



Building solutions together:
Our mission, your future

**120 YEARS OF
CONSTRUCTION
IN EUROPE**



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ANNIVERSARY

EUROPEAN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY FEDERATION





SUSTAINABILITY
CONSTRUCTION 4.0
EMPLOYMENT
VET
ENVIRONMENT

TEN-T
EPBD

BIM
REBUILD UKRAINE

CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS
EU BLUE DEAL
SUBCONTRACTING
RENOVATION WAVE
COMPETITIVENESS
SUPPLY CHAIN

SMEs
LABOUR MOBILITY
RECOVERY
LEVEL PLAYING FIELD
INFRASTRUCTURE

CONSTRUCTION IS THE SOLUTION INDUSTRY

GROWTH
ACCESSIBILITY
INFRASTRUCTURE
HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

ENERGY EFFICIENCY
DIGITALISATION
HEALTH & SAFETY
PUBLIC PROCUREMENT
WATER RESILIENCE

SOCIAL ID CARDS
YOUTH
JOBS
CLIMATE CHANGE
AI
WORKERS

CIRCULAR ECONOMY

INNOVATION
BRIDGE SAFETY
SOCIAL DIALOGUE
SUSTAINABLE FINANCE
AFFORDABLE HOUSING
RESOURCE EFFICIENCY
SKILLS



**FIEC President
PIERO PETRUCCO**

"Since 1905, FIEC has been uniting Europe's builders, driving innovation, sustainability and shared prosperity across the construction ecosystem in our industry's evolving landscape. What a remarkable journey!"





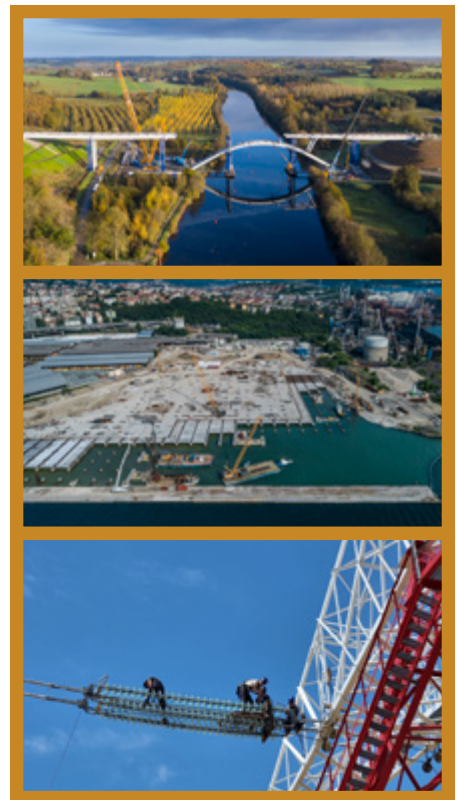
120 YEARS OF FIEC

2025 has witnessed an important momentum for the European Construction Industry Federation, its preparedness to multiple challenges and to new economic and political scenarios. This is the year that marked FIEC's 120th anniversary, which increased awareness on the recognition of the Federation's milestones and achievements from the past to present days.

Where all started: Creation of ties across Europe

FIEC has a rich and meaningful history. Our federation is older than the European Union itself — and it has witnessed its creation, evolution, and the many landmarks, turning points and epoch-making events along the way. The first international FIEC Congress took place in Liège, Belgium, in 1905, during the *World Exhibition*.





LOOKING BACK AND AHEAD

Our founder and first Secretary General, Frans van Ophem, had built new ties across several European countries. These connections inspired the idea of bringing together national federations and learning from the working methods of contractors abroad.

What are we building for the future?

We build on our legacy and heritage, keeping our values and the environment at the heart of our mission. We constantly aim to raise our standards as we face new challenges. Over time, FIEC has nurtured a strong sense of commitment to the construction sector, and we invest in people, in our community, and in a better future for the next generations.





A SOLUTION-DRIVEN INDUSTRY

Our companies and their expertise help shape a shared vision and support a comprehensive EU strategy for the benefit of people, businesses and the economy as a whole.

