

Letter from the President (24th December 2021)

Dear President,

Dear members,

2021 is almost completed and the pandemic is always active... Despite this, a worrying percentage of citizens are reluctant to vaccines. This situation leads us to believe that without continuous research and innovation on the technical level and without great efforts to communicate and disseminate the interest of this innovative work, our society will remain fragile.

These innovation and communication efforts are also crucial for the implementation and operation of our dams in the future. If some opponents will always remain opposed, a large part of them will be able to accept the social and economic interest of our reservoirs should our innovations will allow us to demonstrate that the downstream and upstream environmental impact is minimized in the catchment area.

2022 will be the launching of the **European Technology Innovation Platform (ETIP) on Hydropower**. This is a unique opportunity to provide funding for European research and innovation on Dam safety and Ecosystem Restoration.

From now on, you will find the Research and Innovation Agenda (RIA) and the Strategic Industry Roadmap (SIR) for hydropower on the forum website of HYDROPOWER EUROPE. The RIA and the SIR should be implemented in the ETIP (see link below).

<https://hydropower-europe.eu/publications/strategic-industry-roadmap-and-research--innovation-agenda/>

The next **EURCOLD Board meeting** will be held at the beginning of the Marseille ICOLD Congress on:

Saturday May 28, 2022, from 16:30 to 18:30

The President election to new mandate (2023-2025) will be held in-person during this meeting. Applications should be sent to the Secretary General before April 28, 2022.

Save the date, on Thursday June 2, the European Club has its European evening from 19:30 at Café Borély, in Marseille. We would be happy to take this opportunity to meet you and spend some enjoyable time with you.

Merry Christmas!

We wish you and your loved ones a happy and safe year,



Jean-Jacques Fry,

President of EURCOLD



Alfredo Granados,

Secretary General of EURCOLD