



International Federation of Hospital Engineering - IFHE

IFHE-EU – Regional Group Europe

IFHE-EU: connecting people, knowledge and innovation for better healthcare environments across Europe.

The **International Federation of Healthcare Engineering – Europe (IFHE-EU)** is an organisation that brings together national associations and professionals working in healthcare engineering, hospital infrastructure, architecture, technology and facility management across Europe.

IFHE-EU was established in Strasbourg in 2005 as the European regional organisation of the International Federation of Healthcare Engineering (IFHE). Its purpose is to strengthen cooperation among European healthcare engineering associations and to create a common platform for exchanging knowledge, experience and innovative practices.

IFHE-EU operates within the wider international network of IFHE, a non-profit and non-governmental federation founded in 1970. IFHE promotes the exchange of information and professional experience in healthcare facility planning, design, construction, engineering, commissioning, maintenance and estate management.

Through this European network, IFHE-EU connects hospital engineers, architects, facility managers, healthcare organisations, public authorities, universities, researchers, technology providers and other professionals involved in the development and management of healthcare environments.

The mission of IFHE-EU is to promote the advancement of healthcare engineering in Europe and to support the development of safe, efficient, resilient, sustainable and patient-centred healthcare facilities.

Healthcare buildings are among the most complex and technologically advanced infrastructures in modern society. They must ensure uninterrupted operation, patient and staff safety, infection prevention, energy efficiency, environmental responsibility and the capacity to adapt to rapid clinical, technological and organisational change.

New Standing Orders relating to IFHE-EU operations were drafted following the Council Meeting in Antwerp (2025) and several meetings with IFHE. IFHE-EU possesses its own bank accounts under the umbrella and supervision of IFHE, based on mutual agreements and respect, reinforcing its operational coherence within the global structure.

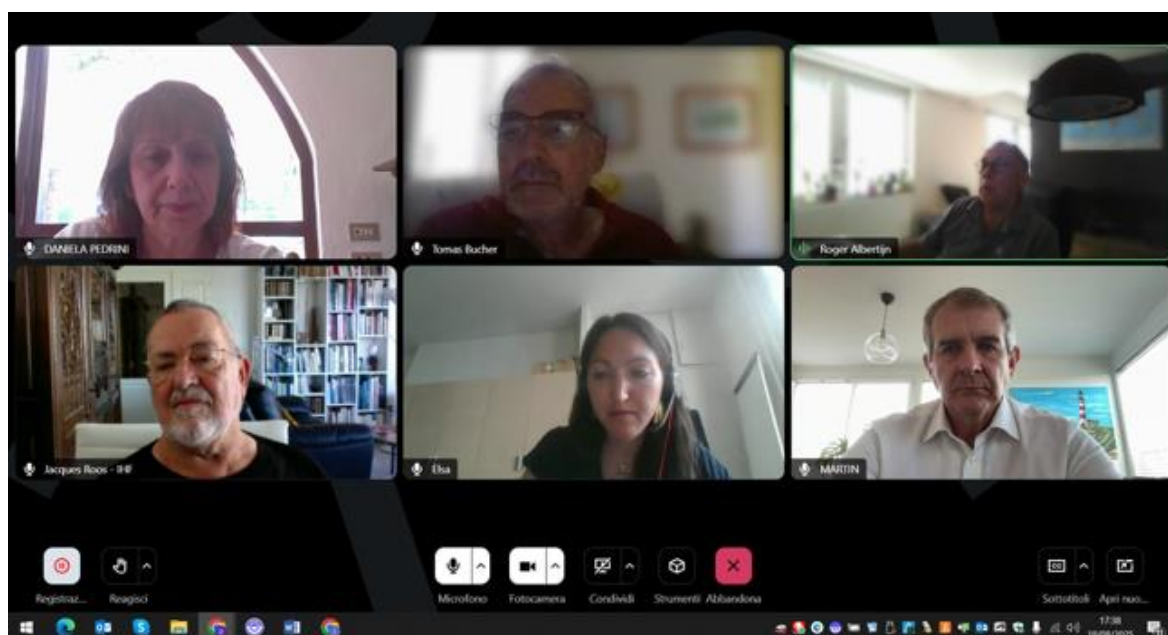
The associations that are part of IFHE-EU are in 2026:

COUNTRY	ASSOCIATION
1. France	IHF
2. Belgium	ZORG.tech
3. Spain	AEIH
4. Denmark	FSTA
5. Germany	FKT
6. Norway	FSTL
7. Finland	AFHE/SSTY
8. Austria	OVKT
9. Switzerland	IHS
10. Italy	S.I.A.I.S.

Composition of IFHE-EU Executive Committee (2025-2027):

ExCo Members (2025-2027)	
President	Roger Albertijn (RA) – ZORG.tech - Belgium
General Secretary	Daniela Pedrini (DP) – S.I.A.I.S. - Italy
Past President	Jacques Roos (JR) – IHF - France
Vice President	Tomas Bucher (TB) – IHS - Switzerland
Treasurer	Angelo Conti (AC)- S.I.A.I.S. - Italy
ExCo Members:	Elsa Nègre (EN)- IHF - France
	Martin Krammer (MK) – OVKT - Austria
	Erik Van De Wauwer (EVDW) - ZORG.tech- Belgium

The Executive Committee meets once a month with online meetings.