FIEC also contributes to proposals in key areas such as affordable housing, infrastructure development, circular economy, and the digital and green transitions.

We are committed to achieving a decarbonised Europe by improving the built environment and the wider ecosystem that surrounds it.





STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMON GOALS

Today, 120 years later, FIEC unites 32 national member federations across 27 European countries. We represent construction companies of all sizes, from SMEs to major international firms, active in both building and civil engineering specialties.

Our business to the benefit of people

Our member federations strive to improve working conditions, health and safety, skills development and access to quality training. We actively promote exchange on key issues such as sustainability, energy efficiency, structural maintenance, public procurement, circular economy, innovation and much more. FIEC also monitors initiatives that enhance interoperability of transport and networks, supporting Europe's medium- and long-term competitiveness and growth.



FIEC'S VOICE TO ELEVATE DIALOGUE

FIEC's work in Brussels, at the heart of the European Union, has enabled us to develop close cooperation with the EU institutions and international bodies.

We are the recognised Social Partner for employers in the European Sectoral Social Dialogue for Construction, alongside the European Federation of Builders and Wood Workers (EFBWW). Together, we promote health and safety at work, training and attractiveness of the sector, and tools to support fair employment and transparency on worksites.





IMPACT AT EU LEVEL

Our federation is in a unique position to address the European Commission, the European Parliament and the other global organisations.

Our exchanges with various representatives and stakeholders ensure that the voice of the construction industry — its concerns, priorities, insights and proposals are heard and taken into account. This is how we contribute to shaping policies and influencing decision-making.



KEY FIGURES 2024

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IN EUROPE DATA EDITION 2025

MAIN ACTIVITIES IN 2024

22.2%

CIVIL ENGINEERING¹

31.2%

NON-RESIDENTIAL²

19.5%

NEW HOUSEBUILDING³

27.0%

RENOVATION⁴

1 - roads, railways, bridges, tunnels, concrete structures, special foundations, electrical works, water supply, wastewater treatment, works on maritime or river sites

2 - offices, hospitals, hotels, schools, industrial buildings

3 - individual dwellings, apartment blocks, social housing, schemes

4 - in housing

47.5%
OF GROSS FIXED CAPITAL
FORMATION

7%
OF EU27 TOTAL
EMPLOYMENT

MORE THAN
3.8
MILLION ENTERPRISES

MORE THAN
12
MILLION
WORKERS

10.6%
OF EU27 GDP

31.2%
OF INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT









95%
OF ENTERPRISES
WITH FEWER THAN
20 WORKERS (SMEs)





FIEC MEMBERS

27 countries & 32 federations

	AUSTRIA		DENMARK		LITHUANIA		SWEDEN
	AUSTRIA		ESTONIA		LUXEMBOURG		SLOVENIA
	BELGIUM		FINLAND		NEDERLAND		SLOVAKIA
	BULGARIA		FRANCE		NORWAY		SWITZERLAND
	CYPRUS		FRANCE		NORWAY		UKRAINE
	CROATIA		GREECE		PORTUGAL		
	CZECH REPUBLIC		HUNGARY		ROMANIA		
	GERMANY		IRELAND		ROMANIA		
	GERMANY		ITALY		SPAIN		

PARTNERSHIPS

	Comité Européen de Normalisation (CEN)
	Confederation of International Contractors' Associations (CICA)
	European International Contractors (EIC)
	Construction 2050 Alliance
	European Construction, Built Environment and the Energy Efficiency Building Technology Platform (Ectp)
	European Council For Construction Research, Development and Innovation (Eccredi)

ASSOCIATED MEMBERS

	European Federation of Foundation Contractors
	European Quality Association for Recycling e.V.

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

	Israel Builders Association (ACB)
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SUPPORTING MEMBER

	Trowers & Hamlins LLP (UK)
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NEW Flickr of FIEC

Check out and download
snapshots and highlights of
special FIEC event held on
3rd December in Brussels to
celebrate the 120th anniversary
(photos available online
from 15th December).



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