

## European Federation of Associations of Environmental Professionals



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## Who Are We?

- A rapidly expanding network of Environmental Experts from all over Europe.
- An independent platform for exchanging professional information, knowledge and experience.
- Established in 2002, now representing over 15.000 Environmental Professionals drawn from 12 Member Organisations.

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## Our Objectives

- Bring together environmental professionals from all over Europe to address international environmental issues
- Contribute to the development of a sound European environmental policy
- Exchange knowledge and experience in envi. sciences, policies, governance and technologies
- Increase the profile of environmental professionals within Europe

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## Member Organisations

10 European countries covered via 13 associations:

Country	Associations
Belgium	VMD
Czech Rep.	CSE
Finland	FAEP
France	AFITE
Germany	VBU, VDI KUT, VNU
Italy	AIAT, AISA
Netherlands	VVM
Portugal	APEA
Spain	Ategrus
United Kingdom	IEEM

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## Structure

*EFAEP* = International Association under Belgian Law  
Members: associations of environmental professionals

*General Assembly* (GA) meets 2x/yr; 1 vote/member  
GA elects Executive Committee (ExCo)

*ExCo* leads EFAEP on daily basis;  
- carries out GA decisions and policies  
- leads EFAEP Bureau

*Bureau* in Brussels with part-time staff  
Supportive secretariat at President's Association

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## Executive Committee

- President: Jan-Karel Mak (VVM, NED)
- Vice President: Dominique Bernard (AFITE, FRA)
- Vice President: Matthias Friebel (VNU, GER)
- General Secretary: Mario Grosso (AIAT, ITA)
- Treasurer: Jim Thompson (IEEM, GBR)

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## What do we do?

- Working groups further knowledge exchange and development re/ cross-boundary issues
- Position Papers address EU policy proposals
- Information is shared through Bulletins, News Flashes, Regulatory overviews, Conferences
- We develop an Envi. Professionals Database
- We enhance the profile of environmental professionals within Europe, e.g. via EFAEP / EEP Awards
- We endorse national member symposia
- We participate in ENCOS (Essence network)

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**Jeremy Rifkin**

### The European Dream

*How Europe's Vision of the Future is  
Quietly Eclipsing the American Dream*

(2004)

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## ‘EFAEP according to Rifkin’

- “EU agencies are encouraged to interact and network with, among others, NGO’s; EU is a network governance organisation.”
- “More and more of daily EU governance is being given over to these more informal networks of players...”
- “EU Politics operates not along two poles, market and government, but between three nodes: commerce, government and civil society.”
- “EU needs ‘grassroots’ credibility in a world torn between local, national, regional and global forces.”
- “The EU looks to sharing governance with Civil Service Organisations (CSOs) in European policy networks, because CSOs enjoy widespread public support and bring a new sense of participatory democracy...”