

Dear President Hasidakis,

Honorable Minister Radulović,

Esteemed delegates,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Thank you President Hasidakis for your address. I would like to, first and foremost, highlight my personal and satisfaction of my colleagues, for being given the opportunity to host this important meeting. We will give our best to make all of you stay pleasant and successful in a professional and personal sense. I understand that, in the forthcoming period, you are awaited by the demanding obligations that you have assumed by becoming the President of the ECCE last October, and allow me, in this respect, to emphasize the readiness of the Engineers Chamber of Montenegro to support, despite our small but efficient capacities, common future tasks in order to improve our profession in the European frameworks. I am free to notice that today's gathering is a good example of our commitment to more active participation in European formats.

I am particularly grateful to the honorable Minister Radulović who has recognized today's meeting, giving us the encouragement to continue with our activities. They refer, as I have said, to the more intensive rapprochement of the Montenegrin Chamber to the European organizations we are members, as well as to the stronger cooperation with the Ministry of Sustainable Development, which we are unquestioned partners.

Dear delegates of the General assembly of the European Council of Civil Engineers, I am free to note that, despite the local specificities of the countries we come from, we are experiencing the same problems from the sustainability of the engineering profession, the environment in which it is taking up, to achieving the globally set goals of sustainable construction. In addition, this year we celebrated the anniversary of "40 years of Earthquake", with unseen devastating potential, which is why I am particularly pleased that we will have the opportunity, today, to discuss the seismic stability of the facilities, in relation with the environmental protection standards and principles of energy efficiency and to recognize the directions of further, common action.

As we expect an intensive, but I believe successful work, in the end, I wish you results of today's meeting.

To the Professional Chamber of Civil Engineers, first of all to the Organizing Committee, I owe a gratitude on a dedicated and professional engagement.

Welcome to Montenegro. Good work!

President of the ECM