

PRESS RELEASE

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**65th ECCE General Meeting
2nd – 3rd June 2017, Antalya, Turkey**



65th ECCE General Meeting group photo

The [65th ECCE General Meeting](#) was held on 2nd – 3rd June 2017, in Antalya, Turkey, hosted by the Turkish Chamber of Civil Engineers (TCCE). On 1st June, the ECCE Executive Board meeting was held.

The 65th ECCE General Meeting was well attended.

The opening speeches were made by [TCCE President Cemal Gökçe](#), ECCE Turkey Delegate Tuğrul Tankut and ECCE Immediate Past President and Acting President Włodzimierz Szymczak.

Among the distinguished guests were TCCE President Cemal Gökçe, TCCE Secretary General

Hüseyin Kaya, TCCE Treasurer Cem Oğuz, ECCE Honorary Vice President Hermann Sturm and EAMC Secretary General Nicola Monda.

During the 65th ECCE General Meeting the **Azerbaijan Association “Support for the professional development of the civil engineers (ACE)”** joined ECCE as Associate Member for two years. Then the admission of ACE to ECCE as Full Member will be assessed.

In the meeting, the [ECCE activity report since October 2016](#) was presented by ECCE Acting President Włodzimierz Szymczak, ECCE Vice President / President Elect Aris Chatzidakis and ECCE ExBo Member Jose Francisco Saez Rubio. The ECCE Position Papers that are currently being elaborated were also presented and discussed in the General Assembly and the steps towards their finalization were figured. The Position Paper on [“Infrastructure and Water Management”](#) is being prepared by a team led by George Demetriou from Cyprus. The Position Paper [“Appropriate regulation for the practice of civil engineering in Europe”](#) is being prepared by Jose Francisco Saez Rubio from Spain and Aris Chatzidakis from Greece.



*Włodzimierz Szymczak
welcoming ACE
President Aydin Piriyev
to ECCE*

During the 65th ECCE General Meeting it was officially announced the event of [3rd European Engineers Day](#) that is co-organized by ECCE, ECEC and FEANI. Also,



ECCE Acting President made known to the General Assembly that the Year 2018 will be proclaimed as the [“European Year of Civil Engineers”](#). This initiative will be executed by ECCE in cooperation with its Members and the WCCE.

The initiative of the ECCE Member Georgian Society of Civil Engineers about the creation of a [“Seismic Engineering International Center \(SEIC\)”](#) in Georgia was also presented. This scheme will be under

the umbrella of ECCE and it is commonly supported by all ECCE Members.

EAMC Secretary General Nicola Monda delivered a presentation regarding the [Engineering Association of the Mediterranean Countries](#) and their actions and plans. Additionally, the World Council of Civil Engineers ([WCCE](#)) - [UNESCO partnership agreement](#) was presented by WCCE Executive Director and ECCE ExBo Member Jose Francisco Saez Rubio.

Following the approval of the ECCE accounts for the year ending on 31 December 2016 and the presentation of accounts up to May 2017 by ECCE Vice President / Treasurer Dimitar Natchev, the meeting ended with the planning of the 2018 meeting programs and the 66th General Assembly meeting in October 2017. The 66th ECCE General Meeting will be held in Vienna organized by the Austrian Federal Chamber of Architects and Chartered Engineering Consultants (bAIK) adjacent to the 3rd European Engineers Day. The spring meeting of 2018 will be held in Estonia organized by the Estonian Association of Civil Engineers. Finally, the autumn meeting of 2018 will be held in London organized by the Institution of Civil Engineers as part of a big celebration of Civil Engineering as it will be held together with the celebration of the [200th ICE anniversary](#), WFEO's 50th celebratory event and the Triennial with the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers.

The European Council of Civil Engineers would like to express its gratitude to the Turkish Chamber of Civil Engineers for the successful organization of 65th ECCE General Meeting and their exceptional hospitality.