

**ECEC News**



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## **ECEC Newsletter Dezember 2015**



On behalf of the ECEC Executive Board I want to thank you  
for your valuable cooperation in 2015 and wish you  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

I am looking forward to work with you all in 2016.

With warm regards,  
Črtomir Remec  
ECEC President

# ECEC President Remec elected as WFEO Executive Vice-President



ECEC President Crtomir Remec, the President of the Slovenian Chamber of Engineers, was elected as Executive Vice-President of the World Federation of Engineering Organisations for the period of four years (2015 – 2019) at the WECC in Kyoto.

As the President of the European Council of Engineering Chambers, Mr. Remec is already deeply involved in regional and international engineering activities, where he

is focused on promotion of the importance of engineering for sustainable development, economic growth and new quality jobs, in line with the conclusions adopted at World Engineering Forum 2012 as written in Ljubljana declaration on sustainable buildings and infrastructure. He strongly believes that engineers have the knowledge, skills and power to lead the world development in a safe, healthy and sustainable way. His personal involvement in national and international engineering organisations during the last two decades convinced him that engineers need closer cooperation on all levels, from national and regional to continental and global, to make good use of their potential and to achieve their common goals.

More information on WFEO: [www.wfeo.org](http://www.wfeo.org)

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## Common Training Framework for Engineers

In November 2015, the ECEC has submitted an offer to a tender of the European Commission about Common Training Principles for Engineer as this project could be decisive for the basic direction of the development of Common Training Principles (Common Training Framework / Common Training Test) for Engineers. For further information please contact [office@ecec.net](mailto:office@ecec.net).

The European Commission has scheduled a conference for June 2016 in order to help shed light on Common Training Principles and will also provide for exchanges of views on the subject. The conference will gather various stakeholders including professionals, representatives of national authorities, professional organisations and associations at national and EU level, trade unions and employers associations, academics, and others.

Further information on the conference: [http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/newsroom/cf/itemdetail.cfm?item\\_id=8593&lang=en&title=Conference-on-common-training-principles](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/newsroom/cf/itemdetail.cfm?item_id=8593&lang=en&title=Conference-on-common-training-principles)

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# CPD Lectures

After a successful launch of ECEC CPD lectures in 2015 further Webinars will be offered in 2016.

## Draft program:

Winter 2015/2016:

- **Legal acts on digital signature in member countries and the experiences of the profession** / *Lecturers:* Various lecturers from the member states of the ECEC

First quarter of 2016:

- **Design of timber structures according to EN 1995-1-1, Eurocode 5** / *Lecturer:* Prof. Dr. Premrov Miroslav, Dean of the Faculty of Civil Engineering, Traffic Engineering and Architecture, University in Maribor

Second quarter of 2016:

- **Lecture and workshop on practical experiences in energy efficiency** / *Lecturer:* Helmut Krames, e+e Consult, Trier, Germany

Third quarter of 2016:

- **Long term effects on concrete elements under variable load** / *Lecturer:* Prof. Goran Markovski

Fourth quarter of 2016:

- **Requirements concerning the fire safety of structures and fire following an earthquake** / *Lecturer:* Prof. Meri Cvetkovska

More information and updates on the lecture schedule: <http://www.ecec.net/activities/cpd-lectures/>

For further questions please contact WG GPD chairman Prof. Dr. Dragoslav Sumarac: [dragoslav.sumarac@ingkomora.rs](mailto:dragoslav.sumarac@ingkomora.rs)



Prof. Dr. Vladimir Benko, CPD  
Lecture: EN 1992 (Eurocode2),  
Design of concrete structures

# ECEC Letter to Commissioner Bienkowska

In November 2015, ECEC President Remec addressed a [letter](#) to Elzbieta Bienkowska, Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, concerning the infringement procedure against the German HOAI. The letter stated that the ECEC appreciates that the economic importance of liberal professions/regulated professions is recognised by the European Commission but warns, that the current deregulatory approach sacrifices well proven quality standards in national professional regulations with the consequence of risking markets that have proved to be functioning even during the economic crisis. The letter stresses that this approach does not only means risking a loss of economic strength in these branches but also creating unnecessary costs and serious quality and even safety problems.

The European Commission - in its answering letter from 15 December 2015 – repeats once more the well-known arguments: It stresses its view again that minimum and/or maximum fees lead to serious restrictions in regard to secondary and primary establishment of service providers from other member states because they deprive them of the possibility to compete with lower prices. The Commission also repeats its argument that it is not clear how a mandatory price can prevent inadequate services and that the quality of services can be safeguarded by other measures such as professional access requirements and liability. However, a personal discussion is offered, which would be another possibility to try to explain the connection between quality, minimum scopes of services and prices to the European Commission.

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## The new Single Market Strategy

The European Commission published its **Internal Market Strategy** on 28 October 2015.

Professional (de)regulation is yet again an important aspect of the paper.

The European Commission intends to propose, through periodic guidance, specific actions to improve access to, and the exercise of, regulated professions at national level and across the EU. These actions will identify concrete reform needs for specific Member States relating to access to and exercise of regulated professions. In a first phase, the focus will be on selected professions such as civil engineers, architects, accountants, lawyers, real estate agents etc.

The Commission will provide an analytical framework for Member States to use when reviewing existing professional regulations or proposing new ones. The framework will offer a methodology for proportionality assessments of professional regulations. Member States will need to demonstrate that public interest objectives cannot be achieved through means other than limiting access to, or conduct in, the professional activities in question.

Additionally, the Commission plans a legal initiative to introduce a ‘services passport’ for key

sectors of the economy such as construction and business services.

Press information with further links: [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-15-5909\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-15-5909_en.htm)

## Preview ECEC meetings 2016

- **16 January 2016:** Handover Executive Board meeting, Ljubljana
  - **Oktober 2016:** General Assembly meeting, Budapest
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