

**DRAFT MINUTES of the FEU Council meeting Friday 5th November 2021
GHENT/BELGIUM**

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Welcome

Stephan Wevers as chair welcomed everybody to this second day of the 50th physical FEU Council meeting held in the conference hotel the Monasterium in Ghent. The photos from the Honouring ceremony held last night will be uploaded to the website.

This day will be, after the item on ODP, a theme day on Sustainability, organised by Wim and his team.

Unfortunately, the meeting could not be hybrid, but the presentations (only the speaker) will be on screen and recorded, so one can have a look at it later.

Setting the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

2. List of attendees and roll call

A roll call of members attending physically was carried out. See the attached attendance list. 27 delegates / 13 member associations were in attendance. In comparison with the first day of the meeting, an apology was received from Miloslav Rade from Croatia.

3. Officer Development Program

Adopted

Regrettably, Ms Marianne Heijndijk from the National Fire Academy in the Netherlands, who was supposed to inform us about the content of the Officer Development program, is not able to come due to illness. Mr. Kenny Essers had already been deregistered due to a short stay abroad.

Jakob made a powerpoint presentation on progress on the development of the programme. The following issues are briefly addressed: the goal, leadership/strategic themes (incl. UN sustainability goals), the program structure with a steering committee and working groups, the taken initiatives for student recruitment incl. podcast European Citizen Initiative, status quo 14 students from 10 different countries, program structure, the planning, content / themes, process, an alumni network, EU-fundings for coming years (first year is self-funded), evaluation in due time.

Two main content items of the ODP programme include the European legislative process and the adoption of the UN sustainability goals by fire services in Europe.

Jakob and Marianne will commence the intake interviews shortly and complete by early 2022.

The pilot will start with a half day online on 7 March in 2022 in close collaboration with the National Fire Academy from the Netherlands. It continues physically with one week in Arnhem Netherlands from 21-25 March and ends with a half day online on 12 May.

Jakob made an urgent appeal to the council members for more students and for committee members.

The chair started a round of discussion. The feedback is broad and positive, from *ambitious* and *finally* to perhaps *too short*. Some special remarks:

- Is the program too short? Thing big, start small. This pilot is a relatively short but intensive training course. It should have a low-threshold access. One can do it next to his/her work, but students and docents should be very skilled. Future programs can be longer;
- Insert sustainability goals;
- Let some Council members partly join, to give the students a warm welcome, to share knowledge and network;
- See to a FEU fundraiser;
- Contact the countries personally for student recruitment. One per country is even sufficient;
- Address also fire brigades from big cities. The FEU has a MoU with Eurocities;

- Do not invent the wheel, try to collaborate with others, e.g. EFSCA;
- See to an auditing system; contact the director of the USA ODP; AFAC
- Try to establish accreditation through the national structures of education in each country
- Credentials instead of certificates.
- If you need experts contact Cambridge university.

In conclusion, the Council agrees with the proposal to start the ODP in March 2022.

Adoption of the proposal: an authorization proposal was signed between IFV-NFA, FEU president and FEU board member/program leader ODP.

4. **Sustainable leadership – Wim van Zele**

Wim gave a presentation on EU Fire Brigades towards sustainable leadership. He explained what Sustainability is and why it is so important, using a video. It is all about the connection between Environment, Economy and Equity. There are 4 pressure points: Human growth, Climate, Ecosystems and Surprise. He showed that Society has planetary & social boundaries and what is needed to make progress on sustainability in the next decade.

ACTION: Copy of video and presentation to be uploaded to the FEU website.

5. **SDG's as umbrella for sustainable leadership at fire brigade – Wim van Zele**

The 17 UN SGD's is a roadmap to achieve sustainable goals also to be embedded in the Fire Rescue Services. It is supposed to get it into DNA of FB (from vision & strategy to operations). Wim presented some tools one can use. Collaboration (SDG17) is the key to solving the global problem.

Explain survey 'initiatives among FB in EU about sustainability and leadership – Xavier Criel

A week before the meeting a short questionnaire was sent to the delegates. Xavier informed that 14 members had responded. He showed and explained the results.

