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FOR LIVING

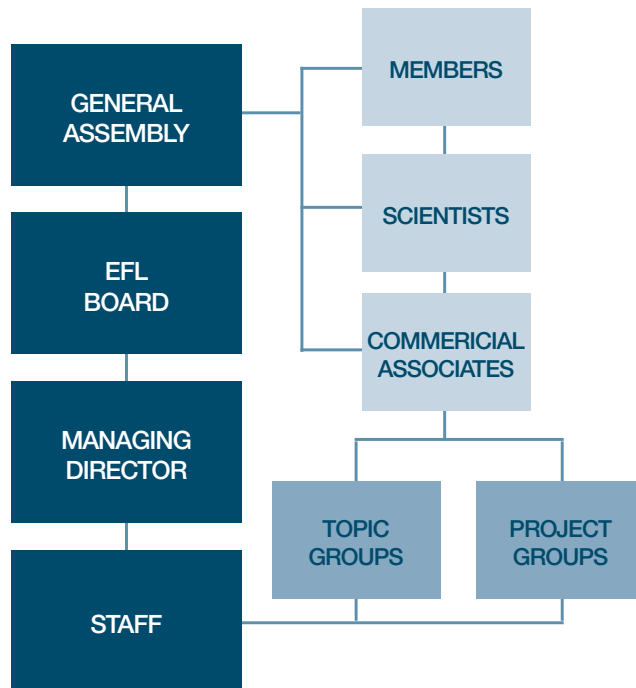
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SUBSTANTIVE GOALS AND AIMS

The main aim of EFL is learning from each other by sharing experiences and expertise. As a network of practitioners, members learn from co-creation and 'doing together'. EFL is in the first place a platform of players in the European housing industry, with a focus on providers of affordable housing. Together with scientific institutes and commercial partners from related industries, EFL reaches synergy for its members by combining different fields of expertise and interest. The EFL staff is deployed for the benefit of members and associates.



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The organization is governed by the Board. The Board is elected from and by the members for a four-year term. We strive for a balanced composition of board members, deriving from the different countries of which EFL is composed. The Board is responsible for the strategy, financing and staffing of the organization. The operational management is performed by the managing director who reports directly to the Board. The General Assembly (GA) is the highest organ within EFL. The GA elects and dismisses the Board members and has the duty to set the formalities like the yearly accounts, budget and strategic plans. The legal entity of EFL is the EEIG, the abbreviation for European Economic Interest Grouping. Only housing organizations (regardless of its legal status) can become a member of EFL. Other connected organizations carry the status of 'Associated Partner' or shortly 'Associate'. Associates have no voting rights in the General Assembly and are legally connected to EFL by a written Agreement.

BOARD AND EFL STAFF

The current board is composed by:

Ben Pluijmers	Chairman	LHEDCO/ Polylogis (France)
Mike Ward	Vice chairman	Circle (UK)
Mieke van den Berg(*)	Treasurer	Eigen Haard (Netherlands)
Eric Danesse	Member of the Board	Vilogia (France)
Michaela Lüdtkke	Member of the Board	1892 Berlin (Germany)

(*) as from 2015-11

ADVISOR OF THE BOARD , DERIVING FROM ASSOCIATES:

Heinwillem de Boer – Vastbouw (Netherlands / Germany)

STAFF

The managing director Joost Nieuwenhuijzen is responsible for the day-to day management of the network. He is the focal point of EFL and coordinates the topic groups, prepares the conferences and represents EFL externally, together with the Chairman. The managing director is assisted by Saskia van Balen, performing secretarial, communication and office support duties and Julia Siebert who supports general management and is specialized in managing EU funded projects.

HOW WE WORK

Bi annual EFL Conference

Twice a year, always in spring and in autumn, the members and associates convene for a three day Conference. The General Assembly, the official and decision taking meeting of members, takes place during the conference. Fixed program items include workshops, key note speeches of external experts and site visits to interesting projects. The informal significance of the EFL Conference is further strengthened by group dinners (usually a casual dinner on the first day and a gala dinner on the second day) ; lunches and joined cocktails.

