



Conference Agenda



Future Trends 2025

The ACES Regional Conference on Future Trends in
the Construction Industry.

Day 1 – October 30, 2025

08:00 - 09:00

Registration and Welcome Coffee

09:00 - 09:30

Opening Remarks, Introduction of Speakers

- **Bojan Dinić**, Executive Director of ACES

Introductory Speech

- **Branislav Simović**, President of the ACES Assembly

Key Note

- **Alfredo Ingletti**, FIDIC President
- **Ioana Dragan**, EFCA Vice-President

09:30 - 10:45

Session 1

Smart Budgeting for Smart Projects

Session 1 focus: Smart budgeting begins with strategic thinking – not just numbers. This session explores how to plan and allocate “soft” costs such as design, supervision, project management, and consultancy services in a way that maximizes project value. Panelists will discuss setting realistic budgets, defining clear tender requirements linked to quality and performance criteria, and ensuring that technical documentation supports smarter, more efficient project delivery.

Moderator:

- **Nikola Matić**, Consulting Engineer, ACES BoD Vice President, CDRC Presidency, ACES Adjudicator

Panelists:

- **Vladimir Đorić**, Architect, Zabriskie – Partner
- **Jordan Kusigerski**, Engineer – WaltGamarini
- **Prof. dr Zoran Stojadinović**, Faculty of Civil Engineering, University of Belgrade
- **Nemanja Uzelac**, Commercial Director, Konstruktor Konsalting

10:45 - 11:15 Coffee Break



11:15 - 11:30 Platinum Sponsor Presentation



11:30 - 12:45

Session 2

Ghosts from the Past; Global Claims

Session 2 focus: Modern approaches to managing contracts and claims, with a special focus on implementing a Contract and Claim Management system. The session will examine the challenges of so-called “ghosts of the past” through global claims, experiences from international practice, as well as specific aspects from the perspective of works insurance. The goal is to show how proper management of claims and contracts contributes to transparency, risk reduction, and successful project delivery.

Moderator:

- **Dušan Cvetković**, Consulting Engineer, LL.M, ACES Adjudicator, CDRC Presidency, CDRC Arbitrator, DIAC Arbitrator

Panelists:

- **Irakli Khergiani**, President of ACEG, FIDIC President's List Adjudicator
- **Živadin Lukić**, Consulting Engineer, ACES Adjudicator, CDRC Arbitrator
- **Nebojša Pavlović**, Consulting Engineer, RICS Certified Expert, FCI Arb, PMP, LL.M
- **Stefan Jevremović**, Director of Special Solutions Sector (ACB)

12:45 - 13:15

Special Guest's Presentation

- **OICE - Association of Italian Engineering, Architectural and Technical- Economic Consulting Organizations**
 - Representative: **Marco Ragusa**
- **KNAPEC - Kazakhstan National Association of Professional Engineers and Consultants**
 - Representative: **Aizhan Issagulova**

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13:15 – 14:30 Lunch Break



14:30 – 15:00

Inclusive Design and Architectural Solutions

- **Ljupka Mihailovska**, Serbian Alliance for Accessibility, BoD President
- **Andela Karabašević**, ACES

15:00 – 16:15

Session 3 focus: Session 3 will focus on the role of artificial intelligence in modern society and its potential in the construction industry, from the perspective of the world's leading AI vendors. The discussion will cover the adaptation of AI solutions to specific industries, the support provided by global vendors to smaller markets, as well as challenges related to data availability and quality. Special emphasis will be placed on infrastructure issues—both commercial and research—as well as the role of the state and regulators in creating an environment conducive to technology implementation. The session will also address topics related to the regulatory framework, intellectual property, and legal aspects of contracting.

