



Bridge maintenance and safety in Europe A lever for the ecological transition

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(FIEC)

This event has the ambition to put forward the problematic of the maintenance of engineering works, in the respect of the environment and the necessity to decrease the carbon footprint.

8.00-9.00: Welcome

9.00-9.15: Opening

Moderation: Christian Tridon (STRRES - FIEC & ACRP) with Alex Taylor (Journalist)

Speakers:

Adina-Ioana Vălean, European Commissioner for Transport (tbc)
Thomas Bauer, President of FIEC

9.15-9.30: Presentation of the trans-European transport network

9.30-10.30 First round table:

What is at stake in a transport policy that is useful, safe and part of the necessary ecological transition?

This round table aims to address the following issues: what is the link between maintaining the good service condition of infrastructures and maintenance activities? How can a monitoring and maintenance action usefully contribute to the objectives of the Green Deal?

To this end, European and national political actors will present the way in which maintenance can be interwoven into the challenges of the ecological transition.

- Dominique Riquet, Member of the European Parliament
- Herald Ruitjers, Director, DG MOVE (tbc)
- A representative of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union (tbc)
- Thomas Bauer, President of FIEC

10.30-11.00 Break

11.00-12.30 Second round table:

The maintenance of engineering structures: an open path for the ecological transition?

- Pekka Vuorinen, Finnish Association of Construction Product industries and Platform on Sustainable Finance (EU Taxonomy)
- Richard Mulder (Bouwend Netherlands)
- Representative of an NGO (tbc)
- Vincent Piron (Vice-Chairman of the "Infrastructure & Financing" working group, FIEC)

12.30-14.00: Cocktail lunch (on site)

14.00-15.30 Third round table:

**Crossed views on the maintenance of engineering structures in Europe.
What are the different models?**

This round table will be dedicated to good practices in the maintenance of engineering structures and will highlight aspects related to decarbonization and digital uses

- Ralph Holst, Bast, Germany
- A Matteo Castiglioni, ANAS, Italy
- David Zambon, Center for studies and expertise on risks, environment, mobility and development (CEREMA), France
- Alvaro Navareño Rojo, Ministerio de Transportes, Movilidad y Agenda Urbana, Spain

15.30-16.00 Break

16.00-17.30 Fourth round table:

Digital and ecological transition: two intertwined challenges for maintenance?

- Xavier Neuschwander, President of the Innovation Commission of the National Federation of Public Works (FNTP)
- Konstantinos Gkoumas, Joint Research Center, European Commission (tbc)
- Rafal Stanecki, DG MOVE
- Pierre Gilles, French-speaking Secretary of the PIARC Technical Committee "Bridges"

17.30-17.45 Conclusion

- Christian Tridon and Alex Taylor

17h45: END OF THE CONFERENCE