

Minutes

of the 9th meeting of the CTIF Volunteer Firefighters Commission

02/05/2023

Virtual meeting via MS-Teams

Participants: 21 participants from Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia, Switzerland

Country	First Name	Last Name	Remarks
Austria	Raphael	KOLLER	Minutes
Belgium	Philippe	FILLEUL	
Belgium	Sien	JACQUES	
Bulgaria	Martin	GEORGIEV	
Estonia	Ülo	PÄRTEL	
Finland	Petri	JAATINEN	
France	Christophe	MARCHAL	
Germany	Christoph	WELTECKE	Chairman
Greece	Pavlos	KOKKOS	
Greece	Christina	CHRYSIKOU	
Greece	Dimitriis	ZERVAS	
Greece	Alexio	ROUKOS	
Latvia	Iveta	UKA	
Latvia	Eduards	MUSATOV	
Netherlands	Ronald	KRAAN	
Netherlands	Jos	LAUMEN	
Norway	Arne	BU	
Slovenia	Janja	KRAMER STAJNKO	
Slovenia	Franci	PETEK	
Slovenia	Janko	CERKVENIK	
Switzerland	Régine	ROULET	

1. Welcome and Opening

Chairman WELTECKE welcomes the members of the commission to the virtual meeting. VP Christophe MARCHAL emphasizes the importance of the Commission.

2. Updates / Reports

Ronald KRAAN (Netherlands) informed about a research about the topic “why volunteers left the fire service”. Causes are high demands and physical requirements. The average time of serving in the fire service is 15 years in the Netherlands (12 Years in France)

Petri JAATINEN (Finland) informed about the situation, that private companies will do trainings

for volunteer and parttime firefighters in the future because of legal issues (procurement law). The costs will rise. In Germany, Austria, Netherlands and France most of the trainings ist organised in state fire-academies – some special trainings are done by private companies. In Norway it's a mix between private and public training. The commission will add the question about the training (Private/Public) and also the difference between volunteers and professionals training will be asked in the questionnaires.

Martin GEORGIEV (Bulgaria) informed about a Bulgarian UCPM Module consisting of volunteers. This module was in operation after the Earthquake in Turkey.
Christoph WELTECKE (Germany) informed about UCPM Modules (water related and forest fire fighting) from Germany. There will be a state fair in September covering this topics.

Christophe MARCHAL (France) informed that there will be new EU Regulations concerning safety and working conditions of firefighting (e.g. cancer-risk).

3. Update on next physical meeting in Greece

Dimitrios ZERVAS (Greece) presented the organisation of the 10th meeting. The meeting will take place from 16th October to the 19th October in Greece on the island "Hydra". Day 1 will be arrival day (Athens) and day 4 the departure. A detailed program with all organisational hints will be send out.

4. Any other business

The next CTIF Delegates Assembly will take place on 15th June 2023 in Vienna.

Minutes:

Raphael KOLLER, BSc MSc

Chairman:

Dr. Christoph WELTECKE