



# **ECCE BRIEF ACTIVITY REPORT**

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# 64<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting in Athens, Greece

October 21-22 2016



- The 64<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting was held on 20 – 22 October 2016, in Athens, Greece, hosted by the Civil Engineers Association of Greece (ACEG) and the Technical Chamber of Greece (TCG). The Round Table “Building the future: The road to prosperity is always under construction” was held on 20th October 2016, organized by ACEG, TCG and ECCE, in the context of the 64<sup>th</sup> ECCE GM. On 22<sup>nd</sup> October the ECCE General Assembly elected the new Executive Board for 2016 – 2018 at the ECCE Executive Board Elections.

# Election of the ECCE Executive Board 2016 - 2018

Name	Position	Country
<b>Massimo Mariani</b>	President	Italy
<b>Wlodzimierz Szymczak</b>	Immediate Past President	Poland
<b>Aris Chatzidakis</b>	Vice President / President Elect	Greece
<b>Dimitar Natchev</b>	Vice President / Treasurer	Bulgaria
<b>Andres Piirsalu</b>	Executive Board Member	Estonia
<b>Jose Francisco Saez Rubio</b>	Executive Board Member	Spain
<b>Iuri Svanidze</b>	Executive Board Member	Georgia



# **AFTER ATHENS**

# Stakeholder Conference on Common Training (1) Principles for Engineers 27 October 2016, Vienna



On 27<sup>th</sup> of October, the final Stakeholder Conference on CTP for Engineers took place at the “Haus der Ingenieure” in Vienna. More than 60 European experts from ministries and Engineering Organisations discussed the main controversies in regard to the revised draft proposal.

Discussion topics were e.g. the possibility of compensation of academic education, the potential difficulties in non-regulated countries in regard to the requirement of a home-country certification and the possibility to base a two-level recognition system on a common scope of authorization. In mid-September, the CTP Project Team sent out the Draft Proposal and Survey Report for consultation to the Competent Authorities of the Engineering profession and over hundred National and European Engineering organisations, and received a high amount of feedback.

# **Stakeholder Conference on Common Training Principles for Engineers (2)**

## **27 October 2016, Vienna**

ECCE Member representatives that were present in the Conference are the following:

<b>Name / Surname</b>	<b>Country</b>
<b>Alois Materna</b>	Czech Republic
<b>Maria Stefanova</b>	Bulgaria
<b>Dimitar Natchev</b>	Bulgaria
<b>Aris Chatzidakis</b>	Greece
<b>Gabor Szolloszy</b>	Hungary
<b>Hansjorg Letzner</b>	Italy
<b>Barbara Skraba-Flis</b>	Slovenia
<b>Jose Francisco Saez Rubio</b>	Spain
<b>Pablo linde Puelles</b>	Spain
<b>Susan Clements</b>	UK

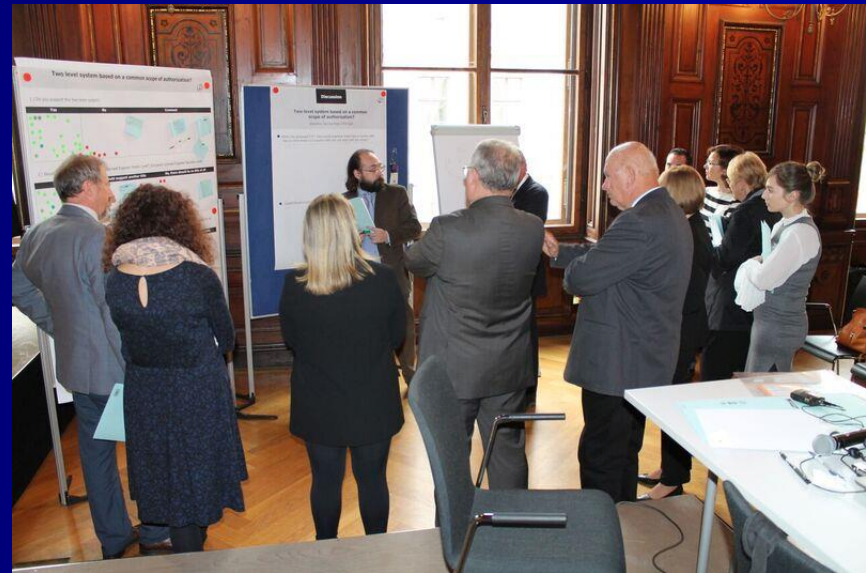
The results of the workshop were analysed and the ECEC Project team submitted a final report with its' recommendations for further steps in regard to CTP for Engineers. The project was finalized in January 2017.

