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SPEAKERS' BIOS



Dr Nicholas Fearnley, Head of Global Construction Forecasting I Construction & Infrastructure at Oxford Economics

Dr Nicholas Fearnley was awarded holds a PhD from the University of Sydney with a thesis titled: "A Critical and Quantitative Analysis of the Relationship between Informal Institutions and Economic Development." He was awarded the Walter Noel Gillies Prize for best PhD thesis in Economics, and his thesis was accepted without edits. Nicholas also holds degrees in both Accounting and Finance.

Nicholas oversees the teams that produce the various construction, mining, and maintenance studies and forecasts at Oxford Economics. He works over the full construction spectrum, and regularly presents and provides commentary for the construction industry.

Nicholas previously worked at Macromonitor where he was responsible for producing regular Australian building construction forecast reports, and bespoke cost escalation and material demand forecasts.



Jose Antonio Nieto, President, CECE & CEO, Putzmeister Iberica

Jose Antonio Nieto is CECE President for the term 2024-2025. Prior to this, he served as Vice-President of CECE from 2022-2023.

He is also CEO of Putzmeister Iberica, a member company of the Spanish industry association ANMOPYC. His professional career in construction machinery began in after-sales service, joining Putzmeister as Head of Service in 1999 and progressing to Technical Director and COO. He has been in his current position as CEO since 2007.

In addition to leading the Spanish subsidiary of the Putzmeister Group, he has been responsible for growing the underground business unit for tunnelling and mining within the group. After the 2008 crisis he had to turnaround the Spanish affiliate business from local construction machinery sales to international own underground product sales. Nowadays Putzmeister has an underground business unit serving the tunnelling and mining customers all over the world.

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Sebastian Popp, CECE Economic Affairs Manager

Sebastian leads and coordinates all CECE activities related to statistical and economic analysis. Based at VDMA in Frankfurt, he is supported by Hans-Jürgen Pons and Natallia Esche who manage the CECE statistical exchanges.

Sebastian holds a degree in business administration and cross-cultural management. Before joining VDMA in 2008 he worked for a consulting company.



Riccardo Viaggi, CECE Secretary General

Riccardo Viaggi as the CECE Secretary General represents the construction equipment sector towards the EU institutions and manages the association's Brussels office.

Riccardo Viaggi is an experienced EU governmental affairs professional, who served eight years as the Secretary General of EBC, European Builders Confederation. In this function, he represented European construction micro, small and medium-sized enterprises from the 20 affiliates and partners of EBC in Brussels.

He sat within relevant European associations as the European SME association UEAPME, Small Business Standards SBS. He also represented construction SMEs in other stakeholder bodies like the European Standing Committee for Construction and the European social dialogue committee for construction.

Before covering this function, he was in charge of European projects for EBC. During 2 years as project manager, he has been the initiator of several successful project initiatives in different policy fields such as energy efficiency and renewable sources, social dialogue and mobility of youth and apprentices.