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Dear ECEC Members, dear readers,

On behalf of the ECEC Executive Board I would like to thank you all for your committed contributions in the last six month that were the basis of our new ECEC Advocacy Strategy. We are all very much looking

forward to enhancing the aims of the ECEC on such a broadly agreed basis and with a strengthened cooperation structure.

The current summer with its heatwaves, fires, hails, and thunderstorms is once again forcing us as a society to face the manifold challenges that we must meet during the next years. As the solution of many current problems is heavily depending on excellent engineering solutions, it is essential that we have a good basis to raise our voice as ECEC - and also in cooperation with other engineering and professional organizations.

Playing an active part in European policy development is an important responsibility that we must take up as European Chartered Engineers and I'm looking forward to our cooperation in doing so.

For the moment I would like to wish you all a refreshing and inspirational summer season!

Klaus Thürriedl
ECEC President

NEWS

OAI

**ORDRE DES ARCHITECTES
ET DES INGENIEURS-CONSEILS**

The OAI joins the ECEC

The Order of Architects and Consulting Engineers (Ordre des Architectes et des Ingenieurs-conseils) has joined the European Council of Engineers Chambers as its 17th official member.

The Order of Architects and Consulting Engineers was established by Luxembourgish law and represents five professions on a national and international level: Architects, interior architects, consulting engineers, urban designers, and master planner as well as landscape architects & engineers. The OAI has three missions linked to legal, professional, and cultural effects through enhancing the impact of its members and achieving a sustainable, smart, and high-quality built environment.

It solidified its membership at the General Assembly Meeting in June.

E4E Research Process

Thanks to the active involvement of the ECEC member organisations in the E4E research process, the ECEC was able to submit a report on the E4E research questions from the perspective of Chartered Engineers. In preparation for the establishment of the E4E Skills Council and the development of CPD modules, the materials were collected from all participating organisations and are currently combined by the project coordinator into a consolidated report, determining the future and current wants and needs of engineers in Europe.

The ECEC has conducted a series of in-depth interviews with representatives of the ECEC member organisations that led to interesting results which were submitted as a [summary report](#) to the E4E research but will further work on the results and will establish a number of outcomes in papers and a data collection based on these interview results in order to exploit them in the best possible way.

We thank the participating member organisations for their involvement in the research process!.



EVENTS

ECEC General Assembly Meeting

The ECEC General Assembly took place in Podgorica on 23 June 2023 and had - as well as the Workshop on 22 June 2023 - a strong focus on the implementation of a new ECEC Advocacy Strategy for the coming years. The strategy is based on the results of several common workshops of ECEC member organisations since 2022, in which common aims and implementation tools

were defined. The summarized results and further steps were presented in the workshop and agreed upon during the General Assembly meeting. One of the current focus topics of this strategy is the engagement of ECEC – together with the European Council of Civil Engineers - for the implementation of a Common Training Framework for (Civil) Engineers. In preparation of the next meeting with the European Commission in autumn 2023, the ECEC and the ECCE currently conduct a survey among their member organisations about the national regulatory elements for the civil engineering profession.

Read more in our [article](#) and our [CTF FAQs](#).



Selection of the best European Steel Construction Project

ECEC President Klaus Thürriedl was once again invited to be a judge in the panel for the European Steel Design Awards by the European Convention for Constructional Steelwork (ECCS) which takes place every two years. It awards exceptional and innovative steel structures on their use of the material and with that encourages the creative and outstanding use of steel in architecture and civil engineers. Candidates are owners, architects, engineers, general and steelwork contractors.

The jury, consisting of President Thürriedl as well as four other judges, namely Annamarie Hagoort (ECCS President), Bernhard Hauke (Chairman of ECCS), Karel Terwel (Engineer at IMD Ingenieurs) and Joost Vos (Architect at Benthem Crouwel Architects) met on 13 June to judge a total of eighteen projects, the overall winner of ESDA 2023 will be announced at the ESDA Ceremony held on 12 September 2023 in Amsterdam.

For more information please visit www.steelconstruct.com, where the winning projects can be viewed once they are announced.

The full press release with the list of nominees can be found here:

<https://www.steelconstruct.com/wp-content/uploads/Press-release-European-Steel-Design-Awards-20230630.pdf>.



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UPCOMING

7th World Engineers Convention

By cooperation between the World Federation of Engineering Organisations (WFEO) and the Czech Association of Scientific and Technical Societies (CSVTS), the 7th World Engineers Convention will take place in Prague between 9-15 October 2023 with a focus on “*Engineering for Life: Breakthrough Technologies and Capacity Development focused on United Nations Sustainable Development Goals*”.

