Infrastructure Forum - Smartly Procuring Infrastructure in a Changing World

On 6 December 2019, FIEC attended the European Commission's Infrastructure Forum dedicated to the procurement of infrastructure, where ANCE, our Italian Member Federation, gave a presentation on the perspective of SMEs. At the centre of discussions were the award of public contracts according to the price only and the participation of third-country bidders in public procurement procedures.

The Commission underlined the risks of awarding to the lowest bid but pointed to the flexibility of the legal provisions. Also, the Commission announced that it is currently working on a list which should help contracting authorities to identify which third countries, and to what extent, have secured market access. The Commission will eventually come up with an IT-tool to support contracting authorities in this regard. To ensure a level playing field on the EU's procurement market, ANCE stressed the necessity to extend the application of the EU's competition rules to state aid granted by third countries.

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