



President's report June - November 2021

Council meeting 4 November 2021

External representation activities, meetings attended and actions undertaken

1. European Fire Safety Week: November 2021

In 2019, FEU committed itself to the first European Fire Safety Week (run by EuroFSA) with 3 actions:

- join the online questionnaire at the FEU Council Meeting 2020-2 in Copenhagen - also held during the ISES seminar (*International Safety Education Seminar*) and the FSS congress (*Fire Safety Science congress*) in Arnhem) - to give strategic input from experts and practitioners for the development of a Fire Safety Plan intended for the European Commission and the European Parliament
- powering the 5th edition of the biannually 2-days ISES seminar in Antwerp, like we support former editions of 2015 in Sweden and 2017 in the Netherlands.
- launching the first European Fire Safety Award, promoting the best Community Safety initiatives around Europe.

The concept of the EFSW is a great success: reaching out for a lot of fire safety stakeholders at 14 events during 10 days and connecting experts, practitioners, manufacturers, interest groups with MEP's including an opening ceremony and an Award ceremony at the European Parliament.

It is an outstanding initiative set up by EuroFSA (where former FEU-delegates Elie van Strien and Krzysztof Biskup are respectively president and vice president.)

30 August, I disseminated the Call for projects for the European Fire Safety Award 2021 under all Dutch fire brigades.

1 September: I participated in the Core Group EuroFSA ([online](#))

2. Fire Information Exchange Platform (FIEP):

Meetings on Development and risk of smoke in fires were cancelled due to Covid '19.

3. Caribbean Association of Fire Chiefs

3 May, I gave a presentation at Caribbean Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC)



4. Metro Chiefs

17 June: I gave an online presentation on the Covid'19 situation in Europe.

5. World Police Fire Games 2021

As President of the FEU, I am a member of the Committee of Recommendation of the World Police and Fire Games in Rotterdam, the Netherlands in 2022. From 22 to 31 July 2022, fire brigades, police and customs meet and work together at this major international sporting event. Besides sportsmanship, teamwork and meeting people, the WPFG Rotterdam 2022 has another important objective: to increase respect and appreciation for caregivers. That is why the motto of this edition is: In Sport We Unite.

13 September, I disseminated the invitation to the FEU members.

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FEU project management

1. EUfireStat: Project in the EC-budget

30 September 2021: I participated in the 2nd Steering Group ([online](#))

Meeting objectives:

the aim of the project is to map data collected and best practices in Member States. The Commission believes that setting common definitions for fire statistics will help in sharing the best practices and lessons learnt, and support regulators in decision-making. For this aim, all participants are invited to “spread the word” about the project, participate actively in the different phases of the project and to provide input for its successful execution.

2. Green deal Wildfires

The Coordination and Support Action (CSA) proposal has been selected for funding. The contracts with the EC are prepared. Potential starting date probably around the end of the year.

Questionnaires

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

1. ECHA

on the use of lead ammunition by fire brigades, 2 September



Internal affairs

1. FEU meetings

I chaired the FEU Management Board meetings at:

20 May (online), 15 June (online), 30 August (written), 5 October (physical), 3 November (physical)

I chaired the FEU Council meetings at:

27 and 28 May (online)

2. Ghent Council meeting:

I had a number of online meetings with board member Wim van Zele and his team to prepare the Council meeting in Ghent in November in terms of programme content and logistical organisation.

3. Future meetings

I have found the delegates of Spain and Latvia willing to host the Council meetings in Madrid in November 2022 and in Riga in May 2023 respectively.

4. Composition of the Management Board

21 Aug, I disseminated the Vacancy Secretary FEU under the FEU members. The current Secretary intends to step down at the Helsinki meeting in June 2022.

5. FEU membership

Scotland, Northern Ireland and Iceland are invited to join the meeting in Ghent to experience the FEU meeting and family and to make an informed choice of membership.

Furthermore, I have contacted the following countries and considered membership of the FEU: Switzerland, Bulgaria, Romania, Malta, Portugal, Italy, Luxembourg, France, Poland.

I have contacted the delegates from Croatia, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Slovak Republic, Slovenia and France to find out why they do not attend the meetings despite being a member. Croatia and Cyprus have been too occupied and will join the meetings again.

6. Officer Development Program (ODP)

Together with the Dutch National Fire Academy a project proposal for the Pilot Officer Development Program 2021 (ODP) has been developed. The working group with a diverse, European representation, has started and Jakob Vedsted has taken over the lead.



The program on location will take place in Arnhem, The Netherlands, from Monday 21 March through to Friday 25 March 2022. Both half day online meetings will be scheduled later this year.

7. Initiatives still to resume

Because of the COVID'19 crisis the following planned actions were set on hold, postponed, have to be resumed:

Connecting with partners:

- the signing of the MoU with OBA (a new date will be set)
- the signing of the MoU with IAFC & Metro (unfortunately the Assembly in Boston has been cancelled.) The board of the Metro Chiefs has been invited to join the Council meeting Gent, during their Europe trip.
- the signing of the MoU with CFPA Europe (meeting General Assembly online September 2021)
- the update of the MoU with CTIF (meeting 13-15 October in Marseille)

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