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*25 years after the creation of EBC: Which challenges for the future of construction SMEs in Europe?*

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### Speakers biographies



**Patrick LIÉBUS** is the President of the European Builders Confederation (EBC), the organisation representing construction SMEs in Europe. In France, he is the President of the Confederation of micro and small enterprises of the construction sector (CAPEB), and the Vice-President of the Professional Union of micro-enterprises (UPA) since 2010. He is a roofer and a slater, with also training in the field of carpentry. He has the title of Master roofer.



**Etienne BLANC** is a French politician and a lawyer, born on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 1954 in Givors (Rhône). Member of the French Parliament since 2002, he was re-elected in 2012 in the third district of the Ain region. He is a member of the Finance committee. He is also a member of "Les Republicains" in France. He is the mayor of Divonne les Bains and President of the Mayor's Association of the Ain region.



**Philippe LEUBA** is a Swiss politician. He is the State counsellor of the canton of Vaud and is the Head of the Department for Economy and Sport since January 2012, after having managed the Federal Department of Home Affairs since 2007. He is a member of the Swiss "Parti Libéral-Radical" party.



**Blaise MATTHEY** is the current Director General of the Federation of French-Swiss Businesses. He is also active in several associations such as economiesuisse, USAM, UPS, and has chaired several committees and boards of administration. Between 2001 and 2005, he was a Member of the Parliament of the Republic and of the canton of Geneva.



**Jean-Pascal LÜTHI** is the deputy Director and Head of the Vocational Education and Training department of the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SEFRI). Since 2006 he is the Head of the French-speaking section of the Secondary level education and vocational training agency of the canton of Bern.



**Riccardo VIAGGI** is the Secretary General of the European Builders Confederation (EBC), the European association representing the small and medium companies (SMEs) of the construction sector in Brussels. He is also a General Assembly's member of UEAPME, the European association of SMEs, and a Board of Directors' member of Small Business Standards, the European association representing SMEs in standardisation.



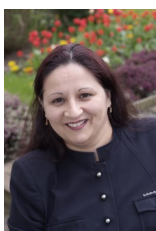
**Françoise GENG** is a member of the National directorate of the Health and Social Action Federation (CGT) in France. She is also a member of the Executive board of the European Federation of Public Service Unions. Sitting in the French Economic, Social and Environmental Council (CESE) since 2001, she is the President of the Work and Employment section of the CESE. She has been the rapporteur of the opinion "Promoting a second chance" to promote the access to the labour market of young people.



**Frank BERTELMANN-ANGENENDT** is a senior project manager in BZB (Construction Training Centres), which are training facilities that represent 48 associated guilds of the construction industry with 2500 construction companies in the Düsseldorf administrative region. He develops and implements big sized pilot projects on behalf of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research. He is also a project officer of the EU-funded initiative "AR. Key" (Augmented Reality for Key Competences).



**Johan TEN GEUZENDAM** has worked in the European Commission in a variety of policies. Since 2014, he is an advisor in the Directorate for Equality of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality. His Directorate coordinates policy developments to combat discrimination on grounds of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation and promotes awareness on gender equality as well as non-discrimination.



**Madi SHARMA** is an entrepreneur, business woman and an international expert. She is a member of the Employers' Group of the European Economic and Social Committee in Brussels, a European consultative body for civil society. She also runs the Madi Group, a group of private sector and not-for-profit companies with a philosophy to create innovative ideas tailored to local action, which can achieve global impacts beneficial to society.



**Arantxa HERNANDEZ ANTUNEZ** is an officer of the European Commission since 2003. She is currently a legal officer in the Clean technologies and Products unit of the Directorate General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs of the European Commission. She is in charge of the legal and institutional issues related to the Construction Products Regulation, but also of the management of the actions related to the internal market within the action plan Construction 2020.



**Catherine FOUCHER**, active next to her partner in their electricity and heating company in Dordogne, she joined the regional agency of CAPEB of the same area, later becoming a Director. Concerned by the recognition of the role and social rights of craftsmen's wives, she joined the ad hoc committee working on this topic in CAPEB. She is the President of the French Committee of craftsmen's spouses since 2010 and also chairs the Partners and Equal Opportunity committee of the Professional Union of Micro-enterprises (UPA).