



# President's report June 2022 – November 2022

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## External representation activities, (new) collaborations and other initiatives undertaken

### 1. EuroFSA core group

As member of the EuroFSA core group, we gather on a regular basis online. The European Fire Safety Week 2022 has been organised as a webinar 'Let's place citizen safety at the heart of the energy transition!', from 14 November till 18 November 2022. In 2023 there will be again the presentation of the European Fire Safety Award.

### 2. Metro Chiefs

- In October the presidium of the Metro Chiefs and the FEU talked about the officer's development programme and how to set up a network like the MC.
- On their request, I shared an update on the firefighting efforts of Ukraine in the context of the war with Russia including a complete list of things they need.
- I connected one of the Metro Chiefs, Mr Marc Bashoor, in his current role as Executive Editor with FireRescue1.com to the State Emergency Services in Ukraine (SESU), to have an interview and to write a comprehensive article about firefighting in wartime.

### 3. Urban Fire Forum 2022 (UFF-NFPA)

I was a Special Guest at the UFF in Boston in September and I gave an update on the situation in Europe. The NFPA serves as the host to the UFF. The UFF consists of the Officers of the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association's Board of Directors, the leaders of several major U.S. and International Fire Associations, and a select group of "at large" chiefs from major cities and metropolitan areas.

Each year the UFF brings together fire chiefs who are responsible for protecting some of the largest urban centers in the world. The program objectives are to provide the chiefs an opportunity to learn from their peers and expert speakers, and for NFPA to stay abreast of current trends and needs in the fire service. As part of the overall mission of the UFF, chief officers share UFF deliverables and related information with fire officers from all over the world.

### 4. IAFC

I have invited Mr Ken Stuebing, past president, to give an update on the IAFC at the FEU Council meeting in Madrid.

### 5. CTIF

I have invited Mr Milan Dubravac, president, to give an update on the CTIF at the FEU Council meeting in Madrid. We also planned to sign the Memorandum of Understanding to underline our cooperation.

### 6. OBA

I was a Special Guest to the OBA Annual Assembly, Argentina/Buenos Aires, 24-27 Aug 2022.



## 7. Ukraine

I have invited mr Serhiy Kruk, general SESU, to give an update on the current situation in Ukraine at the FEU Council meeting in Madrid. The FEU has frequent contact with the SESU. The Board discussed the war situation between Russia and Ukraine several times. The planned trip to Ukraine with Bjarne Nigaard and Rimantas Steponavicius had to be postponed till the end of this year because of the recover work in the reconquered areas.

## 8. World Police Fire Games 2022

As President of the FEU, I was a member of the Committee of Recommendation of the World Police and Fire Games in Rotterdam, the Netherlands in 2022. From 22-31 July 2022, fire brigades, police and customs met and worked together at this major international sporting event. It was a great sports and network event.

## 9. Pan European Diversity Conference 2023

The Board supports Bjarne in organising the Pan European Diversity Conference. More information on the conference will follow at the FEU Council meeting in Madrid.

## 10. EFSCA

I have invited mr Kenny Essers, president, to give an update on the EFSCA at the FEU Council meeting in Madrid. In our online 19 July 2022, we discussed further collaboration. In September 28 the presidium of EFSCA and FEU discussed about the ODP, collaboration and signing a Memorandum of Understanding.



## FEU project management

### 1. FIRE-IN

Petr Oslejsek participates in this project. The intention is to further implement the activities developed by FIRE-IN and share the information and knowledge collected during the project, with FEU and its members. Petr represents the FEU at the Fire-In Conference 18 October 2022.



## Internal affairs

### 1. Board meetings 2022

I chaired the FEU Management Board meetings at:

29 August (online), 3 October (online), 2<sup>nd</sup> November (physical)

### 2. Council meeting 2022 Madrid/Spain:

We had a couple of online meetings with Mariano Hernández Fernández and Sagrario Moreno-Manzanaro to prepare the Council meeting in Madrid in November in terms of program content and logistical organisation. We also went to Madrid on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September to meet the organising team in person (Sagrario, Marta Garcia and delegate Aitor Soler Zimbrello), discuss the program and logistics and visit the event venues and hotels. The Spanish colleagues prepared the prescan in detail, for which our sincere compliments.

### 3. Future meetings

We have contact with the delegates in Latvia. We will have online contact and in February 2023 we will pay a visit to Riga to prepare the Council meeting in Riga in May in terms of program content and logistical organisation.

I have found the delegates of Croatia willing to host the Council meeting in Zagreb in November 2023.

### 4. Composition of the Management Board

In June, Mrs Anna Andersson Carlin has been appointed as the new FEU Secretary. We had contact about the handover, in particular the financial tasks. By the first meeting 2023 the term of Wim and Mariano will end, even so the term of myself by the second meeting in 2023. In the Madrid meeting, I will announce this and inform about the follow-up on this according to the Constitution to the Council.

### 5. FEU membership

Scotland, Northern Ireland, Iceland, Bulgaria and Switzerland were invited to join the meeting in Madrid to experience the FEU meeting and family and to make an informed choice of membership. Scotland, Northern Ireland and Iceland have sent us a message of absence. Italy, Bulgaria and Switzerland do not react on the invitations.

Greece has informed us about new delegates. Slovakia is in a reorganisation process and has, unfortunately, not the opportunity to participate anymore. Poland is reconsidering their membership. As agreed upon in the Helsinki meeting, the membership of Portugal has been terminated.

### 6. Officer Development Program (ODP)

Two Alumni '22 were invited for the Council meeting in Helsinki to share their experience. Another alumnus has become a member of the Voice committee. One alumnus is involved in the organisation of the Class '23 and two alumni have become member of the Sounding board ODP. The alumni are invited to join online the seminar



on Climate change/wildfires in Madrid and some will be involved in the Pan European Diversity conference in Copenhagen.

The organisation of ODP '23 is in full swing. The content of the program will be more or less the same. The NIPV will see to the content and the organisation in the Netherlands. In the Madrid meeting the dates of ODP'23 will be announced.

The next challenge is to market the FEU/ODP to get a good representation of Europe in Class '23. Spread the word!

## 7. Initiatives to continue/develop

- Draft Sponsorship policy; the Voice committee has been asked to develop this.



## Questionnaires

These questionnaires were shared with the FEU members in the past 6 months:

1. Risk allowance by the Pancyprian Association of Firefighters, 20-9-22  
The information we will receive will be included in a relevant study prepared by the Research Office of the Cyprus Fire Service.
2. LINKS Guidelines library by Dieter Nuessler, 12-10-22  
The FEU-LINKS-team will present the results of the project in more detail incl. a Q&A session in the FEU meeting 1/2023.