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Information from the Board to EGEA Members relating to the draft budget 2014

Dear Members,
Dear Working Group Chairmen,

Our association has been and will also in 2014 be confronted with a substantial raise of workload (please see attached an activity outlook for 2014).

This is reflected in the increase of workload of the EGEA Secretariat as well as in the extended number and scope of EGEA working group activities. Therefore, EGEA and its working groups need special funds, and this has a considerable impact on our budget.

The Board proposes that the membership fees serve to ensure the basic functioning of the association and some core lobbying activities (e.g PTI, ECSS,...). In this context, the Board suggests to merge the membership fees with the donations.

Moreover as the working group activities are increasing substantially and to address new projects, the Board came to the conclusion that special funding for the working groups is needed.

For instance, the following projects would already need to be financed:

WG 2: Euro 5 Study, Euro 5 Guidance Paper, VSG.

WG 6: Study on suspension testing to find a common EU-wide solution

WG 9: Framework for the creation of the EGEA label, starting with the MAC specifications

WG 10: Creation of a standard for vehicle test equipment network

(for more detailed please see attached draft budget 2014 for first estimation of project funding)

In order to finance the upcoming projects, the Board had the choice between:

- either substantially raise the MS fees for all members
- or finance the projects by project funding coming from our member's members (the Board is favorable to this choice). WG chairmen would have to make proper budgeting. The Board would make a "call for projects" twice every year; WG chairmen will be required to present budget for projects for the Board to approve and allow fund raising amongst our member's members, passing through the national associations.

The Board thinks that today this way to operate is the best one for us to raise more money and keep control of the use of the money.

Attached you will find a draft budget 2014 functioning on the basis of fund raising for specific projects. And this should be discussed during our next General Assembly meeting of 14 November.

The EGEA Board.