# Stakeholder Conference on Common Training Principles for Engineers (3)

## 27 October 2016, Vienna

ECCE participated in this project from the beginning and a special Task Group was formed for this reason and consisted of the following persons:

- Jose Francisco Saez Rubio, Spain
- Vincentas Stragys, Lithuania
- Dimitar Natchev, Bulgaria
- Fernando Branco, Portugal





# Award ceremony for The German Elite-SME Award 2016 to Mr. Manfred Weber MEP

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On 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016, in Berlin the award ceremony for The German Elite - SME Award 2016 to Mr. Manfred Weber MEP, President of the European People's Party in the European Parliament took place. Manfred Weber received this award for his outstanding contribution to the SME community, making him the 23<sup>rd</sup> recipient of the prestigious award.

Predecessors include Former Chancellor Gerhard Schröder, German political heavyweight Edmund Stoiber, Foreign Affairs minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier and current Commissioner Günther Oettinger. The prize is given once a year to a politician who has put significant effort towards creating a better environment for SMEs and the self-employed.

The event was organized by the Union Mittelständischer Unternehmen e.V. - UMU (German Association of Midsize Companies - UMU) and Wir Eigentümerunternehmer (We Entrepreneurs) - Group of Associations of Small and Medium-Sized Companies. The meeting was attended by almost 150 prominent guests representing world of politics, business, academia and associations of Small and Medium-Sized Companies.

## **Award ceremony for The German Elite-SME Award 2016 to Mr. Manfred Weber MEP**

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Laudatory speeches were been given by Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission and by longstanding UMU member and prominent German consultant Prof. Dr. h.c. Roland Berger.

What is even more important for ECCE, during the same ceremony, ECCE Past President Prof. Fernando Branco was awarded with a prestigious title of Honorary Senator, Member of the European Senate of the "We Entrepreneurs" Group, which was one of the organizers of this ceremony. ECCE was represented in this event also by Immediate Past President Wlodzimierz Szymczak, who possesses the Honorary Senator title since 2015.

Representatives of ECCE held a number of interesting meetings and talks in Berlin. First of all, with Mr. Manfred Weber, to whom they conveyed basic information about ECCE and its objectives, especially in Brussels and gave The ECCE History Book to him.

On the previous day, November 9<sup>th</sup>, Wlodzimierz Szymczak had a meeting with Mr. Hermann Sturm. During the talks a topic of the future of German Civil Engineers in ECCE was discussed.

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# Engineering Association of the Mediterranean Countries (EAMC) ExBo meeting (1) 20 – 21 January 2017, Rome



ECCE Vice President / President Elect Aris Chatzidakis was nominated by ECCE to participate in the EAMC ExBo meeting in Rome as he is also ExBo member of EAMC representing ECCE. The meeting was hosted in the premises of CNI at Via XX Settembre 5 in Rome.

The first day was a common meeting of the technical committees with the participation of ExBo members so that the agenda of each technical committee could take a final form.

The second day was the report from the committees to the ExBo and the ExBo meeting.

# Engineering Association of the Mediterranean Countries (EAMC) ExBo meeting 20 – 21 January 2017, Rome (2)



The ExBo gave his approval to the agendas of the committees and faced the current financial and organizational problems. The main concern was the participation of the missing Mediterranean countries to the EAMC and especially Turkey. The EAMCE ExBo were informed by Letter that the Ordem dos Engenheiros of Portugal will join EAMC in the next assembly.

It was decided that the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of EAMC will be hosted by the Technical Chamber of Greece in Crete Island on 12 and 13 May this year.

# Polish Infrastructure 2017

## 8 February 2017, Warsaw, Poland

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ECCE Immediate Past President, Włodzimierz Szymczak was invited to participate as a Guest of Honor in the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the “Polish Infrastructure and Construction” conference that was held on 8 February 2017, in Warsaw, Poland.

