE & COUNCIL MEETINGS + LUNCH DEBATE WITH MEPs	STRASBOURG	TO BE CONFIRMED
• 15 th December	SOC-PLEN + PLENARY SOC. DIAL.	SOFIA (BG) ?	
2010			
• 16-17/2/2010	STEERING COMMITTEE <i>in connection with Bautech/EBCB</i>	BERLIN	
• 27 th – 29 th May 2010	FIEC CONGRESS 2010	CYPRUS	

All meetings documents are available on the web site : www.fiec.eu / For our Members / Diary

3. EIC / CICA / Member Federations

Dates	Body	Place	Details
• 27-28/4/2009	EIC Board/ GA/ Conference	STOCKHOLM	
• 14-15/5	EFFC Council & AGM European Federation of Foundation Contractors	LEUVEN (BE)	http://www.foundationworld.org
• 12/6/2009	FFB event “24 H du Bâtiment”	PARIS	www.24heuresdubatiment.fr (Mr E 2009/149)
• 30/9–1/10/2009	MEDA Conference “Reconstructing the Mediterranean”	ROME	Conference organized by ANCE
• 8-9/10/2009	EIC Board/ GA/ Conference	ANTWERP (BE)	
• December 2009	CICA Board	WASHINGTON	

4. External Meetings

2009			
• 27/4 Brussels	Forum: Review of EU Sectorial Social Dialogue	EUROPEAN COMMISSION	http://ec.europa.eu/socialdialogue
• 6-14/5 Brussels	European SME week	EUROPEAN COMMISSION	Mr E 2008/280
• 14-15/5 Milan	CEN/CSN Conference 2009	CEN	amilcar.dacosta@cen.eu www.cen.eu
• 14-15/5 Marseille	European Sea Ports Conference	ESPO	www.espo-conference.com
• 19-21/5 Birmingham (UK)	Conference ‘Sustainability Live’		http://www.sustainabilitylive.com/
• 22-23/5	The Impact of Climate Change on Employment	EUROPEAN COMMISSION	empl-restructuring-forum-climate@ec.europa.eu
• 27/5 Fiera Milano	Sunrise Photovoltaics Workshop	SUNRISE	Mr E 2009/137
• 27-30/5 Jeju (Korea)	Conference on Construction Engineering and Project Management	ICCEM/ICCPM	http://www.iccem-iccpm.org/mail/mail-02-e.htm
• 16/6 Brussels	Workshop on pre-commercial procurement	EUROPEAN COMMISSION	Mr E 2009/156
• 23-25/11 Brussels	ISSA “Construction Conference”	ISSA International Social Security Association	http://www.issa.int/
2010			
• 16-20/2 Berlin	Construction Fair	Bautec - EBCB	www.bautec.com
• 26-28/5 London	DFI-EFFC Conference Geotechnical Challenges in Urban Regeneration	EMAP i.c.w. DFI & EFFC	http://www.emap.com