

Cyprus Scientific and Technical Chamber (ETEK)

A brief presentation



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Cyprus in numbers

■ Facts:

- Southeast Europe
- European gateway to Asia and Africa
- Member of the EU since 2004
- Flourishing economy based primarily on Tourism and Services

■ Statistics

- Population: ~ 800.000
- Income per capita: €21.400
- Number of engineers: ~11.000
- Number of design engineers: ~2.000



ETEK: the milestones

- April 8th, 1987: The first draft of the ETEK Law, prepared by the previously established sectoral unions of engineers, delivered to the Ministry of Communications and Works to be further processed and submitted to the Parliament
- November 29th, 1990: ETEK Law passed by Parliament (Law 224/1990)
- 1991: First elections held to elect temporary Administrative Committee
- Subsequent elections held in 1993 and every three years henceforth
- 2002: ETEK opened its privately owned new offices
- 2011: ETEK celebrates its 20th year of operation



Mission

- To promote science in the various sectors related to the fields of specialization of its members, engineering and technology in general, and to develop them with a view to the self-sufficient economic, social and cultural development of the Republic of Cyprus (L. 224/1990, Article 4)
- The Chamber exercises any task and authority necessary and has jurisdiction to exercise any necessary action for the promotion of its mission (L. 224/1990, Article 5)
- ETEK is the statutory Technical Advisor to the State and to the Citizen and it is the organization for all Cypriot Engineers.



Targets – Tasks

- Performs registration of engineers and issues the relevant certificates and working licenses.
- Undertakes arbitrations, pursues mutual agreements concerning any issue or dispute relating to the engineering science.
- Recommends the formation of new engineering fields or subdivisions of the existing ones.
- ***Represents the registered Engineers in the Republic of Cyprus and abroad.***
- Exercises disciplinary authority on its members.
- ***Participates in international organizations, chamber associations and international unions of engineers, develops affiliations with similar organizations of other countries, organizes scientific conferences, exhibitions and other activities for the promotion of its scope.***



Targets – Tasks (cont'd)

- Informs the public with announcements, publications or any other suitable way, on engineering related issues and promotes the broader understanding from the public of the relevant issues and problems.
- Advises the relevant authorities, after their invitation, on any issues of its jurisdiction.
- Studies any scientific, technical, techno economic or development issues, relevant to any of the fields of the engineering science and expresses its opinion.
- Gathers data for statistical purposes and develops statistics on issues related to any of the fields of the engineering science.
- Encourages and promotes the technical education in the Republic to any of the fields of the engineering science.
- Imposes and collects the fixed fees for any certificate or any other legal document and for any services rendered.
- Maintains a members' registry and issues the working licenses.
- Declares honorary memberships and awards any other distinctions.

Legislation

- L. 224/1990, which establishes the Chambers, its authority and goals, as well as the relevant structures and procedures to exercise its powers.
- Regulations 327/1996 and 200/1997, referring to the exercise of disciplinary control.
- Other legislation regulating individual – specific issues.

Administration – Structure

- General Council
 - 30 members
 - All fields of engineering science represented
 - Elected directly by ETEK members for a three-year term of office
 - Elects its President, two Vice-Presidents, the General Secretary, the General Treasurer and four other members to form the:
- Administrative Committee
 - 9 members
 - The executive and coordination body of the Chamber for the implementation of its policy
- The President represents the Chamber, directs its personnel and governs its services, according to the decisions of the General Council and the Administrative Committee.
- The Chamber employs personnel and offices to fulfill its mission.



ETEK Membership

- A person is eligible to become a member of the Chamber given that he/she:
 - a) Holds a diploma or university degree or other comparable qualification in any field of the Science of Engineering, which permits him/her to practice the profession in the country in which it was obtained and which is recognized by the Chamber.
 - b) is a citizen of the Republic of Cyprus or on the date of submission of the application is the spouse of a citizen of the Republic of Cyprus and has his/her usual residence in Cyprus, or is a citizen of a member state who is currently resided in the Cyprus.

- For registration in the fields of Architecture, and Civil Engineering, in addition to the above, one year's practical training is also required following acquisition of the qualification mentioned in (a) above.



ETEK Membership (cont'd)

- Fields of engineering science:
 1. architecture including landscape architecture
 2. civil engineering including landscape engineering
 3. mechanical engineering
 4. electrical engineering
 5. electronic engineering including information technology engineering
 6. chemical engineering
 7. mine and applied geology engineering
 8. agronomic-topographic engineering
 9. land survey and valuation
 10. town and spatial planning
- Number of design engineers (chartered engineers): 2.000
- Total number of members: 10.000



Activities

- Exercising control and disciplinary powers
 - The **Disciplinary Board** consists of 10 members who are directly elected by the members of ETEK for a 6-year term, and is headed by the President of ETEK.
 - Establishment and operation of the Disciplinary Board as well as the relevant regulations setting business ethics and practices are included in ETEK legislation.
 - Over 60 disciplinary complaints submitted and processed per year.

- Arbitration
 - ~40 cases undertaken annually
 - Arbitration rules and procedures discussed, establish and ratified by the General Council of ETEK

- Expertise evaluation
 - ~nearly 100 requested on an annual basis

- As part of its mission to promote engineering science and assist its Members to enhance their knowledge and skills, the Chamber holds and promotes the organization of training activities such as conferences and seminars.



Activities (cont'd)

- Recent policy making contributory initiatives
The Chamber, fulfilling its role as the statutory technical advisor of the state, has been actively involved in activities that aim at setting the framework in all and every aspect of engineering science

- Enhancing and harmonizing legislative framework and introducing regulations in cooperation with Ministries, Governmental Departments and other Institutions
 - Accessibility and safety in the usage by People with Special Needs
 - Fire Safety in Buildings
 - Eurocodes

- Significant effort has been dedicated to introduce and establish procedures and methods regarding fees for provided engineering services to:
 - Impose minimum design costs to ensure safety and credibility in public buildings
 - Establish relevant methods to the private sector

