



SECRETARY GENERAL

**ENGINEERS EUROPE ADVISORY GROUP
OBJECTIVES – NEXT STEPS – EXPECTED RESULTS**

**COMMUNICATION AT THE OCCASION OF THE
FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENGINEERS EUROPE ADVISORY GROUP
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1. Considering that FEANI – as the largest European Engineers’ Federation – took the initiative to set up the “Engineers Europe Advisory Group” (EEAG) on 11 September 2018 as an informal consortium of stakeholders from academia, industry, policy makers and professional organizations
2. Considering that the number of stakeholders joining this consortium has meanwhile grow to 26 over the last calendar year
3. Considering that these stakeholders recognize the importance of coordinating their endeavours to work meaningful together on issues of common interest to achieve common goals and address common challenges, while recognizing the diversity of the engineering sector
4. Considering that the attached stakeholders have all signed the Letter of Intent, outlining the common goals and objectives which they wish to pursue, i.e. to foster stronger relations amongst them, to promote STEM, to reinforce the branding of the engineering profession and to increase its visibility and to emphasize the digital dimension as a common denominator connecting these areas
5. Considering that these stakeholders believe that the EEAG can offer fruitful ground for developing joint projects which multiplies and facilitates the impact of every single stakeholder individually
6. Considering that these stakeholders support the overarching goals, while remaining legally, financially and operationally entirely independent
7. Considering that these stakeholders-signatories have expressed support to be project-driven and action-oriented in a common effort to pursue the above-mentioned objectives

It shall be noted that:

1. FEANI will – as the driving force of the EEAG – in the coming years further invest in the coordination and the alignment of the existing- and the development of new partnerships, with additional European stakeholders, to widen the consortium. This consortium will continue to bring together partners from academia and the world of work and business.
2. FEANI will continue to address primarily non-for-profit Organizations in the academic, policy making, professional or business environment, but progressively also seek the commitment, support and involvement of multinational corporations and small and medium-sized companies who support the objectives of the EEAG : all categories of partners will share the common objective to enhance the competences and the innovative capacity of engineering professionals in Europe.
3. FEANI and the EEAG will support the cooperation amongst education, employment and industry stakeholders with the goal to better meet the challenges of tomorrow's digital economy and in this context continue to contribute to a set of measures to support the modernisation of the formal and non-formal European engineering education (such as e.g. the importance of internships for HE students and HEI-company partnerships, capacity building of HE teaching staff and trainers; entrepreneurial teaching and learning, etc.).
4. FEANI and the EEAG will identify and tackle future skills mismatches and promote excellence in skills development by establishing a proactive dialogue between the world of work and the world of education. By facilitating the mapping of the skills needs, the EEAG may contribute to ensure that these are dealt with by the appropriate actors in higher education.
5. FEANI and the EEAG will support the New Skills Agenda for Europa, while focusing in its activities and semi-annual meetings on ways to improve the quality and relevance of education and training (and other ways of acquiring skills), on identifying the required skills by industry and by providing information on trends and patterns in demand for STEM-jobs.
6. FEANI and the EEAG will – by pursuing and implementing the above – rethink the position of the engineer in society: from training over recruitment to career opportunities and emerging new professional challenges.
7. FEANI may in the successful pursuit and progress of the EEAG's intentions develop a revised corporate structure, leading to a strategic repositioning as "*FEANI – Engineers Europe*", a brand under which existing EEAG signatories can be convinced to become - in the short to mid-term - converted as associated members, subscribers or partners of it.