



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

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

Location: **Zagreb - Double Tree by Hilton**

## PROGRAM

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### Registration of participants

**08:30 – 09:00**

### Opening remarks

**09:00 – 09:15**

**Irena Weber** – Croatian Employers' Association, Director General

**Domenico Campogrande** – European Construction Industry Federation, Director General

**Goran Romek** – Ministry of Economy, State Secretary

### 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

Ministry of Physical Planning, Construction and State Assets, (TBC)

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

**10:45 – 11:00**

Coffee break





## Introductory presentation - Challenges with unfair competition in Croatia

- 11:00 – 11:15**            **Marko Turudić** – Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Associate Professor, Department of Administrative Law
- 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
- Jasenka 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**            **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**            **Domenico Campogrande** (FIEC) and **Irena Weber** (CEA)
- 13:30 – 14:30**            Networking lunch

