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Affiliate Membership Guide



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Introduction

1.0 AEEBC

The Association d'Experts Européens du Bâtiment et de la Construction (Association of European Building Surveyors and Construction Experts), in short the AEEBC brings together 11 National associations of Building Surveyors and Construction Experts from across Europe. The headquarters are located in London.

The common fields of activity of an "Expert Européen du Bâtiment et de la Construction"/"European Building Surveyor and Construction Expert" are **the technological and management processes by which buildings are constructed, renewed and repaired, in accordance with the national legislation of individual countries**. Their expertise includes a knowledge of the economic and legal framework within which building projects are conceived, funded and constructed.

The aims of the Association are:

GENERALLY, to facilitate the promotion of the Building Surveyor and Construction Expert profession in Europe and the exchange of experience and information between professionally qualified Building Surveyors and Construction Experts who are responsible for the technological and management processes by which buildings are constructed, renewed and repaired; and

SPECIFICALLY

- i) to represent the Association's interests to the European Commission and other European institutions;
- ii) to promote the Building Surveyor and Construction Expert profession throughout Europe;
- iii) to facilitate training, qualification and mutual recognition;
- iv) to establish practice guidelines;
- v) to support and promote the development of construction industry services in line with EC policy.

In pursuit of these aims AEEBC maintains a register to which individuals may be admitted provided they meet the specified minimum requirements.



2.0 Affiliate Members

An Affiliate Member can be an individual, or an organisation such as a company, a University, a Government Department or a Charity.

An Affiliate Member must subscribe to the principle aims of the AEEBC namely:

“to facilitate the promotion and development of the Building Surveyor and Construction Expert profession in Europe and the exchange of experience and information between professionally qualified Building Surveyors and Construction Experts who are responsible for the technological and managerial processes by which buildings are constructed, renewed and repaired”.

The objectives of Affiliate Membership of the AEEBC are to enlarge the Association’s support to include people and organisations who have an interest in its development, and to facilitate a network of educational, industrial and governmental stakeholders to exchange information and influence the strategic direction of European initiatives in the construction sector. It is hoped that the Affiliate Membership will encourage, contribute and enhance wherever possible the activities of the AEEBC.

The greatest and most immediate benefit to the Affiliate Member is the opportunity, via the AEEBC, to network and create contacts throughout Europe. Other benefits include:

- Membership of a recognised European Association and recognition as an AEEBC academic provider/partner
- Governmental lobbying and representation (locally, nationally and internationally)
- Access to professional associations and businesses represented within the AEEBC wider community
- Networking with organisations from related professions across Europe, creating opportunities for knowledge exchange, training and Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
- Joint bidding and support for research bids
- Collaboration in research activity, providing data, European networks and valorisation
- Opportunity for joint conferences, publications and seminars and CPD activity

- Opportunity to support students with workplace experience across Europe
- Opportunity to develop scholarships, awards and student prizes
- Access to European Professional Associations' course accreditation and recognition
- Extended representation and support for example in ECCREDI (The European Council for Construction Research, Development and Innovation)
- Access to AEEBC Members' only forum on the AEEBC website containing papers, publications and news about the AEEBC and European affairs
- Opportunity to attend AEEBC meetings and participate in seminars and workshops
- Access to EurBE scheme for all members, which aims to recognise skills and competence as a Building Surveyor and Construction Expert across Europe and promote employability
- AEEBC Membership certificate
- Use of AEEBC branding in prospectuses and recruitment material.

Application for Affiliate Membership status is open to those individuals or organisations who in the opinion of the AEEBC General Assembly (or its delegated Affiliated Membership Sub-Group) satisfy the following criteria. Namely that:

- 1) the applicant has an interest in the promotion of the building surveyor/construction expert profession. Applicants have an interest if, for example, they:
 - i) work in the Building Surveyor and Construction Expert field.
 - ii) are providers of support services to practising Building Surveyors and Construction Experts.
 - iii) engage the services of Building Surveyors and Construction Experts, e.g. as employers and clients.
 - iv) are Universities, educators, researchers or academics working in fields of study related to the education, professional development and knowledge of the Building Surveyor and Construction Expert.



- 2) the applicant is willing to sign an undertaking that they support the principle aims and work of the AEEBC and its core values.
- 3) the applicant pays an annual Affiliate Membership subscription determined annually by the AEEBC General Assembly.
- 4) the applicant does not use the Affiliated Membership Status as a professional qualification or to imply that the AEEBC acknowledges, recognises or assesses the Affiliate Member's professional competence or abilities in the field of Building Surveyors and Construction Experts.

3) Application for Affiliate Membership

Applicants for AEEBC Affiliate Membership should register and complete the Affiliate Membership Form online.

Membership fees are currently €300 per organisation.

AEEBC Core Values

The AEEBC has a set of overarching values to which members are expected to apply in their day to day work. Adherence to such a set of values is one of the key features that defines professionalism and forms a benchmarks against which all actions are measured and judged.

The core values are:

- 1) **Act with integrity.** Never put your own gain above the welfare of your clients, respect their confidentiality at all times and always consider the wider interests of society in your judgements.
- 2) **Always be honest.** Be trustworthy in all that you do – never deliberately mislead, whether by withholding or distorting information.
- 3) **Be open and transparent in your dealings.** Share the full facts with your clients, making things as plain and intelligible as possible.
- 4) **Be accountable for all your actions.** Take full responsibility for your actions and do not blame others if things go wrong.
- 5) **Know and act within your limitations.** Be aware of the limits of your competence and do not be tempted to work beyond these. Never commit to more than you can deliver.



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- 6) **Be objective at all times.** Give fair neutral advice and never let your own feelings or interests cloud your judgement.
- 7) **Always treat others with respect.** Never discriminate against others.
- 8) **Set a good example.** Remember that both your public and private behaviour could affect your own, AEEBC and other members' reputations.
- 9) **Have the courage to make a stand.** Be prepared to act if you suspect a risk to safety or malpractice of any sort.