



44th ECCE MEETING

November 10 – 11, 2006

Brussels, Belgium

Agenda for Friday, November 10



08:30 - 09:00	Registration of Participants
09:00 - 09:10	Plenary Session: Welcome Speech by ECCE President
09:10 - 09:15	Plenary Session: Member Introductions and Welcome to Observers
09:15 - 09:25	Plenary Session: ECCE Activities since May 2006
09:25 - 10:25	Plenary Session: Short Introduction to ECCE Standing Committees
10:25 - 10:55	Coffee Break
10:55 - 12:30	Standing Committees Sessions to be held in three separate rooms: A)SC Professional Recognition & Mobility B)SC Knowledge & Technology C)SC Development & Business Environment
12:45	<i>Departure to the European Parliament building (by bus)</i>
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch in the Restaurant of the European Parliament
14:30 - 16:00	Visit of the European Parliament
16:00 - 17:00	Presentation by Mr. Adrian Joyce from Architect Council of Europe (ACE)
17:00	Plenary Session: Close of the First Day
17:10	<i>Departure to the Royal Crown Hotel Brussels (by bus)</i>
19:00 - 23:00	Dinner hosted by ECCE

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Member Introductions and Welcome to Observers

- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Turkey
- United Kingdom

Observer Organization:

Kamra tal Periti (Chamber of Architects & Civil Engineers) from MALTA

ECCE Activities since May 2006

- n ExCo Teleconferences (at least once a month)
- n ECCREDI 10th anniversary (June 2006, Brussels)
(attended by Richard Coackley and Georges Pilot)
- n ECCE Executive Committee meeting (July 2006, Brussels)
- n Series of health and safety meetings
(attended by Murt Coleman)
- n Conference “Constructing for Safety & Health in Europe” - the follow-up to Bilbao 2004 declaration (September 2006 , Brussels)
(attended by Murt Coleman)
- n Inaugural meeting of the World Council of Civil Engineers (July 2006, Mexico)
(attended by Carsten Ahrens, Gulay Ozdemir and Vassilis Economopoulos as well as some of our ECCE members)
- n Meeting with Mr. Stavros Dimas, EU Commissioner for Environment (November 2006, Brussels)
(attended by ExCo Members)

ECCE Standing Committees Matrix

Education & Training	Professional Recognition & Mobility	Knowledge & Technology	Environment & Sustainability	Development & Business Environment	Task Force Civil Engineering Heritage
Iacint Manoliu (RO)	Branco Fernando (PT)	George Pilot (F) <i>accepted only for temporary time</i>	Marc Bonazountas (GR)	Karl Heinz Zachman (DE)	?
Dimitros Vamvatsikos (CY) Kristis Chrysostomou (CY) Józef Mécsi (HU) Mustafa Tokyay (TR) Tugrul Tankut (TR) Gabor Szöllösy (HU)	Gérard Baron (FR) Nicos Stylianou (CY) Husseyin Yetiner (CY) Ali Agan (TR) Nicos Stylianau (CY) Gabor Szöllösy (HU) Ali Acan (TR) Mirko Oresković (HR) Chatzikidas Aris (GR)	Branco Fernando (PT) Karl Heinz Zachman (DE) Józef Mécsi (HU) Christos Shiamaris (CY) Osman Yilmaz (CY) Ioannis Constantinides (CY) Tugrul Tankut (TR) Vincentas Stragys (LT) Józef Mécsi (HU)	Andreas Constantinides (CY) Umut Türker (CY) David Howell (GB)	Georges Pilot (FR) Selcan Ankyel (CY) Chatzidakis Aris (GR) Mirko Oresković (HR) Jyrki Keinanen (FIN) Ali Acan (TR)	Georges Pilot (FR) Nick Zygouris [GR] Gorazd Humar [SLO]
Carsten Ahrens	Jiri Plicka	Gulay Ozdemir	Vassilis Economopouls	Murt Coleman	Yrjo Matikainen

44th ECCE Meeting - Agenda for Friday Afternoon

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Agenda for Saturday, November 11

09:00 – 09:15	Plenary Session: Summary Report on Roof Collapses (by Jyrki Keinanen)
09:15 – 09:30	Discussion
09:30 – 11:30	Standing Committees Sessions to be held in three separate rooms: D. TF Civil Engineering Heritage E. SC Education & Training F. SC Environment & Sustainability
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee Break
12:00 – 13:30	Plenary Session: Feedback from ECCE Standing Committees
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 17:30 15:30 – 16:00	Plenary Session: - WCCE Report By José Medem - Upcoming ECCE Meetings - ECCE Articles of Association <i>Discussion and approval of the Articles of Association and Bye-Laws</i> - ECCE Strategy and Business Plan Coffee Break Plenary Session (continued): - Financial Overview - ECCE Budget for 2007 - Matters Arising
17:30	Close of the Second Day

