

**DRAFT MINUTES of the FEU Council meeting Friday 4th November 2022
MADRID/SPAIN**

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Welcome

Stephan Wevers welcomed everybody to the 2nd day of the 52nd FEU Council meeting in the Eurostars hotel Casa de la Lírca in Madrid/Spain. Today is a mixture of business and theme items.

The president looked back at a fruitful 1st day with an interesting seminar where many aspects were addressed and with good, forward-looking discussions.

Setting the agenda

The agenda was adopted in compliance with:

point 3a not Dieter Nuessler, but Zoltán Hozbor informed about the LINKS project.

Point 3b combination of Exchange of Experts/Knowledge and project Fire-In due to early departure Petr.

point 5, Update CTIF and 7 Update IAFC also involved the approval of the MoU.

Additional point: Update on FAFSIT4Schools from Rimantas.

Cross of Merit

In the presence of mrs Merete Haagenrud

After a nomination from FEU delegates the board decided to award delegate Nils-Erik Haagenrud from Norway with the FEU cross of merit in silver. This is to honour and thank Nils-Erik for his contribution to the FEU from 2005 till now. Nils-Erik has a great deal of knowledge in many different areas within the fire and rescue service area. Special mention can be made of his extensive knowledge and experience in the management and organization of forest firefighting, the theme of this Council meeting. He actively shares this knowledge at several seminars and meetings, both nationally and within the Nordic region, but also on the European level.

It was among others therefore a pleasure for the FEU board to award him with the silver FEU Cross of Merit and extend to him their warmest congratulations.

2. List of attendees and roll call

The attendance list was circulated and is found at the end of the minutes.

3. FEU – projects and events

a) LINKS project

Zoltán gave an update on the project. The status report #4 was already sent to the delegates and posted on the intranet with the request to fill out the survey Guidelines Library. The overall purpose (https://links.communitycenter.eu/index.php/List_of_Guidelines) is to provide a comprehensive overview of existing formalised guidelines, standard operating procedures and policy frameworks that can support users, more specifically practitioners, with regards to the application of Social Media & Crowdsourcing in disaster management practices. This library should be mainly focussed on the needs of disaster management organisations.

Further information on the project is available on www.links-project.eu.

b) Fire-In (Petr) in combination with Exchange of Experts/Knowledge

Petr informed the Council about Projects, Principal Themes and Exchange of experts. One of the Projects is Fire In. Main project objective: Improve the national and European Fire & Rescue capability development process. FEU has been asked to participate in this project. It could generate income. Petr in his role as program leader Exchange is investigating how it could be best done project-wise, with as little administration as possible. There are more options. CTIF/Milan will be asked to help with this.

Furthermore, Petr introduced the project **DIREKTION**. Main objective: project is to sustainably establish a network in the community of Disaster Resilience (DRS) that will enhance the exchange and consolidation of knowledge, and promote innovation, technology uptake and as

well as multi-stakeholder cooperation. He called for volunteers to get involved. The FEU will be a partner but not contribute with money or resources.

c) European Diversity Conference Copenhagen/Denmark, 24/25 April 2023 (Bjarne)

Bjarne Nigaard gave the audience an update about the planned pan European Conference on 'Diversity for the Strategic leadership of the European fire and rescue services on 24th and 25th April 2023', organised by the Danish association and power by the FEU. The location is the Danish Parliament building. Bjarne announced that after the Council meeting the invitation and the program will follow by email. He requested the audience to share it within their country/network. A special invitation to the present befriending associations (IAFC, Metro Chiefs, CTIF). Merle Luna Raben from Denmark was thanked for her hard work.

d) 4th EUFSW 14-18 Nov 2022 (Finian)

As in previous editions, leading experts and decision-makers discuss the challenges facing Europe in the field of fire safety. This year there is a focus mainly on how to place EU citizens safety at the heart of the energy transition (online). The audience was also invited to join in person the high-level political discussion on putting fire safety at the heart of building renovations, on Tuesday 15 November in the European Parliament. 18th of November, it's the European Smoke Alarm Day 2022 and the members were requested to join and promote the day.

Furthermore, Finian gave an update on the progress of **BFireSafe@School** (project of the Year 2021)

e) 7th ISES Linz/Austria, 23/24 Nov 2023

Save the date!

Finian asked for the attention of the audience regarding the **project EduFire Toolkit**

(www.edufiretoolkit.eu) A toolkit for high schools on wildfires and climate change.

EduFire Toolkit is an Erasmus+ project aiming to educate high school students in wildfire prevention throughout a project-based learning methodology by including a transdisciplinary approach.

4. Update EFSCA (online)

By mr Kenny Essers, president

For technical reasons, this update had to be cancelled.

