



ENGINEERS EUROPE ADVISORY GROUP

FEANI, as the largest European Federation of Engineers (1951) with membership in 34 countries, representing approximately 6 million individual engineers has agreed at its General Assembly in Autumn 2017 to establish an Engineers Europe Advisory Group (EEAG), a co-operative consortium aimed at upgrading, promoting and harmonizing the voice of engineers in Europe. In overall the project, wishes to:

- Identify barriers or obstacles faced by the engineering profession (such as bridging the skills gap, promoting STEM and vocational training);
- Advise the EU Institutions (Commission, Parliamentary Committees) on the future of work and to support future European industrial competitiveness, also in view of the challenges of an ageing workforce;
- Support higher education institutions, businesses and our national professional organisations in their internationalisation and modernisation efforts.

To be fully representing the interests of the engineering community, the input of all stakeholders is paramount. Therefore, FEANI is looking for setting up a network of European employer organizations, multinational companies, other European organizations involved with the education, formation and representation of engineers, European parliamentarians and officials, as well as any other relevant stakeholder relating to the engineering profession. The EEAG's aim is to provide a bridge between students, professors, businesses, organizations and policy makers.

Many fruitful outcomes are expected from such a collaboration. To give concrete examples, the EEAG could for instance work on the "EU STEM Coalition", generate a view point on "Delivering Digital Competence", or help in providing advice on "Human Prosperity in a Changing World", contribute to the EU draft paper on "Harnessing Globalisation by 2025", but also on "Value of Accredited Engineering Programs" etc. Together, we may also qualify easier for EU funded projects since we would be helping the EU in the pursuit of its "Single Market"-strategy. In nutshell, we would streamline, concentrate and join our lobbying efforts and resources more efficiently on the areas as identified as common.

We hope your Organization and your Members will be supportive to these intentions and we look forward to hearing your thoughts and your ideas regarding common policy concerns the EEAG could work on. Ultimately, we plan a high-level meeting in **Brussels on 11 September** for a change of thoughts and formalise our future commitment to this project.

Kind regards,

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