Session 3

Artificial Intelligence in the Construction Sector and Best Practice Cases

Moderator:

- **Milan Jevtić**, CTO - ALGO

Panelists:

- **Milan Gospić**, Microsoft Garage Serbia Lead
- **Danilo Savić**, CTO – State Data Center
- **Andrea Radonjanin**, Lawyer - Schönherr
- **Višnja Blažin**, Project Manager - Konstruktor Konsalting

16:15 – 16:30 Closing of Day 1 and announcement of Day 2

20:30 – 23:30 ACES Party – Insolita Restaurant, “Gastrošor” Luka Beograd



Day 2 – October 31, 2025

08:30 - 09:15 Registration and Welcome Coffee

09:15 - 10:30

Session 4 will be dedicated to the role and effective use of the Dispute Avoidance/Adjudication Board (DAAB) in FIDIC contracts, with a focus on its dispute avoidance function. The session will present FIDIC's strategic approach to DAABs and their avoidance role, the importance of timely appointment of qualified DAAB members, as well as the significance of the Board's active involvement from the very beginning of the project. Participants will have the opportunity to learn more about practical ways to ensure the preventive function of the DAAB and to secure its efficient operation throughout the entire duration of the contractual relationship.

Session 4:

ADR: Dispute Avoidance/Adjudication Boards (DAAB) with focus on Avoidance Role

Moderator:

- **Katarina Obradović Baklaja**, Attorney at law, ACES BoD member, CDRC President, FIDIC TG4 member

Panelists:

- **Cosmin Tobolcea, PhD**, Consulting Engineer, Member of the FIDIC Board, GM Pro Toby & Managing Partner Euro Finance Advisors
- **Jovan Nikčević, PhD**, Attorney at law, ICC Court member
- **Nina Tsaturova**, Intelligent Solution LLC, Tbilisi, Georgia, International Construction Chambers, London, UK - Head of Caucasus and Central Asia, FIDIC Accredited Adjudicator & Trainer
- **Blažo Begović**, Consulting Engineer, ACES Adjudicator & certified Trainer

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break



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Session 5 focus: Defining success in construction projects, the Engineer's role, project management aligned with FIDIC 2017 models, quality of project documentation at contract stage, reliable contractors, and stable financing.

Session 5

How to Achieve a Successful Project?

Moderator:

- **Nikola Cvijanović**, Consulting Engineer, ACES BoD Member, ACES Adjudicator

Panelists:

- **Srdan Topalović**, FIDIC / IPMA A CET, d.i.g.
- **Jugoslav Janjić**, dizajn Arhitektura, Design Engineer, d.i.a.
- **Draško Bugarčić**, Brigate – Director of Project Management Sector
- **Vladimir Bešlagić**, Financial Consultant

12:15 - 13:00

Special Guest's Presentation

Belgrade Metro Project

- **Aleksandra Perović**, Director of the Signaling and Telecommunications Department

State Data Center

Presentation of the Digitally Innovative Infrastructure in the Republic of Serbia – the State Data Centre, the Innovation District in Kragujevac and Ložionica

- **Doc. dr Mihailo Jovanović**, Director of the Office for Information Technologies and eGovernment
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13:00 - 14:15 Lunch Break



14:15 - 15:30

Session 6 focus: Session 6 will be focused on the impact of science, technology and innovation in the development of the construction sector. Participants will discuss regulatory and other challenges in the application of innovations, but also the potential that the development of new technologies contributes to the development of the construction sector. Participants will present AI and digital technologies for improving the quality, sustainability and safety of projects, the possibility of applying 3D printing of building structures, as well as innovative solutions for achieving better energy efficiency.

Session 6

Innovations in Construction for a Better Future

Moderator:

- **Dragana Čukić**, Consulting Engineer, ACES
BoD member, CDRC Vicepresident, ACES
Adjudicator

Panelists:

- **Prof. dr Aleksandar Pavić**, University of Exeter, Managing Director at Full Scale Dynamics, Co-Founder FSD Active
 - **Prof. dr Ivan Ignjatović**, Faculty of Civil Engineering, University of Belgrade
 - **Igor Osmokrović**, COO, BEXEL Manager
 - **Jernej Standeker**, Head of Applied Technologies for Southeast Europe, Schöck
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15:30 - 15:45

Q&A and Closing Remarks

- **Branislav Simović**, President of the ACES Assembly and Board Member
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15:45

Cocktail

