



BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS

Virtual Online Meeting

Monday 24 March 2025

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Virtual Online Meeting of the Board of Administrators
of the
European Federation of Corrosion
24 March 2025

Venue of meeting: **Virtual Meeting**

Date and time of meeting: **Monday 24 March 2025 - 14:00**

Chair: **Dr. Gareth Hinds - *EFC President***

Secretary: **Mrs. Mariana Berthet - *Paris Office***

EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF CORROSION
VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS
24 MARCH 2025 – 14:00
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WORKING PAPERS OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE EFC BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS (BoA)

Item 1 Opening of the Meeting (GH)

Dr. Gareth Hinds, President of the EFC and Chairman of the meeting, will welcome delegates.

Item 2 Apologies for Absence (MB)

Mrs. Mariana Berthet, Paris Office, will announce apologies received for absence.

Item 3 Approval of the Agenda and Adoption of the Minutes of the last Meeting (GH)

- 3-1 BoA members will be asked to approve the proposed agenda or to raise any issues not covered in the present agenda.
- 3-2 BoA members will be asked to approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Virtual Meeting that took place online on December 3rd 2024.

Item 4 Administrative Matters

4-1 Applications for EFC Membership (FO)

The Frankfurt Office will report on the following:

New member:

In January 2024, the EFC General Assembly approved the admission of 3X Engineering, Monaco, to the Federation as an Affiliate Member, **see shared files, Item 4-1.**

Resignation:

In October 2024, AkzoNobel resigned from EFC Affiliate Membership.

4-2 Belgian Matters & BoA Members nominations (MB)

Mrs. Mariana Berthet, will report on last actions regarding the Belgian Matters. BoA members are reminded that the call for nominations for the next term of office (1 January 2026 – 31 December 2028) was issued on February 25 by the Frankfurt Office.

4-3 EFC International Branch (PC)

Mr. Pascal Collet will report on the development of the EFC International Branch as well as its current situation, **see shared files, Item 4-3.**

4-4 EFC-COO contract (GH)

The EFC President, Dr. Gareth Hinds, will present the proposed terms of a new two-year COO contract for approval by the BoA, **see shared files, Item 4-4.**

Item 5 Financial Issues (JB)

An EFC Financial Report will be presented by the EFC Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. Julija Bugajeva, **see shared files, Item 5.**

5-1 *Accounts for 2024*

The Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. Julija Bugajeva, will present the provisional accounts for the year 2024, **see Annex 1 of Item 5.**

The BoA will be invited to approve the provisional accounts for 2024.

5-2 *Forecast for 2025*

The EFC budget for 2025 was agreed by the General Assembly during its Ordinary Virtual Online Meeting on 20 June 2024.

The Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. Julija Bugajeva, will show the expected changes to 2025 income and expenditure, **see Annex 2 of Item 5.**

The BoA will be invited to approve the forecast for 2025.

5-3 *Budget for 2026*

The Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. Julija Bugajeva, will present proposals for the budget for 2026, **see Annex 2 of Item 5.**

The BoA will be invited to have a discussion on 2026 budget with any suggested changes being proposed to GA in June.

5-4 *Current Subscription Position*

The Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. Julija Bugajeva, will present the status of subscriptions paid by EFC Member Societies (year-to-date), **see Annex 3 of Item 5.**

5-5 *Adoption of Financial Report*

The BoA will be invited to approve the Financial Report presented by the Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. Julija Bugajeva.

5-5 *2026 Membership Fees*

BoA members are asked to vote on the proposed increase, presented by the Honorary Treasurer, Mrs. Julija Bugajeva, and whether to put it forward to GA for approval, **see shared files, Item 5-5.**

Item 6 EFC Activities

6-1 *Evolution of EFC and EUROCORN in the coming years (GH)*

The EFC President, Dr. Gareth Hinds, will present progress on his proposals for the evolution of EFC and EUROCORN in the coming years.

6-2 Report on COO Activities and EFC Business Development (PC)

Mr. Pascal Collet, the EFC COO, will present a report on his activities covering the period September 2024 to March 2025, and a plan for the next period, **see shared files, Item 6-2.**

The BoA will be invited to approve the EFC COO report.

6-3 Report on STAC Activities (SR)

The STAC Chairman, Dr. Stefan Ritter, will report on STAC activities, **see shared files, Item 6-3.**

The BoA will be invited to approve the report on STAC Activities.

6-4 Report of the Scientific Secretary (RB)

Dr. Roman Bender, the Scientific Secretary, will present a report on his activities covering the period September 2024 to March 2025.

