

## **REPORT OF SENIOR ADVISER**

### **Introduction**

Continued duties, as an adviser to the CTIF Executive, have involved offering information and advice from experience and precedent to assist the Executive. Notable have been constitutional changes and responses to international aggression resulting in the major Executive decision concerning Ukraine.

The continuing impact of the global pandemic and increased use of media and virtual communications has worked well in both discussions and decision making allowing the Executive to proceed with its activities at pace.

Attendance and participation has continued at most virtual meetings of the Executive Committee over the reporting period and undertaken the following tasks were undertaken in the role of Special Adviser:

- Advising and participating in Executive meetings
- Drafting official CTIF support correspondence
- Liaising with CFPA(E)
- Supporting CTIF administration and organisation of functions
- Developing new Scientific Group
- Reviewing and Updating Constitutional documentation

### **United Kingdom National Committee**

I am also Executive Officer of the UK Fire Sector Federation, the CTIF UK National Committee, with day-to-day responsibility for managing national commitments and participation on fire issues.

## **REPORT OF EUROPE COMMISSION**

### **Commission Meetings**

There have been no formal meeting of the commission in the reporting period due in part to the changes resulting from the pandemic and the emphasis now being made in Europe focused upon the Working Time Directive.

It has therefore been proposed to the Executive that the current arrangements therefore be reviewed to better align the different workstreams to integrate actions.

### **Projects**

CTIF remains active within Europe through both the European Commission and its associated Horizon 2020 programme. Continued support has been given to the EC as an expert evaluator of projects and continued input made into the HyResponder Project, which aims to enhance planning and intervention tactics for first responders at hydrogen related incidents.

This Project is now at an important stage in delivering training to trainers at ENSOSP in Aix-en-Provence, France and CTIF is engaged to ensure input can be captured, documented and transferred into a sustainable action programme to assist firefighters in the EU.

## *CTIF DELEGATES ASSEMBLY 2022*

The project Fire Information Exchange Platform managed by Efectis has largely placed its efforts in the EU FireStat: The European fire statistics project. This project, which involves the CTIF Fire Statistics Centre, reported on 17 January 2022 by identifying a cost benefit methodology and in its summary report by confirming the variable nature of fire data across Europe, suggesting action to confirm 5 variables be developed over the next 5 years by volunteer counties would be the next step.

The Community of Users of which CTIF has been a member since its formation in 2014 became CERIS, the Community for European Research and Innovation for Security, to support the Horizon 2021-27 research programme. It has a specific Disaster-Resilience-Security theme and holds regular sessions in Brussels to update stakeholders on innovation and research.

Three DRS on-line workshops planned 15-17 June 2022 have had to be cancelled so the next event will be in the week 7-11 November 2022. Three major DRS subthemes (Societal Resilience, Integrated Disaster Risk Management and Technologies for First and Second Responders) and included in the next round of seminars.

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