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**ACEI Newsletter - 27 August 2020**

## Information and Advice for ACEI Members

### ACEI Work Arrangements

The ACEI office is temporarily closed. Email [info@acei.ie](mailto:info@acei.ie) with queries or contact [sarah.ingle@acei.ie](mailto:sarah.ingle@acei.ie).

### Covid-19 Updates

- [ACEI](#)
- [EFCA](#)
- [FIDIC](#)

### Online Resources

- [HSE](#)
- [Revenue](#)
- [Institute of Public Health](#)
- [Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection](#)
- [Health & Safety Authority](#)
- [World Health Organisation](#)
- [Centre for Disease Control](#)
- [Health Protection Surveillance Centre](#)
- [Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade](#)

### ACEI Overview of Upcoming External Events and News

There are a number of external events planned for the coming weeks that may be of interest. Further information and booking details are available on the Events page of the [ACEI Website](#).

The *CitA TECHLIVE* event is taking place on 2 hours per day during 21 - 25 September. Further information and registration details are on its [dedicated website](#).

The latest ACEI [News updates](#) can be accessed on the two relevant sections on the website.

### ACEI / Irish Water Connections Workshop

ACEI was pleased to collaborate with Irish Water recently to co-ordinate the successful delivery of a connections workshop for ACEI members. More than 100 attendees were registered on the day, and a number of Irish Water staff delivered an informative series of presentations on a variety of connection related topics. Many questions were answered during the workshop and a helpful summary of all the questions and answers was subsequently provided by Irish Water to all participants. This Q&A summary is available to view by FConsEI and RConsEI in the member login area of the [ACEI Website](#).

### FIDIC AGM and Conference September 2020

The FIDIC Conference this year is taking place in a virtual environment over two days, 11 and 14 September. Registration details including a discounted price for members and further information are available on the [website](#).

ACEI Members are also cordially invited to attend the upcoming FIDIC AGM as an observer. The AGM is planned for 11am Irish time on Tuesday 15 September. [Advance registration](#) is required.

### DRSF Provides Free Skills Advice to Business

The Dublin Regional Skills Forum welcomes communications from firms looking to upskill their employees as well as obtain information on engaging with education providers. Registering with DRSF is easy with its [online form](#). Further information on the skills supports available is included in a [new flyer](#).

## CERAI Online Conference 2020

This year's Civil Engineering Research Association of Ireland (CERAI) conference, organised by the Cork Institute of Technology (CIT), is taking place virtually on 27 - 28 August 2020. The conference will include details of many civil engineering research projects taking place around Ireland.

Congratulations to the ACEI member firms including Malachy Walsh and Roughan & O'Donovan that have submitted research papers for inclusion in the proceedings. Further information and registration information is available on the [CIT Events Website](#).

## Consultation on Extension of Luas Green Line

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and the National Transport Authority (NTA) have set up a consultation on proposals to extend the Luas Green Line to Finglas. The emerging route for the proposed extension of the Luas Green Line, from its current terminus in Broombridge, to Finglas is approximately 4km long with four stops. It is proposed that a park and ride facility is developed in Charlestown and additional tram storage at the existing Broombridge depot is provided.

A consultation process has been set up to consider the following aspects of the project for the next stage of design development:

- Emerging preferred route for the extension
- Location of the proposed new stops
- Location of the proposed park and ride

Comments on the extension proposals can be provided at: [www.luasfinglas.ie](http://www.luasfinglas.ie). The deadline to respond is 17 Sept 2020.

## FIDIC Conditions of Contracts Training

A FIDIC Online Module 1 on the practical use of conditions of contracts on the [FIDIC 2017 Red and Yellow books](#) is taking place during October 2020 – February 2021. The course is based on lectures and case-studies to practice the application of the various contract conditions. Registration can be completed up until 8 October 2020.

## Recent Good News

- According to a new report by [Agora Energiewende](#), the EU can significantly increase its climate protection target for 2030. The report outlines that it is technically and economically possible for EU Member States to achieve a 55% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions over the period 1990 – 2030.
- In a recent [Eurostat Newsletter](#) it was noted that in June 2020, probably as a result of the relaxation of some containment measures in many member states, the seasonally adjusted production in the construction sector rose by 4.0% in the euro area and by 2.9% in the EU.
- Industry figures have shown that despite major disruptions during Jan - June 2020, installation of new European wind farms was [comparable to previous years](#).

## Business Processes and Resilience

An article from [CMSWire](#) outlines the importance of [good business processes](#) and explains how they are key to resilience during disruptive events such as a pandemic. The author notes that companies can no longer: *avoid process understanding. Work-related implications of COVID-19 emphasise our need for a renewed focus on process, as inefficient communications and workflows can make or break delivery of a product or service. The teams that will be most successful next year are prepared to execute on innovative ideas and adapt willingly.*

## July 2020 Government Stimulus Package

There has been a broad welcome for the Government's July 2020 stimulus package for the economy. In a recent [EY article](#), author Julia Ann Corkery notes some key areas that need to be addressed: (1) Private Sector Involvement (2) Collaborative Procurement and Delivery (3) Capacity and experience of public sector to deliver. She concludes that: *While the Government has been decisive and swift in announcing significant additional investment in the July Stimulus Package, there will need to be continued and consistent investment over the coming years.*