

Benefits

As a EuroFM member, associate or affiliate, you will enjoy the following benefits

- Exclusive interactive use of the EuroFM Website
- Europeanwide networking with all members, representing some 25.000 people
- High level research, education and practice contacts and participation in projects
- 3 Member-, 3 Network Group meetings and an European conference every year
- Discounts on conference fees, publications and proceedings
- Voting rights for members
- Option to use EuroFM logo and memberlist, to hyperlink with Website for marketing purposes

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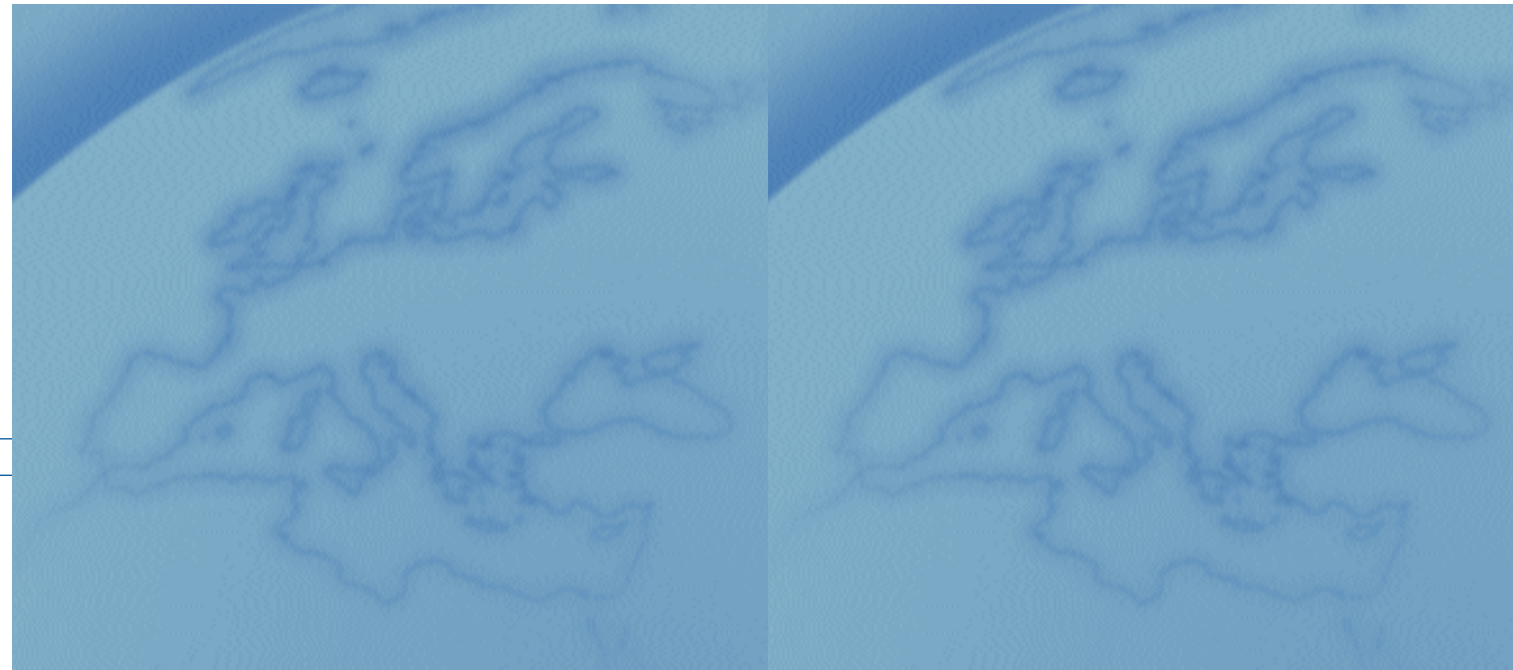
EuroFM is a non-profit organisation. We have to rely on contributions and fee's, grants and sponsor money.

Different categories of members pay different membership fee's, starting from Euro 500 per annum. The contribution system in detail can be made available on application and we are glad to assist in establishing your membership fee.

Many projects are available for sponsoring. Like projects in communication: from the Website to the printing of reports and proceedings. But also projects in research, education and practice. Our secretariat will give more information about sponsoring.

