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ISHCCO and ECEC Sign Memorandum of Understanding During ECEC General Assembly in Cyprus *Nicosia, 7 November 2025*



The International Safety and Health Construction Coordinators Organization (ISHCCO) proudly participated in the 28th General Assembly of the European Council of Engineers Chambers (ECEC), held on 7 November 2025 in Nicosia, Cyprus, hosted by the Cyprus Scientific and Technical Chamber (ETEK).

ISHCCO was represented by its President, Evangelitsa Tsoulofta, who addressed the distinguished delegates of the European engineering community and highlighted the vital role of collaboration between engineers and safety coordinators in building a safer and more sustainable Europe.

A highlight of the event was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ISHCCO and ECEC, strengthening cooperation in education, professional qualifications, public procurement, and safety initiatives across Europe.

The President outlined ISHCCO's mission and key priorities, including:

- **Professional recognition and competence standards:** promoting the ISHCCO Qualification Framework (IQF) based on the European Qualification Framework (EQF).
- **Knowledge exchange and professional development:** integrating BIM and digital safety tools into design and site management.



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- **Policy and advocacy:** collaborating with European institutions on asbestos management, climate change, heat stress, and public procurement.
- **Partnerships:** expanding cooperation with ISSA-C, ECCE, AECEF, ORP, and now ECEC to advance safety culture and innovation in construction.

Highlighting ISHCCO's active role in the **EU-OSHA Healthy Workplaces Campaigns** and **ISSA's Vision Zero initiative**, she reaffirmed that occupational safety and health (OSH) are not only legal obligations but **ethical imperatives and drivers of quality and innovation**.

The ISHCCO President also invited participants to upcoming international events:

- **ISHCCO–ASPRECO Congress**, Madrid, Spain – 12 March 2026, as part of ISHCCO GA2026.
- **International ISSA-C Conference**, Limassol, Cyprus – 2–3 July 2026, titled *“From Risk to Resilience: Achieving Vision Zero with AI and Sustainable Construction”*, supported by key European and Cypriot institutions.

“The construction sector builds more than structures — it builds societies. Collaboration is the foundation that makes those societies safe, strong and enduring. By protecting people, we protect the future of our industry and our communities.”

ISHCCO extends sincere appreciation to **ECEC** and **ETEK** for their excellent organization and warm hospitality, and looks forward to continued collaboration in advancing **safety, quality, and professional excellence** across Europe's construction sector.

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