Through congresses, working groups, education, research, professional exchange and institutional dialogue, IFHE-EU can continue to strengthen the contribution of healthcare engineering to the quality, resilience and sustainability of European healthcare systems.

Congresses and Scientific Meetings

The intense schedule of events promoted by the member associations of the IFHE-EU demonstrates the dynamism and commitment of the region to the scientific and technological advancement of architecture, engineering, and infrastructure for healthcare.

The information provided below has been collected from the official websites of the respective associations.

1) France – IHF

 66^{es} Journées d'Études et de Formation Nantes 17 au 19 juin 2026 67^{es} Journées d'Études et de Formation Lille 23-24-25 juin 2027	Ingénieurs Hospitaliers de France (IHF) held its 66th Annual Congress in Nantes from 17 to 19 June 2026. The Congress addressed the main issues in healthcare engineering, with a particular focus on the management of major projects, illustrated by the construction of the new Nantes University Hospital, which was nearing completion. A visit to this emblematic 230,000-square-metre construction site concluded the Congress. Ingénieurs Hospitaliers de France (IHF) will hold its 67th Annual Congress in the city of LILLE, June 23 – 25, 2027.
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2) Belgium - ZORG.tech

 zorg.tech 	ZORG.tech held its 36th Annual Congress on 5 June 2026 at Brussels Gate in Groot-Bijgaarden, near Brussels. The event was preceded by a networking evening and walking dinner on 4 June. Under the theme <i>“Innovative Building Concepts – What if we redesigned the DNA of construction?”</i>, the Congress explored new approaches to the design and development of healthcare facilities. Particular attention was given to wellbeing, flexibility, climate adaptation, bio-based materials, prefabrication, circular and demountable construction, building passports and the concept of buildings as material banks. The next ZORG.tech Annual Congress is scheduled to take place on 4 June 2027 at Flanders Expo in Ghent, Belgium. The event will be organised by the ZORG.tech regional groups of East and West Flanders.
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3) Spain – AEIH

	The 43rd Congress of Hospital Engineering will be held from November 4th to 6th, 2026. This year, the Congress reaches a significant milestone by being held, for the first time, in the Basque Country, specifically in the city of Bilbao. This region, with its renowned history of innovation, technological development, and healthcare organization, offers an ideal setting for the exchange of knowledge and joint reflection on the current and future challenges of Hospital Engineering. The main objective of this 43rd Congress is to consolidate its position as a leading forum in the technical and scientific field, fostering rigorous analysis, the exchange of experiences, and the sharing of solutions that contribute to the continuous improvement of healthcare infrastructure and services.
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4) Denmark – FSTA

	The <i>FSTA Annual Conference 2026</i> will take place from <i>30 September to 2 October 2026</i> at the Nyborg Strand Hotel in Denmark. Organised by FSTA – the Danish Forum for Hospital Engineering and Architecture – the conference will bring together healthcare technical professionals, managers, consultants, researchers and industry representatives. Registration is already open for both participants and exhibitors. The programme will examine the present and future development of the Danish healthcare system, with particular attention to healthcare reform, resilience, security of supply and the ability of healthcare facilities to respond to emerging risks. Other key topics will include sustainable construction, telemedicine, future energy systems, operational cost models, hazardous materials in hospital construction, data centres, staff safety and the strategic use of healthcare data.
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5) Germany – FKT

	7th Hospital Technology Trade Fair and Healthcare Engineering Conference 2026 – Gelsenkirchen The <i>7th Fachmesse Krankenhaus Technologie</i>, together with the Healthcare Engineering Conference, will take place on <i>30 September and 1 October 2026</i> at the Wissenschaftspark in Gelsenkirchen, Germany. Under the theme “Managing Innovation – Because Healthcare Needs the Best Technology,” the event will present innovative products, services and methods aimed at making healthcare facilities more efficient, digital, sustainable and resilient. The conference programme will address key developments in hospital engineering, including artificial intelligence, the future relationship between people and technology, blackout and emergency preparedness, energy transition, Digital Twins, smart hospital platforms, critical infrastructure, modular construction and data-driven process and energy optimisation. The event will combine keynote lectures, technical presentations, practical
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	workshops, an exhibition and opportunities for professional networking and knowledge exchange. Special features will include the 20th NRW Hospital Environment Day, focusing on environmental legislation, sustainability and resilience; the presentation of the 12th FKT Innovation Award; and Startups on Stage, providing young companies with an opportunity to showcase innovative technologies and solutions for the healthcare sector.
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6) Norway – FSTL

