Based upon the “FM leaders conference” (a gathering of leading persons within FM organizations in Europe) that we had in London (October 2014, hosted by RICS) we have been working (since the Hague EuroFM members meeting in February 2015) on keeping the positive energy that was created there flowing. We decided then for a special effort of EuroFM to keep all these FM leaders together so that we can learn from each other and improve our meaning for our association members. A special task force (from the PNG, ENG and RNG) has since then been working on a slightly different way of organizing the members meeting that was first practiced in Milan. Basically the new setup with more workshop settings and more interactive presentations of members is asking more input from the participants. And according to the feedback we had from the participating members the new set up was received very well.

We have been combining that with a second edition of the European Leaders conference. The survey that was sent out amongst the members, to collect information and data to give them an optimal support, has resulted in a so-called strategic goals document. In this document we have described what kind of activities, project and services EuroFM is offering and working on together with members and other stakeholders.

Having these meetings, a little separated from the general agenda of the Practice Network group we created an environment where association matters were addresses in an effective way. It was not so much the “practice of FM that was discussed but the governance, managerial and leadership issues when running a (successful) association that is fulfilling the needs of its members of today. And we all know that the world is changing fast, especially with the use of social media, webinars, virtual meetings, and everything available “just by typing in on Google”. This is the reason that many of associations are rethinking the way they can serve their members in the best way. Important in that process is that you can learn from other associations in that as well.

We agreed that we will have an associations meeting every EuroFM members meeting and that we will pick out some actual challenges to keep on working on to come up with workable solutions.