The event was organized under the honorary patronage of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Construction and

provided an opportunity for representatives of the most important companies of the sectors to discuss the most pressing issues in the industry.

There were four discussion panels with the following topics:

- Innovative solutions in public procurement and investment funding
- Paths to the future (roads)
- Intelligent organization of public transportation
- The developing construction in Poland

# Polish Infrastructure 2017

## 8 February 2017, Warsaw, Poland

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The event culminated in the “Infrastructure and Construction Diamonds” awards gala, formally opened by a speech of Włodzimierz Szymczak – ECCE Immediate Past President. During the gala the most prominent companies and people who distinguish among other companies in the branch by their actions and initiatives were rewarded.



# High Level Tripartite Strategic Forum, 5th Meeting, 6 March 2017, Brussels

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ECCE was invited to participate in the HLF since its first meeting a few years ago. Until last year Fernando Branco ECCE Former President was representing ECCE in the HLF. Current ECCE Vice President / President Elect Aris Chatzidakis took over this role since the beginning of this year.

The objective of the meeting was to reflect upon the recently published Winter Energy Union Package and its flagship action on "Accelerating clean energy in buildings" with its particular focus on the construction value chain. The meeting also set the priority areas and actions that will serve as the base for the future of the Construction 2020 Strategy.

The meeting was chaired by Ms Fulvia Raffaelli, Head of Unit - Clean Technologies and Products (acting), DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs.



# High Level Tripartite Strategic Forum, 5th Meeting, 6 March 2017, Brussels

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*Mr. Cozigou* (Director, Industrial Transformation and Advanced Value Chains, DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs) spoke about the Energy Union and flagship action on construction and he underlined the importance of the construction sector and confirmed that it is currently high on European Commission (EC) agenda.

*Mr Čergelis* (Chief Desk Officer of the Design, Construction Products and Process Standardisation Division, Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania) shared the Lithuanian experience with digitalisation of the construction sector.

*Mr Enrique Corral Alvarez*, CEO of Fundación Laboral de la Construcción, spoke about the skills for sustainable construction.

*Ms Agnes Schuurmans*, Manager Public Affairs – Sustainability, Group Public Affairs & Health, Rockwool International A/S, delivered a presentation on Innovative approaches for resource efficient, sustainable construction.

During the open floor discussion ***ECCE expressed the opinion that although much of the focus has been on energy efficiency, renovation of buildings and infrastructure also involves a wide range of other features, including resistance to disasters; there is a large stock of technical infrastructure works that need to be renovated.***

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The HLF agreed that the Winter Energy Package is broadly appreciated by its members. Smart financing and smart buildings are a good avenues to be pursued, along with informing the end-users of potential of “smart industry”. Concerning BIMs, SMEs would like to make more use of them but need a better understanding and financial support.

Mr Jan Maarten de Vet, Ecorys, reported on the main discussion points.

In the end, Ms Lowri Evans Director-General DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs closed the meeting, stressing the point to the need of accelerating actions.

Next meeting will probably take place next June.

# 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Professional Associations of Civil Engineers of the Portuguese and Spanish Speaking Countries



The 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Professional Associations of Civil Engineers of the Portuguese and Spanish Speaking Countries took place on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017, in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

On 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March the 1<sup>st</sup> Civil Engineering Conference was held organized by the Professional Council of Civil Engineers of Argentina.

ECCE was invited to participate in this meeting and it was represented by ExBo Member Jose Francisco Saez Rubio.

# 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Professional Associations of Civil Engineers of the Portuguese and Spanish Speaking Countries



# 2<sup>nd</sup> EAMC General Meeting

## 12 – 14 May 2017, Rethymno, Crete

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The 2<sup>nd</sup> EAMC General Meeting was held on 12-14 May, in Rethymno, Crete hosted by the Technical Chamber of Greece. ECCE as Member of EAMC was invited to participate in the meeting. ECCE Vice President / President Elect Aris Chatzidakis who is an EAMC ExBo Member too, represented ECCE in this event.

The Assembly was supported by the Local Authorities and the Parliamentarian Assembly of Mediterranean countries (PAM).

On May 12<sup>th</sup> the EAMC ExBo meeting and the meeting of the Technical Committees Chairmen took place.