5. Update CTIF / Memorandum of Understanding

By mr Milan Dubravac, president

Mr Dubravac introduced the CTIF, "Comité Technique International de prevention et d'extinction de Feu": the international association of fire and rescue services since 1900, the oldest firefighters organisation for professionals and volunteers. 40 member countries. Most of the work is done in commissions and working groups on Exchange of knowledge, Skilled Firefighters and Safe Citizens. Since 2022, there is also a strategic and scientific oversight commission. To improve cooperation on strategic themes, participate on annual conferences/seminars/webinars/EU projects and exchange of knowledge the FEU and CTIF signed a Memorandum of Understanding.

6. Update Metro Chiefs

By mr Robert Rocha, president

Mr Rocha informed about the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association, member of the NFPA and IAFC, since 1965 to promote firefighter safety, share best organisational practices and distribute educational information from the latest fire science, technology and data research available. The Metropolitan Fire Chiefs prides itself on the diversity of our organization to promote equity and inclusion across the international fire service. About 130 major fire departments, mostly in Northern America. To become a member one needs to have minimum staffing strength of 350 fully paid career firefighters.

Urban Fire Forum 2022; NFPA President and CEO Jim Pauley welcomed fire chiefs from Canada, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States at the Urban Fire Forum (UFF) in October 2022 at NFPA headquarters in Quincy, Mass. At the UFF, Pauley provided an overview of the association's mission, reinforcing the critical role urban fire service leaders play in reaching the Association's goals and initiatives. Stephan Wevers was a special guest.

7. Update IAFC / Memorandum of Understanding

By mr Ken Stuebing, past president and Steven Locke, treasurer

The IAFC represents the leadership of firefighters and emergency responders worldwide; the members are the world's leading experts in firefighting, emergency medical services, terrorism response, hazardous materials spills, natural disasters, search and rescue, and public safety policy. According to mr Stuebing the International Association of Fire Chiefs is the 2nd oldest association in the U.S, founded in 1873. Their 150th Anniversary is on 20th October 2023. IAFC advocates for fire service and members. There are over 13.000 members worldwide, mostly in U.S. The IAFC has an 18 Member Board of Directors, 8 Divisions, 10 Sections, 12 Committees and numerous Task Forces. Stuebing called for membership if anyone is interested.

Mr Locke informed about the financial situation in relation to the Covid period. They had to revise drastically the strategic priorities. Loss of major revenue required expense management to remain solvent. In January 2019, the IAFC created an Impact Webpage on Covid'19, provided links to the CDC and WHO websites for best practices of protecting personnel and participated in US Fire Administrations Covid Hot Wash. In Feb. 2020 a Coronavirus Task Force was established to monitor, coordinate and provide information back to IAFC and members. IAFC Became Central Data Collection Point For Many Fire and EMS Associations.

A 2nd vice president was appointed to be the voice of Equity Groups. They made a guide for creating a Diverse and Inclusive Department sent out to member Fire Departments. BOD added a budget line for DEI. Consultant currently reviewing all IAFC communication and documents to ensure inclusive language. Developed a DEI Certificate Program and Strategic Plan outlines much more.

Communication in all kinds of ways became one of the focus areas. A taskforce working on how to improve connection to members. A new vision Strategic Initiatives Plan was passed by the Board.

To underline the friendship and cooperation between FEU and IAFC a Memorandum of Understanding was signed.

8. Update on State Emergency Services Ukraine

By general Serhiy Kruk, head SESU (via interpreter)

Unfortunately, mr Kruk was not able to come to Madrid due to the tensed situation in the last weeks, but gave an impressive presentation on the current situation in the Ukraine. Since the beginning of the war between Russia and Ukraine, the FEU has been intensively working to help the State Emergency Service Ukraine by actively matching supply and demand of firefighting equipment. The FEU has connected countries within Europe and other continents. The FEU President introduced the presidents of IAFC, Metro Chiefs and CTIF to General Kruk to express their respect and pride that in times of need, the fire and rescue service family stands together and that they can count on each other. They all promised to continue the good work where they can, and their thoughts are with the Ukrainian people and colleagues doing their jobs under extraordinarily difficult circumstances: saving lives & mitigating damage.

9. Business plan

a) Committee The Voice (Wim)

Wim took the audience through the developments of the Voice-committee by his slideshow. The committee grew from 4 to 9 participants, under which 2 communications specialists.

Further to:

- The committee prepared the FEU statement on Climate change, to be released today.
- Following the media attention due to wildfires, a decision tree was made to know who to react.

