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CONFERENCE: THIRD COUNTRIES' BIDS IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT: TOWARDS A FAIR CONSTRUCTION MARKET

Date: **Wednesday, March 19, 2025**

Location: **Zagreb - Double Tree by Hilton, Ul. grada Vukovara 269A**

PROGRAM

Registration of participants

08:30 – 09:00

Opening remarks

09:00 – 09:15

Irena Weber – Croatian Employers' Association, Director General

Afonso Brito – European Construction Industry Federation

Goran Romek – Ministry of Economy, State Secretary

- **VIDEO from Jeannette BALJEU, Member of the European Parliament**

Keynote speech – Threats of unfair competition: EU perspective

09:15 – 09:45

Jonathan Holslag – Vrije Universiteit Bruxelles, Professor of international politics

Introductory presentation – Growing impact of third country bidders in the internal market: European Parliament perspective

09:45 – 10:00

Miriam Lexmann-Member of the European Parliament (virtual)

Panel 1 – Setting the scenes for the Internal Market- moderator Ines Brozović

10:00 – 10:45

Frank Kehlenbach – European International Contractors, Director

Daniel Stepinac – CEA - Association of Construction Employers, member

Katarina Ravnjak-Ministry of Physical Planning, Construction and State Assets

Sector for Preparation and Organization of Renovation, Head of Sector

Tom Deleu – European Federation of Building and Woodworkers, Secretary General

10:45 – 11:00

Coffee break





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Introductory presentation - Challenges with unfair competition in Croatia

11:00 – 11:15 **Marko Turudić** – Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb- Associate Professor of Administrative and Public Procurement Law, Head of the Study Center for Public Administration and Public Finance

11:15 - 11:30 **Danijela Pažur Ivančić** – E-DA consulting, consultant

Panel 2 – Social Partners unite: How can we protect our industry and jobs?-moderator Mićo Ljubenko

11:30 – 12:15 **Mirko Habijanec** – CEA-Association of Construction Employers, President
Jasenska Vukšić – Trade Union of construction industry of Croatia, President
Zoran Đuroković – Hrvatske vode, Director General
Mirjana Čagalj- Vice-President of the Croatian Chamber of Commerce for Construction and Transport

Introductory presentation – Strengthening the market and achieving policy goals via Public Procurement

12:15 – 12:35 **Jugatx Ortiz Gonzalez** -European Commission- Deputy Head of Unit for Public Procurement Policy in DG GROW (virtual)
Ana Čarić Perković – Central Finance and Contracting Agency- Head of the Directorate for Legal Affairs and Irregularities

Panel 3 – Active brainstorming: How to enhance fair competition and a more stable environment to do business?-moderator Ines Brozović

12:35 – 13:15 **Danijela Antolković** – State Commission for Supervision of Public Procurement Procedures – Deputy President
Bogdan-Paul Dobrin – Romanian National Agency for Public, Procurement-Secretary General
Ines Gruica Devčić – P.J.R. consulting - Member of the Management Board, Director for EU Funds and Public Procurement

Closing remarks

13:15 – 13:30 **Afonso Brito** (FIEC) and **Irena Weber** (CEA)

13:30 – 14:30 Networking lunch

