

# **ECCE BRIEF ACTIVITY REPORT**

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# **65<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting in Antalya, Turkey**

**June 2-3 2017**



- The 65<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017, in Antalya, Turkey, hosted by the Turkish Chamber of Civil Engineers (TCCE).
- During the 65<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting the Azerbaijan Association “Support for the professional development of the civil engineers (ACE)” joined ECCE as Associate Member



# **AFTER ANTALYA**

# WORKSHOP

## REFORMING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

### 11 July 2017, Brussels



ECCE Vice President / President Elect **Aris Chatzidakis**, attended the Workshop “**Reforming Professional Services**” that was held on **11<sup>th</sup> July 2017, in Brussels**. Policy Department A organized for IMCO Committee this workshop on reforming professional services. The workshop was chaired by MEP Nicola Danti. Two expert panels focused on **economic effects of regulating professional services and recommendations for policy-makers**. The panels were followed by a roundtable with industry experts.



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MEP Nicola Danti was recently assigned as European Parliament Rapporteur on the regulated professions file in response to the Commission Communication on reform recommendations for regulation in professional services. MEP Danti's office got in touch with ECCE suggesting a meeting with MEP Danti in order to exchange views and discuss our opinion on the above mentioned matter. ECCE invited ECEC to attend a joint meeting with MEP Danti on the same day of the Workshop.

ECCE and ECEC's fruitful cooperation resulted to a **common statement on "Appropriate regulation for a mobile (civil) engineering profession in Europe"** which was submitted to MEP Danti. Unfortunately, due to some delay of the workshop and very tight schedule of MEP Danti the meeting was cancelled. However, our statement has been submitted and we will follow up any further developments.

# ECCE ExBo meetings

- The ECCE Executive Board held 3 skype meetings since the 65<sup>th</sup> ECCE GM in Antalya on the following dates:
  - 18 August 2017
  - 7 September 2017
  - 25 September 2017
- Several skype meetings between Acting President and Secretary General, Vice President/ President Elect, etc.

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
- Future ECCE General Meetings
- Internal ECCE issues

# **ECCE Presidency issue**

- Following the decisions taken in the 65<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting in Antalya ECCE ExBo took the following actions:
- Tried to establish personal contact with ECCE President Massimo Mariani.
- Since the direct personal contact was not achieved, ExBo sent an official letter to CNI President Armando Zambrano informing him about the current situation and asking for CNI's view on the topic.
- CNI's informed us that our letter was forwarded to ECCE President Massimo Mariani and that he would answer directly to us about his future plans.
- So far we haven't received any response from Massimo Mariani.



# **ECCE Position Papers**

- **ECCE position paper regarding “The infrastructure and management of water”**
  - Working group leader: **George Demetriou, Cyprus**
  - Finalized. Ready to be put for voting for adoption of the General Assembly
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- **ECCE Position Paper on “Appropriate regulation for the practice of civil engineering in Europe”**
  - **Jose Francisco Saez Rubio, Spain** and **Aris Chatzidakis, Greece**
  - The Position Paper is sent for comments to the ECCE Members. After comments are received a final draft will be prepared which will be put for voting for adoption of the General Assembly.