- Elevator pitch; the committee is still working on the 'golden' elevator pitch. There will be one for internal and external use and adaptable to the audience involved. The goal is to present the definite elevator pitch in Riga.
- The members were asked to inform the committee about their sponc and if they have a reference to the FEU incl. url on the website of their association.
- during the interactive part the audience was divided in groups to discuss and fill in a questionnaire on sponsor policy. The goal is to present a draft sponsor policy/guidelines in Riga, based on this input. The IAFC and Metro Chiefs will send in their policy document as well.
- to expand the FEU family and connect more members, the committee is composing a list of countries to contact and to offer membership. Before the approach the content of the different memberships should be worth it and the website should be updated accordingly. A working group will compose a questionnaire and send it to the current members and to ODP alumni to find out expectations. Results to be presented in Riga. It was suggested to reconsider also the FEU branding strategy.
- The Board is of the opinion to give a follow up to statements. Like to the DEI statement, the European Diversity Congress has been organised. The FEU should also ask itself what have we done to reflect on your own decision-making and actions. The Voice committee will consider a way of how to follow up on this by creating moments of reflection, sharing information and best practices (on the website).
- For the next Council meeting the Voice committee is asked to prepare a draft statement on Energy transition.
- Leadership Conference 2025; there will be a mixed working group from our 3 programs to prepare our Leadership conference 2025. The Leadership committee is leading.

b) **Committee Leadership** (Jakob)

- Purpose: Develop the leadership capability of career principal fire and rescue service officers in Europe with a focus on strategic issues.
- ODP22; two alumni contributed successfully at the Helsinki meeting. A couple of alumni is involved in the programs and with the preparation of the next ODP. Alumni John Keane and Ignacio Perez Prado even have or will become a FEU delegate and are here today.
- ODP23; 12-16 June 2023 in Arnhem/the Netherlands. The program hasn't been changed. Ideally 18-24 participants are needed, then there will be some return of investments. The new leaflet is ready and will be send digitally next week. Please share in your country and network.
- Fire Chief of the year award is planned for 2023. The criteria's will be approved at the next Council meeting in Riga. The committee will do the selection. Jakob is currently in dialogue with a prize sponsor.
- FEU Leadership Conference is planned for Q3-Q4 2025. Early next year the organisation will start, together with the other FEU-program committees. At least 400 participants. The location is to be determined.
- EURO-METRO Chief Fire Officers; Bringing the chief fire officers from the metro-cities in Europe together and create a strong network. Only the cfo's from big cities can join. Criteria e.g. more than 500 full time employees, more than 500.000 inhabitants, Capital Fire Services – need to be set. Reaching out to Eurocities and Metro Chief (US) for inspiration.

c) **Committee Exchange > see 3b.**

The president complimented the program leaders for neatly meeting the targets as named in program schedule. He is proud of the results and looks to the future with great confidence.

First Aid and Fire Safety interactive tool for schools (fafsit4schools.eu) (Rimantas)

FAFSIT4Schools is co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the EC. LNFOA is glad to announce the completion of the project.

The idea for the project was generated in early 2018 during interviews with Finian Joyce. In 2019, separately Leitrim County Council and the Lithuanian National Fire Officers Alliance

(LNFOA) applied for the Erasmus Plus program. As known, Bfiresafe@school received funding and was successfully implemented during 2019-2022, Lithuania's application was rejected. The Lithuanian project was supplemented with first aid training topics and the FAFSIT4SCHOOLS project was approved in 2020, with a duration of 2 years and a budget of EUR 280,000. The idea of the project was to supplement, expand and cover the possible content or forms of already prepared and operational projects. Therefore, in the course of the FAFSIT4SCHOOLS project, they wanted to make the methodology for providing fire safety and first aid and the content of the Interactive Training. They developed new fire safety and fire education tool for pupils and teachers: 12 fire safety topics and 13 first aid topics.

How can FEU delegates help?

By following Project FAFSIT4SCHOOLS on social media and share it.

By generating ideas, find partners and shape topics.

Proposal to make a presentation at each Council meeting of the main European support funds with funding deadlines and possible project topics;

FEU support for projects (for discussions)

- For more information: www.fafsit4schools.eu

10. Any other business

a) Items next meeting; central theme Energy transition.

- Leadership theme Latvia: Risk assessment process in the fields of firefighting and rescue work and the use of findings in resource planning.
- Suggestion from Norway: the effects from protective clothing and equipment regarding cancer research.
- Re-elections Board members.

11. Next meeting:

01/2023: Riga/Latvia, 25 and 26 May (short presentation and video by Rudolfs Azens).

02/2023: Croatia/Zagreb, **new dates 9 and 10 November!**

12. Closing ceremony

Handover of the FEU flag

Closing remarks by president Stephan Wevers

The president wrapped up the two Council days, thanked the audience for coming to Madrid and for their fruitful contributions. The flag was handed over from Spain to Latvia. Many thanks to the Spanish team for the hospitality and the perfect organisation of the last three days. The Latvian delegation was wished a lot of success for organising the next Council meeting in May 2023.

