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Maintenance and safety of bridges in Europe A lever for the ecological transition

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Hôtel Le Plaza, Adolphe Maxlaan 118/126, Brussels

**Event promoted under the chairmanship of the
*European Construction Industry Federation (FIEC)***

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This event aims at highlighting the issue of the maintenance of engineering structures, with respect for the environment and the need to reduce the carbon footprint.

8.00-9.00 : Welcome

9.00-9.15: Opening

Panel overview: Christian Tridon, *Syndicat National des Entrepreneurs Spécialistes de Travaux de Réparation et Renforcement de Structures (STRRES)* & *European Association for Construction Repair, reinforcement and Protection (ACRP)* with the participation of Alex Taylor, Journalist.

Keynote speakers:

Adina-Ioana Vălean, EU Commissioner for Transport (TBC)

FIEC President

9.15-9.30: Presentation of the Trans-European Transport Network

9.30-10.30: 1st roundtable

A useful and impactful transport policy which is safe and part of the necessary ecological transition: what are the upcoming challenges?

This roundtable aims to raise the following issues: what is the relationship between maintaining the good state of service infrastructures and maintenance activities? How can a monitoring and maintenance action usefully contribute to the objectives of the EU Green Deal?

To answer these questions, the floor is given to the European and National political actors in order to present the way in which maintenance can be intertwined with the challenges of the ecological transition.

- Dominique Riquet, Member of the European Parliament
- Herald Ruitjers, Director, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport of the European Commission (DG MOVE) (TBC)
- A representative of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union (TBC)
- FIEC President

10.30-11.00: Break

11.00-12.30: 2nd roundtable

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

- Pekka Vuorinen, *Confederation of Finnish Construction Industries and Platform on Sustainable Finance* (EU Taxonomy)
- Representative of *Koninklijke Bouwend Nederland*
- Vincent Piron, Vice-President of FIEC Working Group "Infrastructure & Financing"

12.30-14.00: Lunch cocktail (on site)

14.00-14.15: Intervention by Jean Arthuis on Erasmus+ Pro

14.15-15.45: 3rd roundtable

Perspectives on the maintenance of engineering structures in Europe. What are the different models?

This roundtable is dedicated to best practices in the maintenance of engineering structures and will highlight aspects related to decarbonization and digital uses.

- Ralph Holst, *Bundesanstalt für Straßenwesen* (BAST), Germany
- Italian representative of the National road company - *Azienda Nazionale Autonoma delle Strade* (ANAS) (TBC)
- David Zambon, *Centre d'études et d'expertise sur les risques, l'environnement, la mobilité et l'aménagement* (CEREMA), France
- Alvaro Navareño Rojo, Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda, Spain
- João Francisco Mendes Ferreira, Infrastructures of Portugal

15.45-16.00: Break

16.00-17.30: 4th roundtable

Digital and ecological transition: two intertwined challenges for maintenance?

- Xavier Neuschwander, President of the Innovation Commission at *Fédération Nationale des Travaux Publics* (FNTP) or Jean-Christophe Louvet, President of the Sustainable Development Commission at FNTP
- Rafal Stanecki, DG MOVE
- Pierre Gilles, French-speaking Secretary of the Technical Committee "Pont" (bridge), *World Road Association / Association mondiale de la route* (PIARC)

17.30-17.45: Closing remarks

- Christian Tridon and Alex Taylor

17h45: End of talks