

## **Topic : Expert Group on eProcurement (EXEP)**

### **Brief description and main aims:**

As the 2014 Public Procurement Directives include provisions on the development of electronic procurement, the European Commission has set up an Expert Group on Electronic Procurement (EXEP), in order to facilitate the implementation of these rules at national level. It gathers mainly representatives of national administrations of the EU member states who exchange information about their respective national situations and get assistance, advice and recommendations from the European Commission on how to proceed with the various aspects of digitalisation in public procurement.

FIEC managed to get a seat in this experts' group that meets twice a year.

Furthermore, FIEC is an observer to the newly created subgroup on eCertis. eCertis is an online database listing the eligibility criteria and documentary evidence needed in each Member State to take part in public procurement.

### **Why FIEC is dealing with this topic:**

Private economic operators have a crucial role to play in helping national administrations to make the transition towards electronic procurement as companies are among the end users of public procurement tools.

Amongst others, FIEC contributed to the work on interoperability matters, accreditation of platforms, implementation of the Electronic Single Procurement Document (ESPD); and intervenes on a regular basis to present the views and needs of the construction industry in this field.

### **Actions and key dates:**

- 2014** – Setup of the European Commission Expert Group on eProcurement (EXEP)
- 05/2019** – EXEP meeting, Brussels
- 11/2019** – EXEP meeting, Brussels
- 18/02/2020** – 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the subgroup on eCertis