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Delegates' Invitation for the EIC SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**on 28-29 April 2022
in Lisbon, Portugal**





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Berlin, 21st January 2022

Invitation to EIC Spring Conference on 28-29 April 2022 in Lisbon

Dear Madam, Sir,

EIC and our Portuguese Member Federation, Federação Portuguesa da Indústria da Construção e Obras Pública (FEPICOP), are pleased to invite you to the upcoming **EIC Spring 2022 General Assembly and Workshop** – the first physical EIC Conference since autumn 2019 – to be held on:

Friday, 29 April 2022, in Lisbon

at the InterContinental Lisbon,

Rua Castilho, 149 , Lisbon , 1099-034, Portugal

>> Hotel Details

with a **Welcome Reception** at the InterContinental and the traditional **Gala Dinner** at Palácio dos Condes d'Obidos in the evening of 28 April 2022.

EIC's first physical conference since October 2019 will be held at the 5-star "InterContinental Lisbon" hotel, a landmark on Lisbon's skyline, located close to Marques de Pombal Square. FEPICOP has kindly negotiated a special room rate of 200 € per night for single occupancy of a Deluxe Room, including breakfast and VAT (220 € for double occupancy). In order to benefit from this special rate, please make your room reservation no later than 10 March 2022 by following this >> booking link. You will be forwarded to a **special webpage** which provides for the applicable Terms and Conditions, including the cancellation policy. As of 11 March 2022, this reservation will expire, and rooms will be subject to availability.



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The EIC Spring Conference will commence as usual with a **Welcome Reception and Networking event** at the conference hotel (*InterContinental Lisbon*) on Thursday evening from 19:00 to 20:00 hrs. providing for an excellent occasion to network between international contractors, associated member companies, speakers, sponsors and invited guests. Buses for the **Gala Dinner** at the Palácio dos Condes d'Obidos will leave at 20:00 hrs. and will return to the hotels at approximately 23:00 hrs.

The **Working Programme** on Friday starts at 09:00 hrs. with a **Workshop** dedicated to the theme “**Infrastructure Financing in Africa - What Future for European international contractors?**”. The objective of our EIC Workshop is to analyse the future business opportunities for European international contractors in Africa and to examine which sources of financing will be available. EIC and FEPICOP have invited high-level experts from the Portuguese Government, the European Commission as well as from European and multilateral Development Financing Institutions and from a leading international commercial bank to request their insights on how to overcome Africa's infrastructure financing gap (cf. [Enclosure](#)).

The internal **General Assembly** will be held after Workshop and lunch break, from 14:00 - 16:00 hrs. EIC Delegates are requested to stay on for this programme item in order to take the necessary statutory decisions, including the EIC Budget and Subscriptions, Membership Issues, and (Re-) Elections of the EIC Board, and to familiarise themselves with the latest EIC lobbying activities.

The **Accompanying Persons' Programme** on Friday starts at 09:30 hrs. from the lobby of the conference hotel and will take participants to experience a private cooking class on how to prepare the typical sweet treat of the region, 'pastéis de nata' (custard tart).

EIC and FEPICOP are currently checking possible options for the **post-conference dinner on Friday evening** in a nice Portuguese restaurant in either the Bairro Alto or Belém, capable of accommodating a larger group. An additional fee of 75,00 € p.p. applies and includes transportation and all expenses.



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How to register

For **your registration**, please use the following link: [>> Registration](#).

Conference Website

Due to constraints connected with the coronavirus pandemic, the conference programme is still work in progress. Please check regularly our **Conference Website** as it will provide **updated information** regarding accommodation, conference programme as well as Workshop speakers. [>> Spring 2022 Conference Website](#)

Conference Hotel

The EIC Spring Conference will take place at the InterContinental Lisbon. Participants are kindly requested to organise the bookings of their accommodation. FEPICOP has kindly negotiated a special room rate of 200 € per night for single occupancy of a Deluxe Room, including breakfast and VAT (220 € for double occupancy). In order to benefit from this special rate, please make your room reservation no later than 10 March 2022 by following the booking link below. You will be forwarded to a **special webpage** which provides for the applicable Terms and Conditions, including the cancellation policy. As of 11 March 2022, this reservation will expire, and rooms will be subject to availability.

