



Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia
**Ministry of Construction,
Transport and Infrastructure**

17 Oct. 2018

Subject: Letter of Support for the Serbian Chamber of Engineers

To whom it may concern,
Dear Madam/Sir,

At the last Executive Board Meeting of the European Council of Engineers Chambers (ECEC) which took place on 13th of October in Berlin, ECEC Vice-President Šumarac informed the Executive Board about the letter the Serbian Chamber of Engineers has received by the Ministry, and about the Draft Law on *Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Planning and Construction, Act. 12.09.2018*.

The ECEC would like to express its concern on the mentioned Draft Law, which would change and in a new way regulate the status, scope of work and the method of selecting the organs of the Serbian Chamber of Engineers.

The proposed solution of the future organisation of the Serbian Chamber of Engineers could be indicating, that the tendency of the proposed law is to regulate the Chamber according to the model of a public enterprise, rather than the model of a professional association. The proposal, which suggests the Government to appoint the Chamber President, and the Ministry to appoint President and a member of the Supervisory Board and three members of the Managing Board, and the relevant Ministry taking over the Court of Honour, is indeed a concerning fact.

The Serbian Chamber of Engineers is not financed by anything else but exclusively the membership fees, not by budget or other public revenues.

The European Union has a clear position on the independent functioning of liberal professions, which is a key social and economic development factor among the Member states of the EU as well as countries which count as possible candidates for the EU-membership, which includes the Republic of Serbia.



On behalf of our Member Organization, the Serbian Chamber of Engineers, the proponent is appealed to exclude the provisions concerning the change of the status of the Serbian Chamber from the Draft Law on *Amendments to the Law on Planning and Construction*.

The abolition of the independence of the Serbian Chamber would result in the exclusion from the European Council of Engineers Chambers (ECEC).

17 Oct 2018, signed by

Mag. Črtomir Remec
ECEC President

BR h.c. DI Klaus Thürriedl
ECEC Secretary General