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The very core of our Federation rests upon a deep understanding of European unity. Since its creation in 1989 in Brussels, IFLA EUROPE has grown to encompass National Associations belonging to countries in the European Union area, in the broader Council of Europe zone and in the larger European Region of UNESCO. Furthermore, in the Regulations that govern our organisation, members of National Associations are potentially those which have graduated from landscape architecture programmes **throughout Europe**.

It is therefore easy to understand that in our desire to promote the profession -in accordance with the 2005/36/EC Directive on Professional Qualifications- the Presidents' Council, with the full support of IFLA EUROPE's General Assembly in Oslo (Norway, October 2014) agreed the need for a **cohesive Federation** that is able to provide both its National Associations as well as its members' opportunities to develop their capacities at European level, strongly supporting the mobility of professionals in Europe.

As an outcome of this, two main projects have been conducted this year by IFLA EUROPE. The first one deals with Professional Mobility across Europe, and consists in a process to **assist professional migration** for members of IFLA EU's National Associations without interfering with the professional rules in each country, nor with each National Association's membership requirements.

The second one establishes a completely **new working and networking approach** inside the Federation. It entails the creation of a members' data base that, without interfering with the professional data bases existing in each country, nor with the relations between members and their NA, will strengthen these by providing members with fuller services at an European level. Symbiotically, it will bring our members' capacities to the forefront, reinforcing solid working relationships with strategically important partners.

Both projects also work transversally with other projects currently being developed in IFLA EU which also strive to **strengthen our services to our members** in areas related to professional qualification, as further knowledge of our members, their professional situation or even obstacles or mobility within Europe, might feedback too these projects.

These two projects would not have been possible without the help and support received from **National Associations**. We thank them for it, as they have deeply contributed to its development, as well as Michael Oldham, Maja Teodorovic and Gertjan Jobse for their great contribution to our Federation; and Fritz Auweck for his unrelenting support.

You will find more information about both projects in our web page. We invite you to have a look at them and give us your feedback, as this will highly appreciated by our teams. **Enjoy summer!**