



To the Presidents of  
ECEC member organisations and  
ECEC associate members

**Re.: COVID-19 Crisis**

16 April 2020

Dear President,  
Dear colleague,  
Dear friend,

First of all, I very much hope that you and your family members are all safe and healthy!

The current COVID-19 crisis has enormous impacts on the European society and handling the health, social and economic effects is a challenge for all of us. But as the situation seems to be different in the different ECEC member countries we would like to ask you to inform us about the COVID-19 situation and its impacts on the profession of Chartered Engineers in your country.

The ECEC Executive Board is regularly meeting via videoconference to handle current issues and also to raise the awareness within the European institutions about the important role of engineering excellence in a crisis like this.

As a basis we have prepared a COVID-19 statement and a position paper on the European Commission's SME strategy (see enclosed). They will be communicated to Internal Market Commissioner Thierry Breton (letter see enclosed), the competent department in the European Commission and the members of the Internal Market Committee in the European Parliament.

Learning more about the situation in your countries and about your concerns, ideas and wishes, would help us in this communication. We would be interested in any information that you can provide, especially on the estimation of the impacts of the crisis by your organisation and also by your member engineers. It would also be interesting for us to know your organisation handles the situation and what kind of support and information you provide to your members and how you gain information for them.

In any case please inform us about your expectations regarding ECEC support in this situation.

Thank you very much and please stay healthy!

Klaus Thürriedl  
ECEC President

PS: In Austria, the Chamber has sent out a questionnaire to the members which led to a lot of feedback and information about the (expected) impacts of the crisis. If you are interested in more information about this, please contact [cornelia.hammerschlag@arching.at](mailto:cornelia.hammerschlag@arching.at)