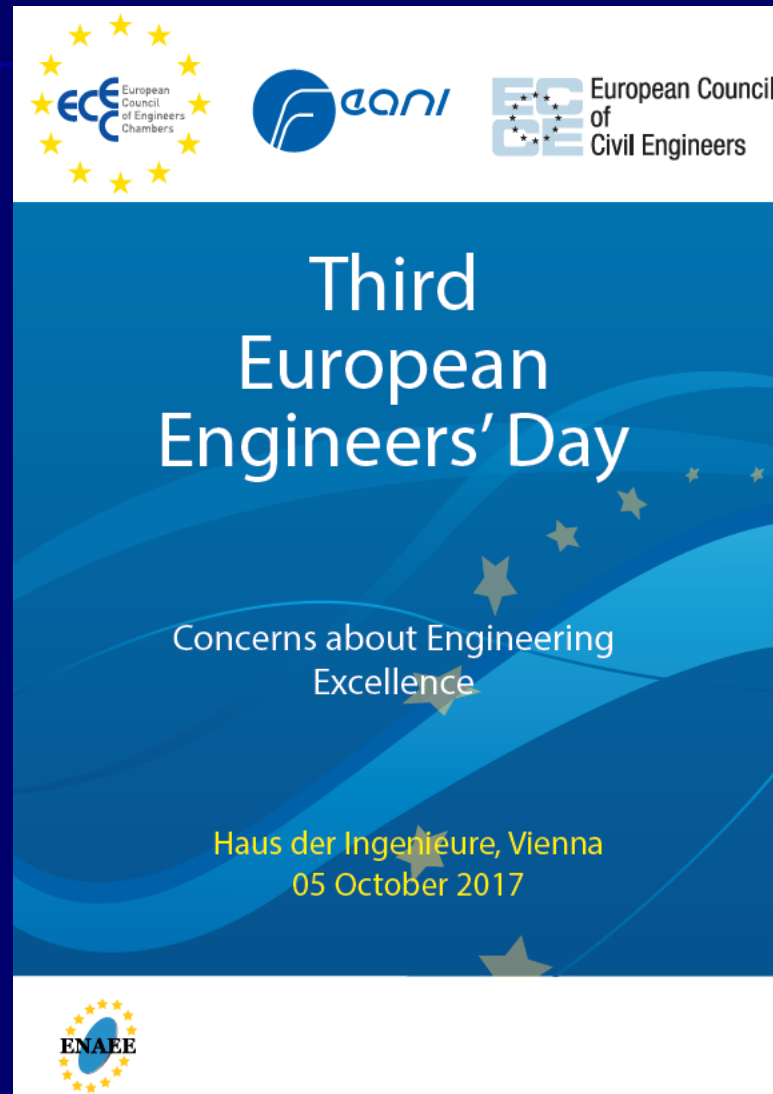
## **ECCE Financial rules**

- 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 agreed on the final version of the document which has been disseminated to ECCE Members and will be discussed under the agenda subject of ECCE finances.

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

## **“Concerns about engineering excellence”**

### **5 October 2017, Vienna**



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

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Engineers' impact is visible in every aspect of human life: Through increasingly more sophisticated inventions, techniques and equipment Engineers enhance and irrevocably change society. Overcoming the challenges of today's societal developments will thus, to a considerable degree, depend on the availability of excellent engineering solutions.

The European Engineers' Federations ECCE, ECEC and FEANI, together with ENAEE want to draw attention to the importance of **securing the availability of excellent engineering solutions in Europe**. Although the need for engineering excellence is increasing, the current approaches to safeguard and enforce its broad availability seem to be insufficient or even counterproductive.

The “3<sup>rd</sup> European Engineers' Day” will analyze existing developments and approaches that can either enhance or hinder engineering excellence. It will offer expert opinions but also a forum for critical dialogue and participation.

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

## **“Concerns about engineering excellence”**

### **5 October 2017, Vienna**

## **Invited Speakers**

- **Violeta Bulc** - European Commissioner for Mobility and Transport (Video Message)
- **Hubert Gambs** - European Commission, Director of Dir E - Modernisation of the Single Market DG GROW
- **Leo Chini** - Vienna University of Economics and Business
- **Philippe de Buck** - Former Director General of BusinessEurope, Member of EESC, Senior executive advisor Hill&Knowlton strategies
- **Ioannis Golias** - Rector of the National Technical University of Athens
- **Jean-Louis Marchand** - President of FIEC



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

## **“Concerns about engineering excellence”**

### **5 October 2017, Vienna**

## **Invited Round Table Participants**

- **Michaela Ragoßnig-Angst** (Chartered Engineering Consultant for Surveying, Chair of the Division of Consulting Engineers of the Chamber of Architects and Engineers Vienna/Lower Austria/Burgenland)
- **Rudolf Kolbe** (Member of EESC, President of CEPLIS)
- **Bernard Remaud** (President of the European Network for Accreditation of Engineering Education ENAEE)
- **Paul Coughlan** (Institution of Civil Engineers, Director Chair of the European Region at ARUP)
- **Ernesto Fernández Polcuch** (Chief of Section for Science Policy and Partnerships in the Natural Sciences Sector of UNESCO)

## **2018 European Year of Civil Engineers (2018 EYCE)**

- ECCE has undertaken the initiative to designate **2018 as the European Year of Civil Engineers.**
- The idea is to organize a series of events throughout the year 2018 by our Member countries regarding Civil Engineering.
- The intention is to raise visibility of Civil Engineering profession and to promote Civil Engineering across Europe, to showcase what civil engineers are and do to the European citizens.
- **Steering Committee** for this initiative has been established and working.
- **More details will be delivered under the agenda item for the 2018 EYCE.**

# ECCE E-Journal

- An initiative of ECCE, the issuing of periodic e-journal.
- 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 **DECEMBER 2017**
- **Find the ECCE e-journals at our website**  
<http://www.ecceengineers.eu/newsletter/index.php?id=621>

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



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## 65th ECCE General Meeting



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65th ECCE General Meeting group photo

The **65th ECCE General Meeting** was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017, in Antalya, Turkey, hosted by the Turkish Chamber of Civil Engineers (TCCE). On 1<sup>st</sup> June, the ECCE Executive Board meeting was held.

The 65<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting was well attended. The opening speeches were made by **TCCE President Cemal Göktepe**, ECCE Turkey Delegate Tuğrul Tankut and ECCE Immediate Past President and Acting President Włodzimierz Szymczak.

Among the distinguished guests were TCCE President Cemal Göktepe, 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.

During the 65th ECCE General Meeting it was officially announced the event of **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 66<sup>th</sup> General Assembly meeting in October 2017. The 66<sup>th</sup> ECCE General Meeting will be held in Vienna organized by the Austrian Federal Chamber of Architects and Chartered Engineering Consultants (bAik) adjacent to the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 celebra-



Włodzimierz Szymczak welcoming ACE President Aydin Piriyev to ECCE

**THANK YOU**