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PRESS RELEASE: EU Commissioner for Climate Action Mrs Connie Hedegaard speeches at the joint Installers' European Summit 2013 for AIE and GCI-UICP delegates.



AIE/GCI-UICP Member association TEKNIQ – the Danish mechanical and electrical contractors' association – united both delegations of AIE and GCI-UICP members within the Installers' EU Summit 2013, that took place from Thursday 12th until Saturday 14th September 2013 in COPENHAGEN, DENMARK.

Both delegations' General Assemblies were held on Friday morning. AIE President Janne Skogberg highlighted the need for AIE community and win-win support to inspire each other businesswise.



General Secretary Mr Niels Jørgen Hansen warmly welcomes all delegates to the common conference on Friday afternoon

General Secretary Evelyne Schellekens gave a clearly structured annual report linked to the AIE Strategic Roadmap.

This living document identifies the main values, the objectives, drivers and activities of the AIE.

Under the main headings, she identified the topics discussed in Brussels, referring to the respective AIE activities over the last year and making proposals for action in 2013-2014. This **annual report** can be downloaded at our AIE website in [EN](#) | [FR](#) | [DE](#).

After interesting reports of the chairmen of the technical and energy task forces on the AIE activities and perspectives of their respective field, the delegates unanimously approved to join WorldSkills Europe [WSE] as 'associate member' and to integrate the AIE CYE in the WorldSkills Europe competition framework.

The AIE's statutory Council of Delegates equally approved modifications of the articles of the Association to include a new term for the Presidency mandate. Furthermore, a new Vice-President, Mr Allan Littler, chartered Electrical Engineer and Manager, currently Chairman of Amalgamated Ltd, member of the ECA has been elected.

The current members of the AIE Policy Coordination Committee are:

- ❖ President | Mr. Janne Skogberg – STUL [FI]
- ❖ Vice-President | Mr. Allan Littler – ECA [UK]
- ❖ Expert | Mr. Gunnar Gran – NELFO [NO]
- ❖ Authorized person | Karl-Heinz Bertram - ZVEH [DE]



EU Commissioner for Climate Action Mrs Connie Hedegaard held a passionate speech and called for specific action by existing and future electrotechnical and mechanical companies to positively influence climate change by energy efficient measures and solutions.

Afternoon conference eye-catcher was EU Commissioner for Climate Action Mrs Connie Hedegaard, vividly holding her speech towards the delegates on the clearly visible climate change and the

challenging actions that lie beyond - not for politicians only - but obviously also for company managers who can shift their company activities to more renewable and energy efficient technologies.

The know-how and driving force behind this global technology change is being and has to be pushed by the resourceful existing and future electrotechnical and mechanical companies.

Another important highlight was the Agreement of Cooperation (AoC) between AIE and GCI-UICP.

This enhanced cooperation between European associations in the building services sector should now be continued in a more flexible framework allowing for specific joint initiatives. The present agreement sets the funding principles, form and boundaries of this cooperation.

AIE President Janne Skogberg and the Policy Coordination Committee therefore warmly thanked TEKNIQ President Mr Søren Skraeddergaard and General Secretary Mr Niels Jørgen Hansen for managing a very successful balance between the appreciated timing of the general programme, a fruitful business programme with an interesting key note speaker, Mrs Hedegaard, constructive exchanges of associations' best practices and pleasant and relaxing social activities!

This event will stay in our memories as a successful moment with a special Danish touch and taste!

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Who we are:

The AIE – the European Association of electrical contracting companies - represents through its 20 national member associations about 175,000 specialist contracting companies employing about 1,000,000 workers in the EU-countries and beyond. The AIE represents companies from all sizes, the big majors and a majority of small and medium size enterprises [SME]. AIE member companies have an in-depth knowledge and high-quality expert skills to carry out all kind of electrical engineering and infrastructure works [high, medium and low voltage]. The overall turnover of the sector is approximately 75 billion Euros.

Monitoring the EU agenda/Directives relevant for the electrical sector, the AIE points out the key strategies and main priorities for the modern electrical contractor. With the increasing complexity of technical installations, the private consumer and house owners are becoming more and more dependent on the knowledge and creativity of the electrical contractor. He is an expert adviser who is able to explain to the client the possibilities and advantages of new technology in a technical and environmental way. Kindly visit our website: www.aie.eu or contact us at info@aie.eu.