



PEDMEDE & TEE INFODAY on “BIM & Construction 2050 – Building tomorrow’s Europe today”

With great success and significant representativeness on behalf of the Government and the political world, as well as of the scientific community implemented the Info-day co-organized by PEDMEDE and TEE on Friday, October 18th entitled "BIM & Construction 2050 - Building tomorrow's Europe today".

For the first time in Greece, keynote speakers were the President of FIEC (European Construction Industry Federation), Mr. Kjetil Tønning and the Director of FIEC Technical Committee, Ms. Sue Arundale, who presented the key axes of the European Initiative "BIM" & Construction 2050 - Building tomorrow's Europe today". On behalf of Greece, keynote speakers were Mrs Maria Spiraki, MEP focused on circular economy and Dr. Antonios Panas, Secretary General of the PEDMEDE Department of Companies, who presented the Greek framework regarding the above-mentioned initiative.

Mr. Michail Daktylidis, PEDMEDE's President, opened the Info-day, welcoming and addressing greetings to the guests, as well as to the Political leadership who responded to the Federation's invitation warmly.

A big majority of Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Secretary Generals and Government representatives were presented in the event, underlining its importance for the construction industry and recognizing TEE and PEDMEDE's efforts to highlight BIM (Building Information Modelling), as the future building tool for the construction industry.

Government representatives who honored the Federation with their presence were, inter alia, the Minister of Infrastructure & Transport, Mr. Konstantinos Karamanlis, who represented the Prime Minister, Mr. Kyriakos Mitsotakis as well through a letter addressed by the Prime Minister to the Association and read by the event Moderator Mr Efthimios Anagnostopoulos, the Minister of Development and Investment Mr Adonis Georgiadis, the Deputy Minister of Development, Mr. Nikolaos Papathanassis, the Deputy Minister of Labor, Ms. Domna Michailidou, the NSRF Secretary General, Mr. Dimitrios Skalkos, the Natural Environment and Water Secretary General Mr. Konstantinos Aravossis and the Infrastructure Secretary General Mr. George Karagiannis. Additionally, the event attended the ERDF Special Secretary Ms. Niki Dandolou, EFKA Deputy Governor Mr. Konstantinos Tsagaropoulos, the ATTIKO METRO Managing Director Mr. Nikolaos Kouretas, the ERGOSE Managing Director Mr. Christos Polis and so on.



The Digital Deputy Ministers. G. Georgandas and Gr. Zarifopoulos, didn't managed to attend the event, though they addressed their statements, extending a brief greeting and expressing their support for the Association's efforts.

Significant were the statements of Mr. Konstantinos Karamanlis who was referred to the Government's plan regarding public works, the Law 4412/2016 and its commitment to adopt institutional amendments that will simplify public procurement procedures, in accordance with stakeholders suggestions and in particular PEDMEDE. In addition, the Minister committed to revise the bidding up to a budget, in line with the Association's proposals, stressing the need to boost projects concerning smaller municipalities and regions.

At the same time, welcomes and greeting for the info-day tasks were addressed on behalf of the Minister and the Deputy Secretary of State for Development and Investments, Adonis Georgiadis and Nikolaos Papathanassis, who pointed out that the construction ecosystem is strongly linked to development and the Ministry is open for a close cooperation with PEDMEDE.

In this context, the Secretary General of Spatial Planning and Urban Environment, Mr. Efthimios Bakogiannis emphasized that the Ministry has proceeded to significant initiatives and actions regarding the construction sector, taking for granted that TEE and PEDMEDE are co-partners.

As a final note, the Info-day highlighted the key components of the "BIM & Construction 2050 - Building tomorrow's Europe today" initiative, which are: Digitalization, Climate Change, Circular Economy, Energy Efficiency, the New Skills demands, the Digital Economy and Youth Unemployment.

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