On May 13<sup>th</sup> the General Assembly Meeting was held. Mr. Panagiotis Kouroumbliis, the Greek Minister of Maritime & Island Policy addressed a welcome speech at the opening of the General Assembly Meeting. The General Assembly Meeting was followed by a Technical Event under the title "Reshaping existing Bridges". On the last day a visit to the Water Supplies Projects, constructed, surveyed and managed by the<sup>21</sup> Organization for the Development of Crete S.A. was organized.

## ECCE ExBo meetings

- The ECCE Executive Board held 6 skype meetings since the 64<sup>th</sup> ECCE GM in Athens on the following dates:
- 15 February 2017
- 2 March 2017
- 7 April 2017
- 25 April 2017
- 10 May 2017
- 26 May 2017

A lot of work has been carried out by the ECCE ExBo over these past few months on the following main topics:

- ECCE Position Papers proposals
- ECCE Finances
- 3<sup>rd</sup> European Engineers' Day
- 2018 European Year of Civil Engineering
- Relations with potential new ECCE Members
- Future ECCE General Meetings
- Internal ECCE issues
- ECCE Book "Footbridges – small is beautiful" final dissemination

# ECCE Position Papers

- **ECCE position paper regarding “The infrastructure and management of water”**
- Working group leader: **George Demetriou, Cyprus**
- Final draft of the Position Paper is ready and will be finalized until the next ECCE General Meeting, in autumn 2017.
  
- **ECCE Position Paper on Professional Mobility “Facing Europe’s professional shortage in civil engineering”**
- **Jose Francisco Saez Rubio, Spain and Aris Chatzidakis, Greece**
- The Position Paper is still being elaborated as new elements were added to it integrating into one Position Paper the proposal that was submitted by Aris Chatzidakis on deregulation of the profession.

## ECCE Financial rules

- ECCE Treasurer Dimitar Natchev, created and submitted to the ECCE ExBo a draft proposal on ECCE Financial Rules.
- These rules are internal rules of procedures and are intended to ensure a more efficient, accurate and transparent operation of the Executive Board.
- ECCE ExBo has been discussing this proposal over the past few weeks and currently are trying to assess the comments and opinions that were heard and integrate them in order for the final document to be produced.
- Much effort is being put into the production of a document that will be beneficial and of great value for the current and future Executive Boards.



# 3<sup>rd</sup> European Engineers' Day

## 5 October 2017, Vienna

The European Engineers' Day 2017 will be coorganised by the European Council of Civil Engineers (ECCE), the European Council of Engineers Chambers (ECEC) and the European Federation of National Engineering Associations (FEANI) together with ENAEE acting as a co-sponsor. The focus will lay on this years' topic "**Concerns about Engineering Excellence**", which covers different aspects of professional challenges as for example (de)regulatory issues, issues of quality requirements in regard to Engineering Education, procurement procedures, price/quality competition etc. The event venue is at the "Haus der Ingenieure", which lays in the central of Vienna.

ECCE has participated in the three meetings of the organizing committee that have taken place in Vienna:

- 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on 6 February 2017, Jose Francisco Saez Rubio participated on behalf of ECCE
- 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on 30 March 2017, Jose Francisco Saez Rubio and Aris Chatzidakis represented ECCE.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on 19 May 2017, Jose Francisco Saez Rubio participated on behalf of ECCE

# 2018 The Year of European Civil Engineers

- ECCE has undertaken the initiative to proclaim **2018 as the Year of the European Civil Engineers**.
- The idea is to organize a series of events throughout our Members countries regarding Civil Engineering.
- The intention is to raise visibility of Civil Engineering profession and to promote Civil Engineering across Europe.

