



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

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

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I write to you as newly elected President of the AEEBC. I consider this both a great honour and a challenge as we move forward in these extraordinary times. With Covid, much has been written, experienced, and undergone by our families, work colleagues, and friends. This, with the final shadow cast from Brexit, will reshape our professional and day-to-day lives. When you consider and then include climate change, sustainability, their impact on the construction industry, we begin to see a roadmap for our organization. For the AEEBC, the advent of Brexit, although unwanted, still mandates the inclusion of the UK's professional organizations, learning outcomes, and contributions. Politics may change, but geography remains permanent. For the UK, the platform of the AEEBC will always offer a gateway into the European building professions and industry. We in the AEEBC must constantly adapt and learn as a shared body. This is one of AEEBC's key strengths.

Looking forward, and we must remain optimistic, these challenges will be both testing and exciting. It will mean a significant reboot for most. The AEEBC will thrive and offer much to all involved, from member organizations, academics to affiliate partners. Collaboration and interaction play a substantial part in the AEEBC ethos and will continue to do so. It is incumbent on all organizations and their representatives to ensure this continues. This is a two-way street. The promotion, support, and sharing of knowledge of each member organization is the primary benefit of the AEEBC.

The AEEBC will continue its participation in many European projects relevant to the profession of construction experts. The opportunity to disseminate and discuss each subject is the group's mainstay in supporting our partners. This work is a credit to those involved. The projects are co-funded by CLOMEC and Erasmus+. To date, a significant body of work has been completed. This output of knowledge is a productive resource for AEEBC members and their organization membership. We must ensure that this work is promoted and available to our home membership. As you can see, we have much work ahead and I look forward with the help of all to agreeing and achieving our goals. Hopefully we will be able to meet again in person next year and that is a milestone to look forward to.

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to thank both Gert and Stan for their immense contribution and service to the AEEBC. Both will be missed. But we must also welcome Jette Leth Djaelund as new Vice-President. 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 only for me to wish you all to stay safe and remain well.

Warm Regards

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