



## SAVE THE DATE

### Kære medlemmer af Network of Global Civil Engineers NGCE (tidl DPN)!

Generalforsamling og efterfølgende medlemsmøde i netværket **afholdes torsdag 18. juni fra 15.00** i København. Mødet er flyttet fra 9. juni grundet afstemning om sammenlægning af Dansk Byggeri og DI denne dag.

Hvis det bliver muligt at mødes, afholder vi generalforsamling kl. 15.00 med efterfølgende medlemsmøde i Dansk Byggeri. Alternativt afholdes generalforsamling skriftligt og medlemsarrangementet som et rent webinar.

Materiale til generalforsamling udsendes i næste uge

### Date

The event is taking place on Thursday 18th June 2020 at 15.30–18.30

Web event, possibly mixed with a live audience

### Draft programme

#### **Germany at the helm of Europe - How can the German EU presidency get EU back on track post COVID-19**

In the second half of 2020, Germany is taking over the EU presidency.

The upcoming presidency was expected to be difficult finding compromises on the external borders and immigration along with the 7Y budget just to highlight a few. However, its nothing compared to the situation EU is facing after the COVID-19 pandemic.

So how will Germany ensure a good recovery of the EU? One thing is the financial situation, another is how to implement the EU goals on digitalisation and the Green Deal, a third is how to restore the backbone of EU the internal market, having seen a wide range of national initiatives resulting in closed borders and a negative impact on labour mobility when introducing different quarantine systems. And last but not least some countries violating the rules of law in the name of Corona.

Moderator of the event and Ms Lykke Friis, CEO, Think Tank EUROPA, former minister (confirmed)

- Welcome and opening the debate (5 min)  
Ms. Friis – Introduction to the topic, perhaps including findings from relevant surveys conducted by the thinktank.
- Opening session (10 min.)  
German Ambassador to Denmark Detlev Rüniger (confirmed) - The Priorities of the German EU presidency and perhaps a view on some of the most difficult areas to which common solutions are needed.

- Keynote speech (20 min.)  
Ms. Jana Puglierin, Head of European Council on Foreign Relations Berlin (ECFR) (TBC) – Focusing on the issues that need to be dealt with by the presidency such as re-opening the Internal Market, agreement on the 7Y budget and the Recovery Fund, the main priorities of the EU (digitalization and Green Deal as well as Brexit). ECFR results from survey conducted in different EU countries on the most urgent issues for EU to deal with. Role of national states versus the EU, diverging national interests/priorities
- Q&A-session (10 min.)
- Short break (10 min.) – until 16.15

Perspective: “Economic Recovery and German Presidency”

- From a national point of view (15 min. +10)  
Mr. Dieter Babel, Managing Director, Hauptverband der Deutschen Bauindustrie e. V./German Construction Industry (confirmed)  
Title: Mr Babel will prepare the title himself. What does the German construction sector look like post COVID and what are the expectations to the EU presidency to get Germany and Europe back on track?
- From an EU point of view (15 min + 10)  
Mr. Heiko Willems, Director, BDI/BDA The German Business Representation EU (confirmed)  
Title: Restart and Recovery – 4 phases to Address Economic Consequences of COVID-19. What are the concrete instruments and initiatives needed from the German EU presidency to get the European businesses back on track?  
<https://english.bdi.eu/publication/news/restart-and-recovery/>
- SUM-up by moderator Lykke Friis

Medlemsmødet arrangeres i samarbejde med Det Udenrigspolitiske Selskab, DI og Dansk Byggeri/NGCE. Vi håber at kunne afholde mødet med fysisk deltagelse, dog bliver oplæggene fra de tyske deltagere via video/skype. Mere information følger.

Endelig finder I vedlagt i mail invitation fra Anders Fogh Rasmussen, som lovet på mødet tidligere i år.