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6. **FB BASF Worldwide, look on sustainability – Gert van Boxtel, Vice President BASF EmergencyResponse BASF**

Gert informed that BASF is successful in the long term when they create value added for the environment, society and the economy with products, solutions and technologies. Sustainability is firmly anchored in their strategy and corporate governance. They carry out the company purpose "We create chemistry for a sustainable future" using the various tools of their sustainability management. They systematically incorporate sustainability into their business and their assessment, steering and compensation systems. They identify sustainability trends at an early stage and derive appropriate measures for their business to seize new business opportunities and minimize risks along the value chain.

ACTION: Copy of presentation to be uploaded to the FEU website.

Interactive workshops sustainable leadership – Wim van Zele and Xavier Criel

With the information provided, a workshop was held and the members were divided into groups to discuss how to embed the SDG's into the fire services and to think about four possible futures (2021-2025-2030-2035). He demonstrated two videos from Avon fire Service in the UK and the Scottish FRS. He discussed the three levels where the SDG's can be implemented, namely governance level, operational level and the policy level.

7. **Volvo Trucks; vision on sustainability – Phillipe Jacquemyns, product and homologation manager**

Phillipe explained the Volvo Trucks' sustainability strategy for how together we can move the world we want to live in. The choices we make today define the world we live in tomorrow. Climate change, population growth and increasing urbanization are shifting the landscape and our expectations of transport and infrastructure. In all Volvo's actions, they need to consider how to reduce climate impact, use the world's resources, increase safety for drivers, road-users and

colleagues and be a truly diverse company. Volvo Group's ambition is to be a net-zero emission company by 2050 at the very latest. Their ambition is divided into three areas: climate, resources and people, supporting the UN SDG's.

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8. Any other business

Origin of the FEU flag

Göran Schnell was asked for the story of the FEU flag: the idea of the FEU logo originally came from Guttorm Liebe in 1999. It was supposed to have the European colours. The stars were initially small helmets but looked like mice. In 2001 Franz Delzepich made a digital one. Ruud Jonkman had the flag made in 2005 for the first time.

9. Next meeting:

01/2022: Finland/Helsinki, 14 and 15 June

02/2022: Spain/Madrid 3 and 4 November

01/2023: Riga/Latvia, 25 and 26 May

10. Closing remarks

The President wrapped up the two Council days. Two historical decisions had been taken: Business plan 2022-2026 and the Officer Development Program. He thanked everybody for coming to Ghent and for their fruitful contributions. The flag was handed over from Belgium to Finland. The chair thanked Wim and his team for the hospitality and the perfect organisation of the three days. The Finish delegation was wished lots of success for organising the next Council meeting in June 2022.

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4-nov	Full Name	Country	5-nov
1	Jan Jorissen	Belgium	1
1	wim van zele	Belgium	1
1	Chris Addiers	Belgium	1
1	Miroslav Rade	Croatia	0
1	Martin Nekula	Czech Rep.	1
1	Bjarne Nigaard	Danmark	1
1	Jakob Vedsted	Danmark	1
1	Margo Klaos	Estonia	1
1	Marko Rüü	Estonia	1
1	Ari Keijonen	Finland	1
1	Veli-Pekka Ihamäki	Finland	1
1	Peter Johansson	Finland	1
1	Torbjörn Lindström	Finland	1
1	Finian Joyce	Ireland	1
1	Kristaps Eklons	Latvia	1
1	Martins Baltmanis	Latvia	1
1	Rimantas Steponavičius	Lithuania	1
1	Serge Heiles	Luxemburg	1
1	Diemer Kransen	Netherlands	1
1	Stephan Wevers	Netherlands	1
1	Dennis van Zanten	Netherlands	1
1	Gerard van Klaveren	Netherlands	1
1	Ove Stokkeland	Norway	1
1	Mariano Hernandez Fernar	Spain	1
1	Javier Vergara Vergara Falc	Spain	1
1	Anna Andersson Carlin	Sweden	1
1	Göran Schnell	Sweden	1
27			26
14 countries			13 countries

+ Eoin O'Ceilleachair. Ireland
 + Dermot Brannigan Ireland
 Online: Dieter Nuessler / Germany Petr / Czech
 Sebastian Vries / Germany Sagario / Spain
 Laslo + Zoltan / Hungary Rudolf + Marita / Latvia