

Report/ Rapport/ Bericht

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CTIF - Executive Committee Meeting and Delegates' Assembly

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia
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1. Activités / Activities / Aktivitäten

1. The 14th CTIF Europe meeting was held in Bergen at the Radisson Blu Hotel on the 16th September 2011 with representation from Austria, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland and UK. A major point of discussion was the EU Year of Volunteer and attempt was made to attract EU funding for an International Development and Humanitarian Aid Conference to be held in Manchester UK but this was however unsuccessful.
2. The 15th CTIF Europe meeting was held in Paris at the FNSPF head office on the 16th April 2012 with representation from Austria, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Slovenia and UK. The group considered on-going changes being made by the European Commission relating to civil protection through DG ECHO and the position regarding the Working Time Directive.
3. In relation to the EU changes CTIF has continued to promote the acceptance of the FRS as appropriate actors within Europe with an emphasis on both the civil protection and humanitarian aid parts of the FRS mission.
4. The further extension of time until the end of the current year to allow further negotiation between social partners regarding the Working Time Directive was also noted after expressions of satisfaction that the outcome was moving in the FRS favoured direction by some parts of the German Press.
5. Actions were also taken in regards to this year's preparation of international symposium and fire and rescue service conference.
6. On the 4 November 2011 at the request of the Immediate Past President I presented at a conference on volunteers and recruitment held in Ragensdorf, Zurich. The conference was very well attended and constructive, allowing an exchange of information between FRS volunteers.

2. FP7 CRISYS Project

7. The European Organisation of Security led Research Framework Programme 7 CRISYS Project that started in February 2011 concluded on the 31 May

2012. CTIF were the technical leaders of this major project that explored practical coordinated systems of crisis management at the operational level.

8. The Project has produced a roadmap for a second phase of research and a call for proposals has already been made to allow a further project(s) to commence perhaps in late 2013. CTIF has not yet been invited to join another consortium although this may happen.
9. EU research officials [REA] are now evaluating the submission of recommendations and final report prior to officials approving or not the work undertaken and the provision of final funding to CTIF.

3. FEU Strategy

10. The Federation of European Union Fire Officer Association launched its Pan European Fire Strategy 2020 in Brussels on the 8 March 2012 and CTIF Europe is to consider how best to interact with FEU on this initiative.

4. European Hotel Fire Safety

11. At the invitation of the European Commission CTIF attended a review of management of building systems used in part to help assure hotel fire safety in Brussels on 16 June 2012. Comment was made during the session and afterwards as part of the wider consultative process.

5. Safer Cigarettes

12. The introduction of the new CEN standard for Reduced Ignition Propensity Cigarettes [Safer Cigarettes] within the EU appears to have progressed without major difficulties and FRS and Government agencies will be interested to monitor the safety impact of this significant initiative that CTIF supported.

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