The BoA will be invited to approve the Scientific Secretary Report.

6-5 Report on Activities of Young EFC (NO)

A report of the Young EFC network activities, covering the period September 2024 to February 2025, will be presented by Dr. Noémie Ott, **see shared files, Item 6-5.**

The BoA will be invited to approve the report on Young EFC Activities.

6-6 Report on Social Media Activities (MM)

Dr. Marta Mohedano will present a report on Social Media covering the period September 2024 to February 2025, **see shared files, Item 6-6.**

The BoA will be invited to approve the report on Social Media Activities.

6-7 EFC Book Series and Journals (RB)

The Scientific Secretary, Dr. Roman Bender, will present a status on publications in the EFC book series.

The Scientific Secretary, Dr. Roman, Bender, will also present a status on publications in the 6 EFC Partner Journals: "**Materials and Corrosion**", "**Corrosion Engineering, Science and Technology (CST)**", "**Matériaux et Techniques**", "**Ochrona przed Korozją**" ("Corrosion Protection"), "**KOM**" (Corrosion and Material Protection), and "**Oberflächen- POLYSURFACES**".

6-8 EFC Newsletter (DM)

Mr. Dan Mobbs will be invited to present a report on the current situation regarding the EFC Newsletter, **see shared files, Item 6-8.**

The BoA will be invited to approve the report on the EFC Newsletter.

Item 7 EUROCORR Series: 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028

7-1 EUROCORR 2024, Paris (France) - Final Report on Results (PhM)

Prof. Philippe Marcus will report on the results of EUROCORR 2024, which was held in Paris, France, at Palais des Congrès, from **1 to 5 September 2024**. The general theme was **“A step forward in societal awareness of material degradation issues”**.

The EUROCORR Report Form 2 can be found on the **shared files, Item 7-1**.

7-2 EUROCORR 2025, Stavanger (Norway) - Progress with Arrangements (TH)

EUROCORR 2025 will be held in Stavanger, Norway at the Siddis Center – Stavanger Forum, from **7 to 11 September 2025**. The general theme will be **“Joining Forces for smart and sustainable solutions to fighting corrosion in society”**.

Dr. Torfinn Havn will report on progress with arrangements for EUROCORR 2025, **see shared files, Item 7-2**.

7-3 EUROCORR 2026, Dublin (Ireland) - Report on Preliminary Arrangements (JB, GH)

EUROCORR 2026 will be held in Dublin, Ireland on **6 to 10 September 2026**. The general theme proposed is **“Corrosion challenges for net-zero technologies”**.

Dr. Gareth Hinds and Mrs Julija Bugajeva, will report on preliminary arrangements.

7-4 EUROCORR & ICC 2027, Prague (Czech Republic) - Initial Progress Report (TP)

A report on the initial progress in the organisation of EUROCORR 2027 will be presented by Dr. Tomáš Prošek, **see shared files, Item 7-4**.

7-5 EUROCORR 2028 - Meeting Selection of the Host

The Call for Bids for EUROCORR 2028 was sent to the EFC Member by the Frankfurt Office on 4 February 2025 with a deadline of application fixed on **June 2, 2025**.

BoA Members will be invited to define a date of the meeting where the bidders will present their proposals.

Item 8 International Activities

8-1 AMPP International (GH)

The EFC President, Dr. Gareth Hinds will report on progress regarding cooperation with AMPP.

8-2 WCO (World Corrosion Organization) (GH)

Dr. Gareth Hinds, EFC President and WCO President, will report on progress regarding the cooperation with WCO.

8-3 Activities in China (TP)

The EFC Past President, Dr. Tomáš Prošek, will report on progress regarding the cooperation with CSCP.

Item 9 EFC Office Costs (GH)

Dr. Gareth Hinds, EFC President, will provide an update on (i) agreement with the EFC Secretariats regarding administrative costs for 2025 and (ii) progress towards a longer-term arrangement with the aim of reducing these costs and improving the financial sustainability of the EFC without compromising its stability.

Item 10 New EFC Database Project (PC)

The EFC COO, Pascal Collet, will report on the implementation of the new EFC database, and its current situation, **see shared files, Item 10.**

Item 11 Any other Business

The EFC Vice-President, Dr. Patrick Keil, will report on the newly created EFC AI Policy Taskforce.

BoA Members will be invited to raise any other matters.

Item 12 Date and Place of next BoA

The next Ordinary BoA Meeting will take place in conjunction with EUROCORR 2025 on **Sunday 7 September 2025** at a place to be announced in due time.