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17 European YPs joined their international peers at the FIDIC-EFCA-VBI conference in Berlin on 9-11 September 2018.

At their meeting, they elected Lyubomir Petrov (Bulgaria) as Chair of the EFCA YP Steering Committee for 2018 and Riitta Kujala (Finland) as Vice-Chair.

Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Poland, Romania, Serbia and The Netherlands are represented in the YP Steering Committee.



YP Steering Committee - meeting in Berlin

The YP Steering Committee is now developing its business plan.



The other focus of activity is the organisation of the YP Day at the 9-11 May 2019 EFCA Conference 'Future Trends: Talent, Tools and Technologies' that will take place in Dublin.

The winners of the **2018 EFCA YP competition** were announced during the Gala Dinner at the Berlin Conference.

The jury congratulated the winner, Stanislas Merlet (Norway) and the two runners-up Fredrik Skaug Fadnes (Norway) and Elisa Maceratini (Italy).



EFCA President Kevin Rudden presents the certificate to winner Stanislas Merlet

Thomas Kruse, Morten Kirban Rix, Atte Verneri Lehtovirta, Paul Doyle, Thomas Fløien Angeltveit, Arkadiusz Fraczek and Steven Schmidt received honorary mentions.

Connect with the EFCA Young Professionals or contact EFCA YP Coordinator Hannah Neve for more information (mailto:yp@efca.be)!

EFCA Board meets with APPC Board in Lisbon

Current APPC initiatives are focused on enhancing the quality of public procurement for infrastructure investments and encourage good practice.

Other major topics are: the international market and multilateral financing institutions, the government's infrastructure investment plan and the development of a network of engineering/architecture/environment consulting associations in Portuguese speaking countries.



EFCA and APPC Board members exchanged views on how to enhance communications with both young engineers and government officials at both national and EU level in pursuit of a better operating environment for the engineering consulting industry.

EFCA President Kevin Rudden commented on the ongoing federation activity and achievements under the 10 new goals of the 2017-2020 Forward Plan and the enhanced communications about all EFCA lobby gains.

APPC underlined the need for demonstrating the value of national association and European Federation membership and encouraging young engineers into our industry.

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Over the summer period, the Communications task force compared the technical proposal and delivery structure of services of two firms to revamp the EFCA **website**. The Board of Directors decided the assignment at its September meeting.

The concrete review of the entire website was started mid-September.

Most of the national associations reacted positively to the proposal to update the 2014 **EFCA Booklet on liability and insurance regimes in Europe**.

All members were invited to provide input and feedback.

The Internal Market Committee is completing the definite version of the **EFCA guidance for developing good quality criteria**.

The publication is concurring with ongoing European Commission and European Parliament initiatives to encourage contracting authorities to move from the 'price-only' criteria to the 'MEAT' criteria (most economically advantageous tender) and to evaluate tenders based on the best price-quality ratio.

Upcoming EFCA Booklet describes business benefits of BIM use from a project management perspective

Around the end of this year, the first two international standards for Building Information Modelling (BIM) ISO 19650–1 Organization of information about construction works – Information management using building information modelling – Part 1: Concepts and principles and ISO 19650-2 Organization of information about construction works – Information management using building information modelling – Part 2: Delivery phase of assets will be published.



The EFCA Booklet is focusing on the benefits of reduction of risk and cost overruns by using information management that is based on ISO19650. Such advantages are possible if reliable project information is available in a structured, re-useable form and is shared efficiently. By managing the ownership and liability of project data, management stay in control during the life-cycle of assets including operations and maintenance by reducing cost, contradiction or misinterpretation.

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Second EFCA Future Trends Booklet: get the status of what the 2018 issue predicted

The EFCA Task Force, comprising Maurizio Boi, Christophe Castaing, Maximilian Grauvogl, Nikola Matić, Kevin Rudden and Jan Van der Putten, examines technological changes and assesses the implications thereof for the industry.

Main deliverable is the 2019 version of the e-document 'Future Trends in the consulting Engineering Industry' that will be launched in Dublin on 10 May 2019.

The new issue of the EFCA Booklet will explore issues such as the use of big data and challenges, the impact of virtual reality and implications of 3D printing, optimising cooperation models, changing business models and our industry's role in the value chain.





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BIM Task Force	Brussels	26.10.2018
Barometer Task Group	Paris	15.11.2018 (12:00-16:00)
Directors & Secretaries General meeting	Paris	16.11.2018
Board of Directors meeting	Brussels	30.11.2018
European External Aid Committee	Brussels	23.01.2019
Internal Market Committee	Brussels	24.01.2019
Board of Directors meeting	Brussels	15.02.2019
Board of Directors meeting	Brussels	26.04.2019
2019 EFCA GAM & Conference	Dublin	9-10.05.2019

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