



EUROPEAN COUNCIL of CIVIL ENGINEERS

## **CONCLUSIONS ENVIRONMENT TASK FORCE**

ECCE MEETING IN HELSINKI, June 7 and 8, 2002

Firstly, the chairman wants to thank ECCE for the good organisation, thanks to our host Finland, for inviting us, to Diana Maxwell our Secretary General for her preparatory work and her patience and thanks to our President Mr. Fonseca for special technical assistance.

We hope that the activity taken place in the Task Force, will meet expectations:

As a consequence of current National and International agreements and regulations being developed regarding sustainable development, the Task Force will start elaborating a document, which sets out the ethical commitment of Civil Engineering with sustainable development. The document will be presented to the General Assembly for final approval at the Spring meeting in 2003.

We have discussed the activities, which are to be started in the Task Force related to the social functions and the economic aspects of civil engineering and the elaboration of environmental impact studies.

Regarding this issue, we would highlight the difficulties stemming from the fact that environmental legislation is quite recent and hence there is a clear lack of experience in defining problems and solutions and lastly, the differences between the various national legislations.

### **TASK FORCE BUSINESS PLAN 2002-2003**

In consequence, the Task Force decided to make a study comparing the various legislations in the ECCE countries.

It was also agreed to study certain civil works in different countries, works which have a direct implication in environment, as a positive contribution from civil engineering to sustainable development. These studies will be presented jointly in the next Spring Meeting.

The Task Force will consider taking into account non-European engineering contributions to sustainable development as models to be discussed as well as contact will be taken both with the European Environment Agency and the corresponding bodies of the EU Commission regarding issues on sustainable development.

Preaching with the example, the chairman promised to send in two weeks time a copy of Spain's contribution to national civil works regarding sustainable development. (\*)

The chairman likes to express his gratitude to all the members who participated actively in the Task Force meeting on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Helsinki, June 8<sup>th</sup> 2002

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(\*) Due to technical/computer problems, Jette cannot transfer original charts to translated English text - this is the reason for the delay!