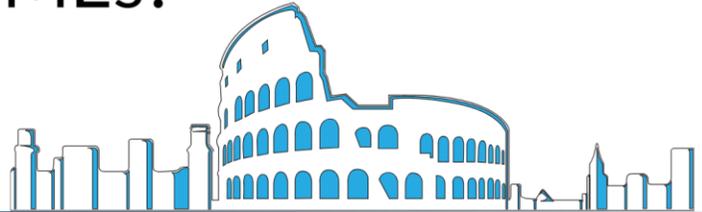


Public procurement: how to improve access for construction SMEs?



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The European Builders Confederation (EBC) and its Italian member CNA Costruzioni are organising the conference “**Public procurement: how to improve access for construction SMEs?**” in the framework of EBC Annual Congress 2019.

Every year a substantial part of public investment in our economy is spent through public procurement, accounting for more than EUR 1.9 trillion yearly or about 14% of Europe's GDP, which makes it a major driver for economic growth, job creation, and innovation. On the grounds of its high economic importance, especially in construction, it offers a significant development opportunity, not only for large companies, but also for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). However, although SMEs make up about 99.8% of the enterprises in the European Union, they only win about 45% of the value of public contracts (either directly, as a joint bidder or a subcontractor), giving them a secondary role in public procurement.

EBC's Annual Conference will focus on how to remove barriers for SMEs' access to public procurement to allow construction SMEs to play a more significant role in public contracts, given their important role as economic players, but also agents of social cohesion and integration. Particular attention will be put on the implementation of the Public Procurement Directive in order to compare best practices and signal potential misinterpretations of the Directive in the different EU Member States.



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Moderator: Eugenio QUINTIERI - EBC Secretary General

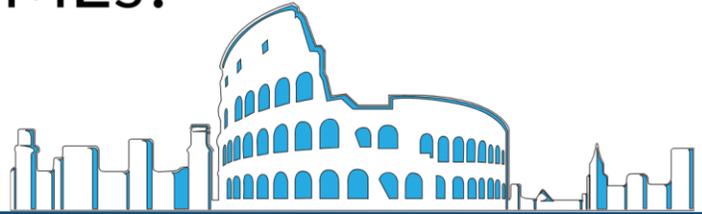
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| 08.45 | Registration |
| 09.00 | Welcome message
Rinaldo INCERPI - EBC President
Sergio SILVESTRINI - CNA Nazionale Secretary General |
| 09.15 | Public Procurement Directive: where do we stand?
Raluca IPATE - EU Commission, DG Grow |
| 09.35 | SMEs' access to public tenders: an economic perspective
Pierre-Henri MORAND - Avignon University Professor |

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- 09.55** **Good and bad practices: the Belgian case**
Nadia SCHEPENS - Bouwunie Legal Advisor
- 10.10** **Good and bad practices: the Italian case**
Angelo ROTA - AR'Legally Founder
- 10.30** **Coffee break**
- 10.45** **Panel debate: which role for construction SMEs in public procurement?**
Nicolas RUFENER - FMB Secretary General
Arnaldo REDAELLI - ANAEPa President
Enzo PONZIO - CNA Costruzioni President
Philip VAN NIEUWENHUIZEN - EBC Vice President
Carlos BORREGO GARCÍA - CNC Legal Director
- 12.15** **Presentation on energy renovation: an Italian best practice**
Annalisa FERRAZZI, Harley Dickinson Marketing Manager
- 12.35** **Closing remarks**
Rinaldo INCERPI - EBC President
Simona BONAFÈ - MEP (tbc)
- 13.00** **Networking lunch**