 	FSTL Annual Conference 2026 – Trondheim, Norway The FSTL Annual Conference 2026 will take place in Trondheim from 31 August to 2 September 2026. Organised by FSTL – the Norwegian Forum for Hospital Technical Management – the conference will focus on “Security and Preparedness: The Role of Hospitals in Total Defence.” The programme will examine how hospitals and healthcare infrastructure can prepare for an increasingly complex threat environment. Key topics will include the protection of critical infrastructure, emergency preparedness, hospital security, supply-chain resilience, artificial intelligence, OT and IT cybersecurity, technical operations and lessons learned from healthcare crises in other countries. The final day will include technical visits to St. Olavs Hospital, covering areas such as automated transport systems, pneumatic tube systems, sterile supply services, technical control centres and environmental management facilities. The conference will also celebrate FSTL’s 40th anniversary with a special commemorative dinner.
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7) Finland - AFHE/SSTY

 	The SSTY Hospital Engineering Days 2026 were held on 27–28 May 2026 at the Oulu Theatre in Finland. Organised by SSTY, the Finnish association for hospital engineering, in cooperation with the North Ostrobothnia Wellbeing Services County. The conference focused particularly on the economic challenges facing the Finnish healthcare system, efficiency, investment productivity and change management. The programme also addressed the national vision for health and social services towards 2040, hospital preparedness and resilience, power-supply security, user-centred healthcare design, medical technologies, energy and cost efficiency, and the management of healthcare facilities. Several sessions presented practical experiences from the OYS 2030 programme, including the master planning and operational commissioning of the new Oulu University Hospital, the involvement of healthcare professionals in facility design and the implementation of medical devices and digital systems. The SSTY Hospital Engineering Days 2027 will be the next edition of the annual conference organised by the Finnish Hospital Engineering Association.
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8) Austria – ÖVKT

	The ÖVKT Annual Conference 2026 will take place from 22 to 24 September 2026 at the Congress Center Wörthersee in Pörschach am Wörthersee, Austria. The event is organised by ÖVKT, the Austrian association for hospital engineering professionals. Under the theme “Safe Operation of Healthcare Facilities – Technology between Requirements and Resources,” the conference will examine how healthcare organisations can ensure safety, efficiency and operational continuity while facing technological change, regulatory requirements and limited resources. The programme will address a wide range of topics, including artificial intelligence, robotics, future medical technologies, the EU AI Act, medical-device procurement and maintenance, technical standards, critical communications, hospital resilience and autonomy, energy optimisation, sustainability and the circular economy, BIM, access management and critical infrastructure protection. The event will combine keynote speeches, technical presentations, a Medical Technology World Café, specialist workshops on medical technology, environment and energy, and BIM, as well as an exhibition and several networking opportunities. The conference will provide an important platform for hospital engineers, healthcare facility managers, medical-technology specialists, designers, consultants, researchers and industry representatives to exchange knowledge and discuss solutions for safer, more resilient and sustainable healthcare facilities.
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9) Switzerland – IHS

	The IHS Annual Conference 2026 was held on 24 April 2026 at the Trafo Hallen in Baden, Switzerland. Organised by IHS – Infrastructure Hospital Switzerland, the conference brought together professionals involved in hospital planning, construction, operation, safety, medical technology and medical informatics. Under the theme “Transformation in the Age of Megatrends,” the event explored the technological, organisational and social changes affecting healthcare infrastructure. The programme included keynote presentations, technical sessions, short project presentations, panel discussions, an exhibition and extensive networking opportunities. Key topics included the datafication of healthcare, Smart Hospital platforms, critical infrastructure, regulatory requirements for sterile processing departments, strategic hospital construction planning, Digital Twins, BIM in facility operations, modular construction and the use of virtual reality in the design process. The 2026 edition introduced a modernised and highly interactive format. The conference concluded with the IHS General Assembly. IHS and IFHE-EU International Conference 2027 – Switzerland The 2027 IHS Annual Conference will be a special three-day international event, taking place from in May 2027. It will celebrate the 50th anniversary of IHS and will also host the
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	biennial conference of the International Federation of Hospital Engineering Europe – IFHE-EU. The extended conference will bring together hospital engineering and healthcare infrastructure professionals from Switzerland and across Europe. The programme is expected to combine technical presentations, international perspectives, professional networking and special activities commemorating the history and achievements of IHS.
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10) Italy - S.I.A.I.S. ETS - Italian Society of Architecture and Engineering for Healthcare – TSO

 	The XIII National Congress of S.I.A.I.S. ETS, which will take place between November 12th and 14th, 2026, in Riccione, under the theme “Changing Hospitals and Healthcare Facilities, Leading Competencies: Engineering, Architecture and Technology for the Future of Healthcare”. Healthcare facilities are becoming increasingly complex, digital, sustainable and interconnected systems. Their transformation requires close cooperation among engineers, architects, healthcare professionals, managers, institutions and industry. The 13th S.I.A.I.S. ETS National Congress 2026 will explore how multidisciplinary expertise, technological innovation and integrated planning can create safer, more resilient, flexible, efficient and people-centred healthcare environments. Key topics include healthcare design, digital transformation, sustainability, resilience, asset management, medical technologies, professional skills, investments and administrative procedures. The Congress will also celebrate the 20th anniversary of S.I.A.I.S. ETS, providing an opportunity to honour its history, recognise the contribution of its members and founders, and renew the Association’s commitment to innovation, professional development and the future of healthcare infrastructure.
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