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Mission

EuroFM's Mission is the advancement of knowledge in Facility Management in Europe and its application in Practice, Education and Research, in order to communicate 'best Practice' through Europe.

About EuroFM

EuroFM was launched, some 15 years ago, to respond to the desire of a number of European academics and researchers to exchange information and knowledge.

*Now EuroFM is a Network of more than 50 organisations, all focussed on Facility Management. They are based in some 15 European countries and represent professional (national) associations, education- and research institutes (**members**) and commercial organisations (**corporate associates**), altogether some 25.000 people. Associations and Institutes from outside Europe, may get affiliated as **international friends**.*

The open Network of professionals, academics, researchers, suppliers and consultants generates a rich mix of activities, initiated by three Network Groups.

The EuroFM members are involved in an open exchange of information and experience through meetings, seminars and workshops, through collaboration in research projects, sometimes funded by EC, and through the development of joint educational programmes.

Proceedings of these activities are disseminated through the Network via the EuroFM Website, an annual conference and through newsletters, researchpapers and the EuroFM house Journal 'Facilities'.

Organic Structure

Gradually EuroFM grew to its present organisation, more governed and structured than before, but still highly valuing informal contacts between members. The organisation exists of three Network Groups. The Board consists of 6 Members, proposed and voted by the Membership: a Chairman, a Secretary/Treasurer, the three chairmen of the Network Groups and a member, representing the Corporate Associates. A Secretariat gives the required support to all activities. The structure, as depicted above reflects EuroFM's 'open' management culture. Most of all, EuroFM embraces the Internet as a business and communications tool, and for that reason the dedicated EuroFM website www.eurofm.org is 'mission critical'. The website is the platform for all initiatives, and the communications hub for members, as well as for the public domain.

Network Groups

The Network Groups Practice, Education and Research are the lifeblood of the association, and are the focus for all member's activities and initiatives.

Each member organisation must be committed to the Mission and other objectives of EuroFM and is able to belong to any one (or two or three) of the Network Groups. Each Group has a committee of voluntary representatives with an identified Leader, responsible for facilitating the Network activities.

One of the associations' objectives is to become the 'hub' of FM research in Europe.

The development of educational programmes, together with the promotion of exchange of students will contribute to enhance knowledge in FM in Europe.

To offer 'best (European) practice' to our professional Facility Managers, based on results from research and education, is a keynote in our Mission.

Conferences

The 'European Facility Management Conference™' is intended to be organised by a national organisation and by EuroFM, each year in a different European country. This joint operation makes it possible to highlight the developments and typical aspects of FM in that particular country but also to give developments and 'the state of the art' of FM in general in Europe and elsewhere. The conferences are intended to coincide with annual meetings of the national association and EuroFM member-meetings.

Practise Network Group

The Practice Network Group plays a leading role in bringing together the national associations, which see EuroFM as a central organisation to form a European body of FM professionals. One of the most prominent objectives is to improve the performance of business / companies and help organisations to be more productive, effective and creative as a result of continuous professional developments within the EuroFM network. Research subjects and requirements for professional education, both

relevant to the FM practitioner, should be defined and executed, in order to formulate '**best practice**' for the European professional.

The Practice Network Group's work is dependent upon a broad contribution with appropriate professional focus from the national (practice) associations.

EuroFM is launching a **European Qualification system** for its practitioners, in which candidate's education and experience are evaluated on an individual basis. This qualification can be granted per European country but with pan-european recognition. A European qualification panel will overview and audit the system regularly.

Research Network Group

The Research Network Group has most members from research organisations and educational institutions, but input and close cooperation with Practice are vital for an adequate and high quality research and development work.

FM research and development projects are typically focusing on the integration of all support activities for the core business.

FM research is about organisational processes (maintenance and operation of the FM service) and about the development and change of facilities and working environment as an integrated service.

Education Network Group

The Education Network Group consists of educators, academics, students and persons with an educational interest in academic tuition as well as training for FM practice. The Network acts as a platform, where mutual interest and support can be exchanged. Activities and projects, run by 'task groups', are developed in close harmony with Research and Practice, in order to be the leading authority within FM education.