Upcoming ECCE Meetings

- n Spring 2007 Romania May 11-12
- n Autumn 2007 Greece
- n Spring 2008 Latvia

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Draft for Approval
by M. Coleman

**Suggested Amendments by
France and Cyprus to the Draft.**

**Amendments Proposed
by France
(G. Pilot)**

DRAFT ARTICLE 1

Article 1. Definitions and Interpretations:

- 1.1 "The Act" means the Companies Act 1985
- 1.2 "ECCE" means the European Council of Civil Engineers, the unincorporated body whose functions and powers are being taken over by the Council.
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- 1.6 "The Seal" mean the Common Seal of the Council.
- 1.7 "The United Kingdom" means Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- 1.8 The basic structure of ECCE is:
 - a) The General Assembly and
 - b) The Executive Board

Proposal Article 1:

To mention the location where is registered ECCE? In 1.8 may be to mention the president because elected by General Assembly.

Agreement:

DRAFT ARTICLE 2

Article 2. Members:

2.1 Membership of ECCE shall be open to national Professional organizations for Civil Engineers of all member countries or, in the case of multidisciplinary organizations, the relevant division thereof. Not more than one member shall be admitted from any country.

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Associate members shall have no voting rights.

2.5 Membership fees are to be determined by ECCE and are to be paid in Euro.

2.6 Resigning members or members who have their membership terminated shall remain liable for their membership fee in the year of their departure.

Proposal Article 2:

In 2.1 I suggest to write... all members of European countries .

In 2.1.1 I have some doubts about opening ECCE to "contracting and consulting companies" because they are normally represented as members (or sub members) of the ECCE member.

In 2.5 I think necessary to mention ... "determined by ECCE Assembly General.

Agreement:

DRAFT ARTICLE 3

Article 3. Delegates:

3.1 Appointment of a delegate shall be in writing addressed to the President and sent to the Registered Office by a member organisation.

Removal of a Delegate – See Article 2.3

3.2 Members whose delegates are elected to the Offices of President, Vice President / President Elect or Vice-President / Hon Treasurer may appoint a second delegate who shall have no voting rights.

3.3 The appointment term of delegates should be for not less than two (2) years. An alternative delegate may be appointed in the absence of a delegate, by a member and have voting rights.

3.4 In respect of proposals and issues before the General Assembly delegates shall be responsible for obtaining their members position and views in order to avoid conflict and establish disagreement or agreement of policy.

3.5 Where there is conflict and differences in policy between ECCE and member delegates are obliged to bring the matter to the Council's notice and should be allowed when a vote is required to abstain from voting.

3.6 Members shall have one vote tendered by the delegate or alternative delegate.

Proposal Article 3:

In 3.1 what is the "Registered Office"?

Agreement:

DRAFT ARTICLE 5

Article 5. Meetings of the General Assembly.

5.8 Voting on "Reserved Matters":

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"Reserved Matters" are as follows:

- Any change to the Memorandum and Articles of Association or Rules or Bye Laws.
- Approval of or any change to the Annual Budget.
- Approval of the financial contributions payable by members.

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The General Assembly shall elect the following delegates to the Executive Board.

Immediate Past President

President

Vice President / President Elect

Hon Treasurer / Vice President

3 No. Members

General Secretary, who shall have no voting rights.

The General Assembly shall elect the President Elect who shall act as Vice President. The Executive Board shall consist of Eight (8) members only.

Elections to the Executive Board shall take place every two (2 No.) years at the Annual General Meeting following the second anniversary of the previous elections. Retirement of the existing Executive Board and appointment of the new Board shall take place on this day.

Elected members shall hold office for a period of two (2) years.

The Executive Board shall not have more than one member from the same country.

The post of a retired Executive Board member shall be filled by a person elected by the General Assembly.

Executive Board members shall not hold office if they possess conflicting interests with other bodies.

Candidates applying for election to the Executive Board shall

Submit their names with their personal profile and manifesto.

Be proposed and seconded in writing by two members.

Have the written approval of their Country.

All of the above shall be forwarded to the General Secretary not less than 21 days before the elections. Late applications may be approved / rejected by the Board.

Proposal Article 6:

I think that the General Secretary should not be considered as an E.C. member in the same position as the others (for example, a member of the Executive should be from the same country as is the secretary general). The SG is simply an employee of ECCE (of course with an important role, and Diana is excellent).