[Conference Hotel Information](#) and [Booking Link](#).

COVID-regulations to travel safe and healthy

Information regarding travel requirements and restrictions, quarantine rules, testing requirements, and more in the EU's 27 member states – along with non-EU Schengen countries Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Iceland – can be accessed through the **'Reopen EU platform'**. The information is updated frequently and available in 24 languages.

Conference Costs

The usual **Delegate's Fee of € 250 net** will apply and will be invoiced following your registration. (This fee does not apply to accompanying persons.) Kindly be informed that the fee is a **fixed conference fee**, and can not be reduced if Delegates do not participate at the entire programme on both days. An **additional fee of 75 € pp** will be invoiced upon registration for the **optional Post-Conference Dinner** in order to cover for related costs.

EIC and FEPICOP are pleased to live up to the challenge of organising the first physical EIC Conference since October 2019 and we look forward to welcoming you to the EIC Spring 2022 Conference in Lisbon!

Kind regards,

European International Contractors,
Frank Kehlenbach, EIC Director



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2.0 CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

InterContinental Lisbon

Thursday, 28 April 2022

14:00 - 18:00	EIC Board Meeting (Board Members only)
19:00 - 20:00	Welcome Cocktail & Networking at InterContinental Lisbon
20:00 - 20:30	Bus transfer (buses leave from the InterContinental at 20:00)
20:30 - 23:00	Gala Dinner at the Palácio dos Condes d'Obidos
23:00	Buses return to the hotel

Friday, 29 April 2022

08:15 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 13:00	Workshop on “Infrastructure Financing in Africa - What Future for European international contractors?”
13:00 - 14:00	Working lunch at conference hotel
14:00 - 16:00	Internal General Assembly (Delegates only)
09:30 – 13:00	Accompanying persons’ event: Private cooking workshop
20:00 - 23:00 (tbc)	Post-conference dinner EIC and FEPIOP are currently checking possible options in a nice Portuguese restaurant in either the Bairro Alto or Belém, capable of accommodating a larger group.



3.0 WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

'Infrastructure Financing in Africa - What Future for European international contractors?'

09:00 – 11:00 SESSION 1: THE POLICY CONTEXT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE IN AFRICA

	<i>Benoît Chauvin</i> EIC President	Introduction
	<i>N.N.</i> High-Level Portuguese Government Representative	The Portugal-Africa Partnership
	<i>N.N.</i> DG International Partnerships European Commission	The Impact of the new EU 'Global Gateway' Strategy on EU Transport Infrastructure Financing
	<i>Jean-Pierre Elong Mbassi (tbc)</i> Secretary General, UCLGA Africa	Africa's Vision for Transport Infrastructure
	<i>N.N.</i> <i>Sponsor's Address</i>	Addressing Africa's infrastructure
Panel Discussion		

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break & Networking

11:30 - 13:00 SESSION 2: FINANCING OPTIONS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IN AFRICA

	<i>Yoshi Ichikawa</i> <i>Managing Director, Head of Europe, Standard Chartered Bank</i>	Private Financing Opportunities on Africa's Infrastructure Market
	<i>N.N.</i> African Development Bank	The Role of the AfDB in Bridging Africa's Transport Infrastructure Gap
	<i>N.N.</i> EIB	The Role of EIB in Financing Infrastructure in Africa and the new EIB Development Branch
	<i>Christian Yoka (tbc)</i> Head of Africa Department, AFD	Lessons Learned from AFD Financing for Africa's Transport Infrastructure
Panel Discussion		
	<i>Benoît Chauvin</i> EIC President	Closing Remarks



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4.0 HOTEL INFORMATION

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Location: [Google Maps](#)

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