Attendance list FEU Council members 4 November 2022

Members	Country	Assoc	Name	Present 4 Nov
1.	Austria	OBFV	Bernhard Jily	+
2.	Belgium	H. Mem	Chris Addiers	-
		NB	Jan Jorissen	-
		NB	Wim Van Zele	+
		NB	Bert Brugghe-mans	-
3.	Croatia	HVZ	Mario Starcevic	-
		HVZ	Goran Frankovic	+
		HVZ	Sinisa Jembrih	+
4.	Cyprus	CFA	Dimitris Loukaides	-
		CFS	Polyvios Hadjivassiliou	+
		CFS	George Pouzoukkis	+
		CFS	Andreas Kettis	-
5.	Czech Rep	CAFO	Vladimir Vlcek	+
		CAFO	Petr Oslejsek	+
		CAFO	Martin Nekula	+
6.	Denmark	DB	Bjarne Nigaard	+
		DB	Jakob Vedsted Andersen	+
7.	Estonia	EAFRC	Mart Haljaste	-
		EAFRC	Margo Klaos	+
		EAFRC	Marko Ruu	+
8.	Finland	SPPL	Ari Keijonen	-
		SPPL	Veli-Pekka Ihamaki	+
		SPPL	Torbjorn Lindstrom	+
		SPPL	Peter Johansson	-
9.	France	FNSPF	Sylvain Besson	+
10.	Germany	H.Mem	Dieter Nuessler	+
		VFDB	Sebastian Vries	+
		VFDB	Wolfgang Schauble	-
	Greece	EAPS	Konstantinos Tsigas	-
11.	Hungary	NDGDM	Zoltan Hozbor	+
		NDGDM	Laszlo Barta-Vamos	-
12.	Ireland	CFOA	Finian Joyce	+
		CFOA	Celina Barrett	-
		CFOA	Eoin O'Ceilleachair	-
		CFOA	Dermot Brannigan	-
		CFOA	John Keane	+

13.	Latvia	SFRS	Martins Baltmanis	+
		FRS	Elvira Smukste	-
		SFRS	Oskars Abolins	+
		SFRS	Rudolfs Azens	+
14.	Lithuania	NFOA	Rimantas Steponavicius	+
15.	Luxembourg	FNP	Serge Heiles	+
16.	Netherlands	Brandweer Nederland	Stephan Wevers	+
			Diemer Kransen	+
			Dennis van Zanten	+
		H. Mem	Ruud Jonkman	-
17.	Norway	NBLF	Nils-Erik Haagenrud	+
		NBLF	Ove Stokkeland	+
		NBLF	Marianne Juul	-
		NBLF	Knut Birger Bakken	+
	Slovakia	SAFO		-
		SAFO		-
18.	Spain	APTB	Mariano Hernández Fernández	+
		APTB	Javier Vergara Falces	-
		APTB	Sagrario Moreno-Manzanaro	+
		APTB	Aitor Soler Zimbrello	+
		APTB	Ignacio Perez Prado	+
		APTB	Carlos García Touriñán	-
		APTB	Gabriel Muñoz Simal	-
19.	Sweden	SBB	Andreas Hoff	-
		SBB	Anna Andersson Carlin	+
		SBB	Lina Holgersson	-
		H. Mem	Goran Schnell	-
20.	UK	NFCC	Mark Hardingham	-
		NFCC	Sabrina Cohen-Hatton	-
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2.	Metro Chiefs	Robert Rocha	+
3.	NFPA	Otto Drozd III	+
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6.	EFSCA	Kenny Essers	-
7.	SESU	Serhiy Kruk	online
8.	Brandweer Twente	Sandra Wegman	+
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		FRS	Elvira Smukste		
		SFRS	Oskars Abolins		
		SFRS	Rudolfs Azens		
14.	Lithuania	NFOA	Rimantas Steponavici		
15.	Luxembourg	FNP	Serge Heiles		
16.	Netherlands	Brandweer Nederland	Stephan Wevers		
			Diemer Kransen		
			Dennis van Zanten		
		H. Mem	Ruud Jonkman	--	--
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3.	CTIF	Milan Dubravak	<i>present</i>	<i>present</i>
4.	General Directorate	Angela Iglesias Rodrigo	<i>→</i>	-
5.	GRAF	Marc Castellnou Ribau	<i>online</i>	-
6.	LFB	<i>Jim Davies</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	-
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13.	Min. Of Interior (F)	Laurent Alfonso	<i>[Signature]</i>	-
14.	TITAN	Hugo Arceo Campoy	<i>[Signature]</i>	-
15.	TITAN	Rafael Selma Beltrán	<i>[Signature]</i>	-
16.	ITURRI <i>NICOLÁS MARTÍNEZ</i>	David López Coronel	<i>[Signature]</i>	-
17.	MSA	Gema Moreno Carrasco	<i>[Signature]</i>	-
18.	APTB	Marta García Touset	-	-
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