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## Proposal for the appointment of the board members

Dear colleagues of the FEU, delegation members,

Hereby the proposal for the appointment of the Members of the Board of the FEU in accordance with our new constitution, article 15.2: The number of Board members corresponds to the workload contained in the Annual Business Plan. (The design of this business plan will be in our next council meeting).

Our proposal is to work with four Board Members. The argument for working with 'four' is mainly because we still have a lot of work to do in the coming years with our new set-up: the substantive programs and the new constitution.

The number of Board members should be decided by the FEU Council. The Council can determine that we will work with four Board Members for the coming period.

Therefore, I would like to propose to the Council to agree with four candidates for the board. There is no need for a real election because we also have four applications. However, we have stipulated in our constitution that we appoint the board members in a cascading way. For one year, for two years and for three years. This, of course, for continuity. I do assume that the candidate who will be nominated for 'one year' will be re-elected next year, for continuity reasons.

All candidates have registered for a board membership in accordance with article 21.6. In consultation with each nominee the allocation of the term and task was discussed and the outcomes and wishes of each have been incorporated into this proposal, by agreement of the nominees.

I therefore ask the Council to agree to the following appointments as Board members:

- Appointing **Jakob Vedsted Andersen** for the 3-year period (step down in 2024);
- Appointing **Wim van Zele** for the period of 2 years (step down in 2023);
- Appointing **Mariano Herández Fernández** for the period of 2 years (step down in 2023);
- Appointing **Petr Oslejsek** for the period of 1 year (step down in 2022).

Additional information for the Council:

The distribution of the tasks and activities in accordance with article 3 (Aims) is a responsibility of the Board. The future board members have already been in contact with each other about this distribution and the following setup has been agreed for the coming years:

1. **Jakob Vedsted Andersen**: article 3.1.1 / Develop the leadership capability of career principal fire and rescue service officers in Europe with a focus on strategic issues (officers Development Program & Leadership)\*

2. **Wim van Zele:** article 3.1.2 / A strong voice for fire and rescue services at European and global level (the Voice)\*
3. **Petr Oslejsek:** article 3.1.3 / Connect with career principal fire and rescue service officers in Europe to exchange best practice, improve knowledge sharing and facilitate transnational cooperation relating to public safety and any other activity as decided by the FEU Council (Exchange of Experts/Knowledge)\*
4. **Mariano Hernández Fernández:** article 3.2 / Organize the further implementation of the new constitution and the connection/alignment between the affiliated EU countries and the FEU. (collaboration and connection) and a number of specific themes in accordance with article 19 (for example EU project Wildfires)\*

\*the President and Secretary will, based on their function and responsibility, fulfil a role in each program, appropriate to their responsibility, in accordance with the constitution.

In Helsinki, we try to put together the direction and content of the programs with the members in interactive sessions. Therefore, the Board members prepare an initial draft of their portfolio to discuss with the Council. So, we want to be able to send the various drafts to you on time in preparation for the meeting. Ultimately, the proceeds from our meeting should result in a FEU business plan for the coming years. In this way, you can familiarize yourself with the content at an early stage and consider a possible role/participation in a committee or working group. Above all, it must become an inclusive process for all of us. We have to do it together.

Sincerely,

Stephan Wevers,  
President FEU