Agreement:

DRAFT ARTICLE 7

Article 7 Functions of the Executive Board

- 7.1.1 The Executive Board shall be responsible for the administration and management of ECCE thereby implementing the policies and decisions of ECCE.
- 7.1.2 The Executive Board shall appoint the Vice President / Hon Treasurer and Chairpersons of Committees and Task Forces formed.
- 7.1.3 The Executive Board with the approval of the General Assembly may terminate at its discretion and for good reason the office of a defaulting Executive Board member.
- 7.1.4 The Executive Board shall appoint the General Secretary or other posts thought necessary for the good of ECCE members. These appointments may be filled by delegates
- 7.1.5 The Executive Board shall hold two (2) meetings in addition to the General Meetings annually.
- 7.1.6 The Executive Board shall take decisions by a simple majority and shall not deliberate if the number of members present is less than the 50% required for a quorum. The President shall hold the deciding vote if votes are tied.
- 7.2 An Executive Board Member shall abstain from voting on matters of direct or indirect conflicting interest.

Proposal Article 7:

In 7.1.2 Chairperson of the Standing Committee also

Agreement:

**AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY
CYPRUS
(N. STYLIANOU)**

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Proposal Article 1:

Through the definition of the word "council" has been deleted, this word continues to appear in many places in the text, such as in Article 1- 1.6, Article 3- 3.5, Article 13- 13.1 and in the Memorandum of Association under "The Profession Related Organisations and Industries " in a number of places in paras (g) and (h).

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2.2 Admission to ECCE

Applications, which must be in accordance to 2.1, to ECCE shall be approved by two thirds majority of ECCE. Acceptance entitles a member to voting rights at the General Meetings of ECCE and to the services of ECCE. Resignation /Termination of membership by a member from ECCE must be notified to the General Secretary Six (6) months in advance of proposed discontinuation.

2.3 ECCE may by a two thirds majority terminate membership of any members which has failed to fulfill its obligations to ECCE or has brought it into disrepute in anyway.

2.4 Observers by invitation from a Member and other countries are encouraged and welcome to attend General Meetings. Observers have no voting rights.

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Proposal Article 2

With the addition of paragraph 2.1.1 in Article 2, a major change in the membership of ECCE is proposed. Such a major change would have been discussed beforehand at the ECCE General Meetings. We believe that we should keep ECCE as "pure European Organisation for Professional Civil Engineers in Europe who are represented by their National Civil Engineers Associations. We do not see any reason for admitting as Associate Members any other associations, organisations, contracting and consulting companies, NGO'S and individuals. The interests and objective of such associations or organisations may be completely different and conflicting to the interests and objectives of ECCE and civil engineers in particular. We believe this new provision should be deleted.

In 2.5 Membership Fees should be proposed by the Executive Board and approved by the General Assembly.

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PROPOSAL Article 3:

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Proposal Article 6:

It should be made clear whether members of the Executive Board who served 2 years are eligible for re-election.

Agreement:

DRAFT ARTICLE 9

Article 9 Finance / Budget:

9.1 The accounting calendar year begins on 01st Jan and closes on 31st December.

9.2 The Hon Treasurer prepares a draft budget for adoption and approval by the General Assembly at the Annual General meeting.

9.3 Audited and Certified accounts for the fiscal year ended shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting for approval by the General Assembly.

9.4 Auditing and certifications of accounts, if it is thought fit by the Executive Board may be carried out by the President or a Company of Auditors approved by the Executive Board.

9.5 Approved accounts and budget will be filed at the Registered Office.

PROPOSAL Article 9:

In 9.4, We believe the accounts should be audited by qualified auditors or by 2 ECCE delegates appointed or elected by the General Assembly.

Agreement:

DRAFT ARTICLE 13

Article 13 Rules or Bye-Laws:

13.1 The Executive Board may as it deems necessary for the management of ECCE make rules and bye-laws. Such rules and bye-laws shall not be in conflict with the Articles and may control and regulate the following in relation to Members of the Council.

13.2.1 Admission, classification, rights, conditions of membership.

13.2.2 Resignation and termination of membership.

13.2.3 Fees and subscriptions associated with membership.

13.3 Conduct of members to one another.

13.4 Matters related to ECCE's premises.

13.5 Procedure of meetings of the General Assembly, Executive Board and Sub-committees in so far as such procedure is not catered for by these articles.

13.6 All such matters as are commonly the subject matter of Company Rules.

13.7 The General Assembly shall have power to alter, repeal or make additions to the rules or bye-laws provided such changes are not inconsistent with the memorandum or Articles of Association. The Rules and Bye-Laws shall be binding on all members of ECCE.

Proposal Article 13:

The numbering of various paragraphs should be reconsidered and corrected.

Agreement:

BYE-LAWS

5.2 Associate Corporate membership and Associate Individual membership shall be encouraged. Fees for the above are to be determined by the Board. No voting rights are granted with above membership.

Refer to Article 2.1.1

Proposal for Bye-Laws:

1. **Second Page.** The Bye-laws are drafted in accordance with CL.13.1 and not CL.22 of the A.O.A.
2. **5.2.** See our comments on para 2.1.1 of A.O.A.
3. Name and address for the submission of membership applications should of course be corrected since Diana Maxwell is no longer ECCE's Secretary.

