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FEU - Who we are

- FEU is an independent professional body of **senior fire professionals** from EU countries that have responsibility for the strategic management of the Fire and Rescue Services in their respective countries.
- Each country has established an association at national level that supports the collective views and interests of these career principal officers.
- Presently the FEU represents senior fire officers in **22** countries:
 - Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom



Our Aims

- **The principal aim of the FEU is to enhance fire safety and provide expertise to European bodies in matters concerning the development of fire safety in Europe**

Our Mission

- The mission of FEU is to provide leadership and represent the interests of professional fire associations in the European Union



Our Vision

- Our vision is to be recognised and respected as the leading voice of professional fire officers across Europe.

Our Objectives

- To provide advice on the management, organisation, responsibilities, financing and structure of Fire and Rescue Services, **to the European Union and to all other relevant organisations**
- To encourage the **promotion of appropriate legislation** to prevent and to mitigate the effects of fire, disaster and other emergency situations
- To **improve communication** by the exchange of information between the members of FEU and those with whom we wish to work.
- etc.

Drivers for an EU Fire Strategy 2020

- FEU recognises:
 - The need to strengthen links between the Fire and Rescue Services of Europe.
 - The need to improve safety of our residents and those who come to visit or travel within the EU.
 - The need to share our legislative frameworks to improve building and community safety for all.

key focus of our Strategy for 2020

- Improve EU citizen Safety
- Improve Fire fighter safety
- Improve Influence on Policy Formulation
- Improved Sharing of Good Practice
- Improve Crisis Management / Stronger EU Disaster Response

Strand 1: Improve EU Citizen safety

- the FEU will strive to:
 - Build on a citizen's agenda which puts **people at the heart of European action.**
 - Identify common areas of interest and **engage stakeholders** in addressing these problems.
 - Working towards common recognised **safety systems in hotels** and buildings.
 - Supporting the EU-wide standard for **fire safe cigarettes.**
 - Championing the provision of **smoke detectors in all homes.**
 - Identify **statistical trends across Europe.**
 - etc.

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Strand 2: Improve Fire fighter safety

- FEU will:
 - **Map and share incident data** across Europe;
 - Liaise after critical incidents and their subsequent effects;
 - Share **best practice in training** and development of fire fighting staff;
 - Liaise over specialist equipment provisions within the EU;
 - Seek to influence **health and safety legislation** which impacts on fire fighting;
 - Ensure CEN standards maintain or improve the levels of safety for operational fire fighters.

Strand 3: Improve influence on policy formation

- FEU will:
 - Map networks of influence across Europe.
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 - Ensure that the contribution that the Fire and Rescue Services make to the wider policy arena is articulated in a timely and appropriate manner

Strand 4: Improved sharing of good practice

- FEU will seek to:
 - Build up existing networks and sharing of good practice across the EU fire community.
 - Continue to participate in **joint projects** to improve Fire and Rescue Service activities across Europe.
 - Provide opportunities to the EU fire community to capture and share information and best practice on **operational and fire prevention activities**

Strand 4: Improved sharing of good practice

- FEU will seek to:
 - Work to **reduce duplication of activity** and improve the sharing of resources across the EU fire community.
 - Develop and **promote the concept of e-learning** across the EU Fire Community
 - Develop a fire related **glossary**

Strand 5: Improve Crisis Management / Stronger EU Disaster Response

- FEU will seek to:
 - **Improve interoperability between emergency services and PSAPs** as a result of greater co-operation
 - Therefore we also need broadband spectrum
 - **Improve Incident Command Systems** within Europe and possible sharing of resources at an international level in order to improve the level of crisis communication among countries

Summary

- We have a **responsibility to change that which requires change** and not stand by when we can see improvements that could and should be made.
- Some of these improvements can be made at member state level.
- However, there will be some issues that are so important that we will require a coordinated and coherent approach to resolve.

Summary

- **We have ambition.**
 - Ambition to improve the safety of the citizens of Europe as well as our fire fighters.
- This Strategy strengthens the links between the Fire and Rescue Services within Europe, in order to develop safer fire-fighters as well as safer communities.
- **Together we are stronger.**

- Thanks for your attention
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