



Year-End Report 2021



To: - THE ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN EXPERTS IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION.

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

30 Dec 2021

As we finish this year and head into 2022, I wanted to write and update you on this year's progress for the AEEBC. We are in our 30th year, and the vision that has compelled us as the AEEBC for all these years remains steadfast and very much intact. The last couple of years has been largely overshadowed by Covid, which has sadly affected our ability to meet in person. However, the association has continued to go about its business quietly in the background. As always, the warmth and positivity of the members have been a bright light in this shared experience.

The year started with our April invitation to join and participate in the SCS-hosted "Sustainable Conference 2021" in Dublin. The conference was well attended by our members, and the AEEBC contribution was very well received. This was followed by our own GM, No 58, online. Again, this was well supported and allowed everyone to meet and catch up. A new website was commissioned and developed as part of the Exec teamwork. This has revitalized and simplified the AEEBC's primary point of contact to our members and their respective organizations. The response has been very positive, and the project is and will remain a work in progress.

As part of this undertaking, the members have been asked to come forward to nominate a person or persons to manage the news section. To be included under this remit will be other social platforms, such as Instagram and LinkedIn. It was agreed that this would allow the AEEBC media content to be up-to-date and informative. Running in tandem, the AEEBC undertook a member's survey. Again, the results were encouraging and pointed to a general consent on the importance of media management and presentation. The results will be presented and discussed with all in the coming year.

The association met again in November for a brief update and discussion with a primary focus on housekeeping and general affairs, including the status of the various projects.

Financially the AEEBC is in good health. As part of the Exec team's work, the accountancy housekeeping has included the resolution of the UK Company and sterling accounts and the transfer of most of our AEEBC business to our Irish bank account which has enabled our continuing participation in European projects. Despite not charging subscriptions for the last two years, as reported at the November General Assembly, AEEBC has a cash balance of €40,000 at the end of 2021.

European Projects

AEEBC has been a partner on two projects over the last year, both of which were delayed by Covid-19 but will reach a conclusion in 2022.

CLOEMC V, which continues the series of construction management manuals including for this project manuals on M26 – Mentoring and coaching in construction, M27 – Archaeological and heritage protection aspects in construction, M28 – Disruptive innovation in construction management, M29 – Circular economy in construction, M30 – Affordable Housing, M31 – Social sustainability in construction.

Smart Rehabilitation, which is the follow up to the successful Diagnosis project which was completed at our General Assembly in London in 2019. The project is designed to unlock the great potential for economic activity and job creation in the rehabilitation of the built stock and the restoration of built heritage through overcoming the gap between educational offers and the increasing European need of rehabilitation specialists by defining the new professional profile of “Expert in rehabilitation”.

Creating homogeneous curricula for the new profession in the sector of existing building stock on European level and improving specialized training and making the construction sector more attractive to young university students, thus responding to the EU’s 2020 Construction Strategy by anticipating the needs of professional qualification allowing greater transnational mobility using innovative digital tools (BIM).

Remembering Past Colleagues.

Sadly, we remember the passing of both Professor Trevor Mole and Juan Bosco Molina in 2021. Both were valued, colleagues and friends.

Looking forward, and we must remain optimistic, and continue with the collaboration and interaction which plays such a substantial part in the AEEBC. Member input and contribution are highly welcome and necessary. The exec team looks forward to renewing acquaintances in the New Year and hopes to get back to some normality during 2022.

Please be assured that your President and the executive team are always available to members for any queries or consultation. In return, we hope to involve our members in the process and protocol of the AEEBC for the mutual benefit of all.

It remains for myself and the exec team to wish you all a very Prosperous New Year, to stay safe and remain well.

Warm Regards



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