## Steps:

- Establishment of **Steering Committee** for this initiative (consist of 4-5 members)
- Preparing the **LOGO** for this one-year-long event.
- Adoption of the budget for this initiative (not more than 4.000 Euros),

## 2018 The Year of European Civil Engineers

- Announcement of “ **2018 - The Year of the European Civil Engineers**” across Europe and the World, with using full potential of ECCE network (E-journal, mailing list, actions of our Members, our contacts in Brussels etc.),
- Selecting at least one event in each member country which will be organized and carried out under common **Logo of "2018 - Year of the European Civil Engineers"**,
- Final event - **London UK, October 2018, European and the World Summit of Civil Engineers**

## **Dissemination of the ECCE publication “Footbridges – small is beautiful”**

- During the 64<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting, the former ECCE Executive Board decided to close the chapter of this project disseminating the remaining number of copies of this latest ECCE publication to its Members as a reward for their involvement in the creation of this book and their dedication and contribution to ECCE.
- It was decided that each ECCE Member and Associate Member will receive a number of copies of the latest ECCE book “Footbridges – Small is beautiful” free of charge.
- The dissemination of the free copies has been completed successfully.

## **New potential ECCE Members**

- ECCE ExBo Members have made efforts to approach new potential ECCE Members.
- Azerbaijan Association “Support for the professional development of the civil engineers (ACE)” has applied to join ECCE.
- Ongoing discussions with ZDI to join ECCE as National ECCE Member representing Germany.

## ECCE E-Journal

- An initiative of ECCE, the issuing of periodic e-journal.
- The ECCE e-journal is prepared three times per year.
- The goal is to bring together periodically the European Civil Engineers and to be aware of their problems and their realizations, organizing a forum of ideas and of news.
- The e-journal may also act as a mean to send ideas for discussion in Brussels.
- Next ECCE e-journal will be in **JUNE 2017**

**Get involved with ECCE e-journal !**



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## Massimo Mariani, New President of the European Council of Civil Engineers



Prof. Massimo Mariani,  
ECCE President 2018 - 2019

Prof. Massimo Mariani is the new President of the European Council of Civil Engineers. He took the Presidency over on 22 October 2018, during the 64th ECCE General Meeting. He will serve a two year term from 2018 to 2019.

Massimo Mariani was the ECCE Vice President and President Elect from 15 October 2014 at the 60th ECCE General Meeting in Warsaw, Poland. He has been the ECCE National Delegate of the Consiglio Nazionale degli Ingegneri (CNI), Italy, since 2012.

### PERSONAL PROFILE

Prof. Massimo Mariani is an Engineer and an Architect, Laurea Magistrale (5 Year Programmes). He holds professional qualifications for both professions and he is Member of the Perugia territorial Chamber of Engineers.

He is recognized among the leading experts in Italy and abroad on the consolidation and restoration of monumental buildings. He is professor of Structural Problems of the historical and monumental buildings at the second level Master: "Seismic Improvements, Restoration and Consolidation of Monumental and Historical Constructions" at the Faculty of Engineering in Perugia.

He lectures at seminars and professional updating programmes at ASS.I.R.C.CO – Italian Association of Restoration and Consolidation of Construction, founded by the deceased Prof Carlo Costelli Guidi – and at the Centro Studi "Sisto Maestrodonna". He is also Member of the Board of these two cultural associations. He is senior lecturer on "Geo-technics and Applied Geology to Engineering Works" at the Laurea Magistrale programme of the University of Perugia.

He is the author of important treatises of doctoral content, alone or with other authors, and of scholar articles on National and international specialised magazines.

Former President of the Perugia territorial Chamber of Engineers, he is now a Councillor of the CNI (Consiglio Nazionale degli Ingegneri d'Italia in charge of the sector "Culture", he is also a Member of the Board of the Scuole Superiori and Centro Europeo di Formazione per Ingegneria (Engineers' Higher School).

Since 2003 he is Academic of Merit of the Academy of Fine Arts "Pietro Vannucci" in Perugia.

For further information you can refer to his website [www.mariani.it](http://www.mariani.it)

## New Executive Board of the European Council of Civil Engineers Elected at the 64th ECCE General Meeting



The General Assembly of the European Council of Civil Engineers (ECCE) has elected new Executive Board at the ECCE Executive Board Elections that took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 at the 64<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting in Athens, Greece.

From left to right: Maria Karanasiou General Secretary, Massimo Mariani President, Jose Francisco Saez Rubio Member, Włodzimierz Szymczak Immediate Past President, Andros Pitsakis Member, Aris Chatzidakis Vice President / President Elect, Dimitar Hachev Vice President / Treasurer, Iuri Svanidze Member.

**THANK YOU**