EFL Topic Groups

The actual work is conducted in the Topic Groups. This is where members and associates meet to share their common interests. The groups are focused on themes selected by the members themselves with a focus on delivering concrete outcome. The Topic Groups are managed by Topic Group Leaders. They are responsible for chairing the meetings, setting the agenda and supervising the creation of outcome. Each topic group has a budget for creation of deliverables as glossaries, brochures and other tools.

CURRENT TOPIC GROUPS:

Energy Efficient Housing/ EU Subsidies

TG Leaders Henk Visscher, Pierre Touya

Financing Instruments

TG Leaders Stephan Bachhuber, Paul Rickard

Social Domain/ CSR

TG Leader Bernadette Arends

Accessible Housing

Vacancy

ICT / New Media

TG Leader Christophe Capon

New (2015)

Housing Management

Vacancy

EFL PROJECT GROUPS

Project Groups are composed by EFL members and associates, in which the participants work on a concrete project. Unlike Topic Groups, which approach their subject from on a more holistic view, Project Groups are dedicated to one specific outcome.

Project EFL Zero Carbon House

Within this Project Group, several EFL housing organizations, engineers and the TU Delft and KEOTO Architectures are jointly developing a concept of 'zero emission architecture'. Goal is to design three housing typologies, intended for real construction across Europe: greenfield apartments, city apartments and single family homes. After the design phase, it is planned to realize these new prototype highly innovative buildings on several locations (Amsterdam, Berlin, London, Paris and Kent).

Project EFL Low Cost House

Efficient design, development and construction of a low cost building is the goal of this project group. A first prototype has been

realized by EFL associates Vastbouw and B&O Wohnungswirtschaft, assigned by the Görlitzer Housing Company 'Komm Wohnen'. This project is ready and can be visited in Görlitz.

EFL IN EU FUNDED PROJECTS

EFL supports the cooperation of EFL members and associates in EU funded programs. Most notably within Horizon 2020, the € 80 billion European fund for 'innovation and energy efficiency'. Furthermore also INTERREG, the fund for European Cohesion Policy to intensify institutional cooperation across borders between regions.

Basically EFL works along two lines:

- Formation of application consortia, consisting of EFL members/ associates and third parties
- Acting as direct partner in EU funded projects and provide communication and dissemination

CURRENT EU FUNDED PROJECTS IN WHICH EFL / EFL MEMBERS ARE REPRESENTED:

IStay@Home:

Development of Ambient Assisted Living tools and use of new technologies to support elderly people to stay within their own home. A project financed by the EU in the INTERREG NWE program. Participating members include Joseph Stiftung (lead), Vilogja, De Woonplaats, Habinteg, Intent Technologies, Aareon and EBZ.

TRIME/ Trias Mores Energetica:

Funded by FP7 program 'Intelligent Energy Europe', the project partners in TRIME opt for a substantial reduce of energy use by influencing the energy consumption of its tenants. A project with a strong focus on behavior aspects. Energy ambassadors, tenants educated in 'sustainable and responsible energy use', are the supportive element in the concept. Another addressed subject is the purchasing policy of social housing providers.

OPTIMISER:

Still in the application phase of Horizon 2020. Main goal of OPTIMISER is to streamline and extent the energy efficiency investments in the existing housing stock (retrofitting).

WORKING METHODOLOGY

EFL is a network of doers. By saying that, it becomes clear that members and associates are committed to work together and finding solutions for the challenges they face. Topic Groups and Project Groups consist of practioners, experts and scientists with expertise in their field of interest. Chaired by representatives of EFL members themselves, each participant is responsible for delivering input (own expertise) and working on joint output (deliverables).

EFL WEBSITE

The interactive website of EFL, www.ef-l.eu, is the main channel of communication. It offers a large databank that includes all documents related to the groups, the contact details of the people active in EFL and offers news about members, projects and the housing sector in Europe. Apart from information, the website also offers a communication platform for the members. Members can create their individual account and upload/ download documents and other material. The internal blog is only available via the member area.

EFL NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter is published in a frequency of three times a year. It contains information about projects and other relevant news. The Newsletter is distributed among 1000 organisations in Europe.

More info about EFL ?

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