Agreement:

Voting of the General Assembly on the Approval of:

- **Articles of Association
of the European Council of Civil Engineers**
- **BYE-LAWS
of the European Council of Civil Engineers**

Revised Articles of Association and Bye-Laws of the European Council of Civil Engineers were unanimously approved by the General Assembly.

Request for approval for minor changes required following submissions to Companies House was unanimously approved by the General Assembly.

The outstanding period of appointment of the current Executive Committee to remain as originally elected to Autumn 2008 was unanimously approved by the General Assembly.

The final text of the revised Articles of Associations and Bye-Laws, sent to Companies House, will be sent via e-mail to all member organizations.

ECCE Strategic Programme

Main goals for the year 2006 / 1st half 2007:

- n Revision of ECCE's Articles of Association
- n New ECCE Standing Committees Structure
- n Common Platform for Civil Engineers from the European Union
- n Cooperation with the European Council of Engineering Chambers
- n New ECCE web site development
- n Research for the possibility of the ECCE office in Brussels
- n Bringing up the actual concerns during the meetings
- n Preparation of New Introduction ECCE Brochure
- n Preparation of the ECCE Business Kit

ECCE Strategic Plan 2005 - 2010

- n Approved at the 42nd ECCE Meeting in Istanbul

Summary:

- n To become a real partner to EU Commission cooperating with other European societies and having the influence on civil engineering matters in Europe by 2008
- n To promote the high level of professional knowledge and high standards and ethics in the civil engineering profession
- n To help ECCE national members regarding their national problems
- n To involve experts from ECCE member societies in ECCE professional activities (creation of ECCE position papers)
- n To orient Task Force activities to more practical outcomes and results
- n To organize a seminar / conference once a year on different, current topic
- n To attract other European engineering societies to ECCE membership
- n To develop ECCE website more attractive and useful
- n To develop ECCE e-mail information to all members
- n To help ECCE members through benchmarking sessions
- n To give more input to public relations
- n To strengthen the economic basis of ECCE while trying to keep the same membership fee level (raised only by inflation)

ECCE Financial Matters

- n ECCE Statutory Accounts
 - up to September 30, 2006
- n ECCE Membership Fees 2007
- n ECCE Budget 2007
- n Voting of the General Assembly on the Approval of:
 - ECCE Membership Fees 2007
 - ECCE Budget 2007

ECCE Budget 2007

BUDGETED EXPENDITURE				INCOME	
		2007	2006	2007	
		Euro	Euro		Euro
1a	Staff costs - Secretary General	17,100.00	16,000.00	Membership fees	89,699.27
				Sponsorships	5,000
2	Staff costs - ICE Financial Services	3,000.00	3,000.00		
3a	Postage and telephone	1,500.00	1,500.00		
3b	Teleconference	3,500.00	2,000.00		
3c	Printing and stationary	3,000.00	3,000.00		
3d	Website	8,000.00	8,000.00		
3e	Travelling and meeting expenses	35,000.00	20,000.00		
3f	Standing Committees & Task Forces	included in the previous	12,000.00		
3g	Legal fees	2,000.00	2,000.00		
3h	Consultancy and corporation tax	1,000.00	1,000.00		
3i	Civil Engineering Profession in Europe	1,500.00	1,500.00		
3k	ECCE public relations	5,000.00			
	Newsletter and PR	included in the previous	1,500.00		
	Annual review	included in the previous	500.00		
3l	Fees to other bodies	4,000.00	2,000.00		
4	Other activities and Contingency expenses	10,099.27	24,055.00		
		94,699.27	98,055.00		94,699.27

Proposal for ECCE Membership Fees 2007

	Country	Fees 2006	Proposed Fees 2007 (raised by 8%)
1	Croatia	542.52	585.92
2	Cyprus	986.40	1,065.31
3	Czech Republic	1,972.80	2,130.62
4	Estonia	542.52	585.92
5	Finland	1,972.80	2,130.62
6	France	11,836.80	12,783.74
7	Germany	13,809.60	14,914.37
8	Greece	2,959.20	3,195.94
9	Hungary	1,972.80	2,130.62
10	Ireland	1,972.80	2,130.62
11	Italy	11,836.80	12,783.74
12	Latvia	542.52	585.92
13	Lithuania	542.52	585.92
14	Poland	1,972.80	2,130.62
15	Portugal	1,972.80	2,130.62
16	Romania	789.12	852.25
17	Russia	1,775.52	1,917.56
18	Slovakia	986.40	1,065.31
19	Slovenia	986.40	1,065.31
20	Spain	9,864.00	10,653.12
21	Turkey	1,380.96	1,491.44
22	United Kingdom	11,836.80	12,783.74
Total		83,054.88	89,699.27

**SEE YOU ALL IN SPRING 2007
IN ROMANIA**