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Announcement of the EFCA Future Leaders' Competition 2023

Dear Directors and Secretaries-General,

We are delighted to announce the launch of the fourteenth edition of the EFCA Future Leaders' competition!

This annual event is open to all professionals aged 35 and under, who are working for member firms of each national association. The aim of the competition is to highlight the talent of Europe's next generation of leaders in our sector, and to demonstrate the diversity and attractiveness of pursuing a career in our sector.

With this competition, Member Associations are granted the unique opportunity to directly reach these future industry leaders and make fully visible the best talents of their respective countries. Together, we increase the visibility of our strong and growing EFCA network within our sector and beyond!

This year's competition is special as 2023 is the European Year of Skills! With this, the acquisition of skills is placed at the heart of European policy making. In our sector, professionals require a large set of skills to master the expectations that society places on them. Yet getting young people choose to enter an engineering career remains a challenge across Europe. We want to make engineering the career of choice! A first step towards reaching this aim is to actively support young talents in our sector. We count on you to help us promoting the skills of our Future Leaders!

What are the prizes?

We would be honoured to invite the winner of the competition to join us in Istanbul in June 2023 to participate in the EFCA conference, completely at our expense. The second and third prize winners will be awarded a grant of €500 to support their participation in the event. The jury will also select a number of candidates to receive a special commendation and get their names and project visible on the EFCA website.

The place and time of the award ceremony where the winners and those commended will receive their certificates will be communicated shortly. The winners will also have the opportunity to present their project at the conference.



The winner of the last competition, Federico Foria, is a multiskilled 32-year-old Manager of both the department of Geotechnics, Geology & Hydraulics as well as Research & Development at ETS S.r.l. Out of a total of 16 entries from across 5 countries, the jury unanimously recognised Federico's project as being a technical lead. With his winning entry, the lining conditions of the tunnels along the Andora -S. Lorenzo railway line, Federico has proven to be a visionary, reliable, responsible, and cooperative leader. Consulting engineers are not known for taking the limelight, but with his winning project, Federico really put the spotlight on our industry.