

IFHE-EU Newsletter 2026

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Addressed to all IFHE-EU associations: to be sent to all their members

Dear IFHE-EU Colleagues ,

We are halfway through my term as Chair of IFHE-EU, and I can finally share good news! Behind the scenes, and with the full commitment of the IFHE-EU Exco team, after three years of work within the 'Statutes and Regulations' working group—with special thanks to Jacques Roos and Tomas Bucher—we have positive news to report: following its establishment in Strasbourg in 2005 and in accordance with the renewed IFHE Statutes and Standing Orders, IFHE-EU has established its identity, operations, financial independence, and autonomy in its own Standing Orders with the agreement of IFHE.

This work has therefore now been completed following the Council meeting in Antwerp and various consultation sessions with IFHE: IFHE-EU now possesses its own Standing Orders and its own bank accounts under the umbrella of IFHE, based on mutual agreements and respect. IFHE itself is officially registered in accordance with Swiss law, and holds their bank accounts.

As a reminder: following the financial problems with IHEEM, IFHE and IFHE-EU had to obtain official and stable registration to continue their operations.

After more than 20 years, IFHE-EU can continue its work and pursue its growth.

We are therefore pleased to share our plans and initiatives for the coming period. We are working specifically on:

- The next European Congress (12e!)** will take place in Switzerland, specifically in Baden from 12 to 14 May 2027. Baden is approximately 20 minutes by train from Zurich Airport and is a typical Swiss town. In addition to its tradition of thermal baths, it also plays an important role in the region's industrial history. We have therefore chosen the prominent "Trafhalle" as the venue, where BBC (now ABB) has been manufacturing transformers over a hundred years ago. As usual, the congress aims to offer international and local members the opportunity to exchange views on all aspects of hospital technology and infrastructure. Further information will soon be available.
- The renewal of our website:**
 To strengthen IFHE-EU's communication strategy and increase the visibility of its activities across Europe, a dedicated working group has been established to address the organisation's communication challenges and future development.
 As a first priority, the Group has focused on the complete redesign of the IFHE-EU website, with the objective of creating a modern, dynamic and collaborative platform that reflects the full scope of the Association's activities at the European level. The new website will serve as a key communication tool to showcase IFHE-EU's projects, working groups, events, partnerships and initiatives, while improving interaction with members and external stakeholders.
 To support this initiative, comprehensive technical specifications have been developed, defining the project's objectives, functional requirements and expected deliverables. Based on these specifications, a public call for tenders will be launched to identify a qualified service provider capable of supporting IFHE-EU throughout the design, development and implementation of the new website.
 This strategic project represents an important milestone in strengthening IFHE-EU's digital presence and supporting the Association's continued growth and visibility across Europe
- Volunteering for our Humanitarian Group: Turning Ambitions into Actions:**
 The IFHE-EU Humanitarian Group continues to grow and strengthen its commitment to mobilising hospital engineering expertise in support of healthcare projects led by Non Governmental Organisations with a humanitarian impact.
 Since the launch of its call for volunteers, the network has expanded through the integration of new European experts in hospital engineering, architecture and biomedical engineering, particularly from France, Belgium and Italy. This positive momentum will soon be reinforced through a new call for volunteers, aimed at further broadening the range of expertise available within the network.
 At the same time, several strategic partnerships are being established with organisations such as La Chaîne de l'Espoir, HUMATEM and the EHESP (French School of Public Health). These collaborations are helping to identify the first humanitarian missions while connecting NGOs' needs with the expertise available across the network. The Group is also developing new partnerships throughout Europe, particularly in Italy, to further strengthen international cooperation.
 The partnership between AFIB (French Association of Biomedical Engineers) and IFHE-EU also represents a key strategic initiative. Its objective is to mobilise more biomedical engineering professionals for humanitarian projects while strengthening collaboration between European professional associations.
 During the second half of 2026, the Group's priorities will focus on expanding its volunteer network, welcoming new partners, developing the identified humanitarian missions, and increasing the visibility and impact of the IFHE-EU Humanitarian Group.
 Our ambition is clear: to establish IFHE-EU as the leading European platform for technical support and hospital engineering expertise dedicated to strengthening the world's most vulnerable healthcare systems.
 We warmly invite all interested professionals to join our network by responding to the call for volunteers available on the IHF website:
[IFHE-EU Humanitarian Group – Call for Volunteers](#)
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- International University Course 'Technical Management in Health Care Management'** in collaboration with OVKT, FKT, SIAIS: The IFHE-EU prepare to launch an University Course for Technical Management in Health Care together with the Danube University. At the moment we are looking for one more

European Association to support a week of education of this course. If your Organisation wants to be part of this Future-project please contact office@oevkt.at.

- **The Sustainability working group:** IFHE-EU is inviting its European member associations to nominate professionals interested in joining the IFHE-EU Sustainability Working Group – Hospital Engineering.
*The Working Group has developed a 15–18-month Strategic Road Map aimed at promoting environmental, energy, economic and social sustainability across European healthcare systems and hospital infrastructures.
Its ambition is to establish IFHE-EU as a European reference point for sustainability in hospital engineering, bringing together hospital engineers, facility managers, healthcare organisations, universities, policymakers and industry representatives. See More details in attachment and contact Daniela Pedrini, IFHE-EU General Secretary, at info@siais.it.*
- **The renewal of our operations in accordance with the new statutes:** see in attachment the IFHE-EU Standing Orders

We would also like to extend a call for candidates to organize the **next IFHE-EU Congress in 2029**: the 13th IFHE-EU Congress! The decision relating to the selection of the IFHE EU member association to host a European Conference shall be taken by IFHE EU Council after this call for candidates and presentation of the applications (See Artikel A5 of the IFHE-EU Standing Orders in Attachment). **Please submit your application by 27 November, 2016** to Daniela Pedrini, IFHE-EU General Secretary, at info@siais.it.

Dear colleague, as you can see, we have not been idle, and our plans and achievements represent a next step forward for IFHE-EU. As the full IFHE-EU Exco, we count on your cooperation and input to achieve our goals and collaboration.

On behalf of IFHE-EU Exco

Best Regards,

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in attachment:

- IFHE-EU New Standing Orders
- Sustainability Working Group: Call



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