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110 years FIDIC – Global Infrastructure Conference

The FIDIC Conference is going to take place in Singapore from 10 to 12 September 2023. The conference theme *Infrastructure – there's no time to lose: Sustainable global (and local) strategies to build a better world*, will stress the urgency of the need to invest in infrastructure in a sustainable way at a local and national level that brings stakeholders together around a common aim of improving the global environment that we all depend on.

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E4E Skills Council

The establishment of the Engineering Skills Council, a multistakeholder EU platform to improve the dialogue between representatives of education and training, the industry and employers is one of the main aims of the [E4E project](#). As the rules of procedure have been defined and the nomination of the members by the E4E partners is finalized, the first meeting of the Skills Council will take place on 21/22 September 2023. The ECEC is represented in the Council by President Klaus Thürriedl.

EU NEWS

Digitalisation of the built environment

The project "Support of the digitalisation of the built environment, public procurement and SMEs in construction" is a European project funded by the European Innovation Council, the Executive Agency for SMEs (EISMEA) and the European Commission (DG GROW) whose goal is to promote the digitalisation of the European construction sector in three ways:

- Pave the way for a common European construction data space;
- Promote the digitalisation of building permit systems in member states; and
- Facilitate wider adoption of BIM in the EU.

If you want to contribute to the projects survey questionnaire please go [HERE](#).



Construction Products Regulation

In July, the European Parliament adopted the IMCO report on the revision of the Construction Products Regulation which contains almost three hundred amendments. The main drivers of the IMCO report are the need to simplify the Commission proposal, so as to make the final act more comprehensible and accessible, and to promote what he perceives as an industry-friendly approach.

The plenary vote was paving the way for inter-institutional negotiations to start and first trilogue took place on 17 July 2023. The Rapporteur will report back to the IMCO committee on 18 September during the committee meeting. More information please see [HERE](#).



Nature Restoration Law

On 12 July 2023, the European Parliament adopted its position on the Nature Restoration Law with a narrow majority. In the next step the EP and the Council negotiate the final version of the regulation. The proposed legislation calls for the renaturation of at least 20 percent of land and marine areas in the EU by 2030. By 2050, all ecosystems in need of renaturation are to be restored. This is not limited to nature reserves but areas in all habitats. The regulation is part of the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030.

[Read more](#)

Energy Efficiency Law

On 25 July 2023, the Council adopted the new rules to reduce final energy consumption at EU level by 11.7% in 2030. Member states will benefit from flexibilities in reaching the target. This translates into an upper limit to the EU's final energy consumption of 763 million tonnes of oil equivalent and of 993 million tonnes of oil equivalent for primary consumption. The consumption limit for final consumption will be binding for member states collectively, whereas the primary energy consumption target will be indicative. Final energy consumption represents energy consumed by end-users, while primary energy consumption also includes what is used for the production and supply of energy.

[Read more](#)



Spanish Presidency

Spain has taken over the presidency of the Council of the European Union from 1 July to 31 December 2023. The main lines of action during the six months of the Spanish Presidency are based on four priorities:

reindustrialising the EU and guaranteeing its open strategic autonomy, advancing in the green transition, promoting greater social and economic justice, and strengthening European unity. During its Presidency, Spain will promote institutional deepening and improved decision-making processes, as well as the enlargement of the European Union.

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EUROPEAN BAUHAUS NEWS

Urban Transitions Mission

The [Urban Transitions Mission of Mission Innovation](#) has launched a second call for expressions of interest to select 250 cities to receive support to test systemic and innovative approaches to accelerate their transition to net zero. Cities from around the world, that are signatories to the Global Covenant of Mayors, with a population of at least 50,000 inhabitants and have a climate and energy plan in place, can apply for the call until 21 August 2023. The selected cities will be announced at COP28 in Dubai. More information about the call can be found [HERE](#).

Horizon Europe EU Mission in the pipeline

In the [Communication on the EU Missions](#) the European Commission proposes a sixth Horizon Europe Mission dedicated entirely to the [New European Bauhaus \(NEB\)](#). If endorsed by the Member States and the community, this Mission would be added to the [existing five](#), which cover adaptation to climate change, cancer, climate neutral and smart cities, the restoration of our ocean and waters, and soils.

With a focus on research and innovation solutions, the proposed NEB mission would aim to transform neighbourhoods across Europe for the better, making them beautiful, sustainable and inclusive. These neighbourhoods should act as 'living labs' for innovation. During its ongoing preparatory phase, the NEB mission will be further defined.

Find below useful links in this regard:

[Questions and Answers - Horizon Europe: EU Missions on track to meet their 2030](#)

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