

2. EFNDT POSITIONING IN EUROPEAN QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE

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Every National and/or International Conference is great event to demonstrate our development yet European NDT Conference is always the best opportunity not only for analyzing our achievement but to present further direction of NDT as a whole, toward what we all shall strive for the next four years, aiming to increase the synergy in NDT field.

One of direction that I am going to contemplate is given in the title of this lecture in what several initiatives in EFNDT programs will be outlined on account of incorporation of the accumulated scientific and engineering knowledge in NDT field into European Quality Infrastructure, thus completing quality system of Europe with matters of NDT responsibility.

Why positioning of EFNDT within European Quality Infrastructure is important.

The most important for continuing the growing success of EFNDT is respective positioning which will able forming possible connections at necessary levels of influence. That will make possible that all our efforts and obtained results for capable NDT services are used in the best possible way.

We worked hard on perfecting our basic methods, on development of NDT and generally of up-grading NDT technology but most of all we pay very strict attention to qualification and certification of our personnel. By proper management we are achieving reliable testing results what we will persistently demonstrate so the circle of people being NDT-acquaint is only to be widened.

Continually up-grading of the reliability is very important, but it is equally so important to witness and give proofs about our potentials and capabilities. It will be emphasizing how important is parallel to promote of the best practice in NDT, do the right things to ensure position to facilitate our so important influence on quality and security.

Referees in European Quality System certainly know these facts and that is why EFNDT will be successfully launched into European Quality Infrastructure helping greatly in realization of European strategic goals regarding safety and security. European quality system will indeed absorb NDT worthy potentials for rising completion in their assignment.

The importance and the technical complexity of NDT in Technical Diagnostic and Condition Monitoring is growing and people worldwide are more and more dependent of highly reliable NDT. Long term continuous monitoring of structures and assemblies is also area of NDT responsibility for immense advantage to economy. Without reliable NDT results Europe will not so easy realize its strategic goals. It is not difficult to conclude which responsibility carries our profession if we mention the most significant goal as it is making available energy for the Europe.

Risk assessments are also very important task and the public is increasingly interested about it, thus people are ready to invest seeing the importance and perspective of NDT. It is of reality when this subject is expanded by saying that NDT is competent force system which protect life and security of all inhabitant of this planet, since environmental disaster do not respect regional or national boundaries.

How will members of EFNDT use this fact for their own further development is a question which is always worth to analyze and with adjustment of Structure as well as organization of EFNDT, when necessary, we can makes possible faster development.

Through EFNDT the members ensure better and widespread possible influence not only in Europe. The right positioning of EFNDT inside the European quality system makes possible investment in R&D including other important support to our efforts.

In the lecture several initiatives in EFNDT programs will be outlined in order to move forward in meeting the demands and taking responsibility for various elements of the infrastructure which concern NDT matters, resulting in and accomplishments of incorporation of EFNDT to complete quality chain and place itself as a strong link in a QS chain of Europe.

Also it will be emphasized the importance and modus operandi for further proactive approach, which results from well selected EFNDT strategy that comes out from proper answer on the following questions:

Who are our costumers?

What do they need from us?

How do we give them what they want and benefit from it to be prepared and capable to continue?

There are many things that we have to do before a wide circle recognize the importance and the potential of NDT. It will be exposed how we need to teach through examples of good practice and we should not be discourage that still many do not know how much and how widespread is NDT included in their everyday life. A long life learning to which are inclined those who favor developments will force upon them to learn additionally and acknowledge NDT, not only of results but about the need for.

As a conclusion on the basis of such work I expect that EFNDT members, our friends and partners, surely discern the opportunity which is offered by our Europe-wide partnership, as by this we move optimism and vision for further development and influence on all levels, which makes possible to fulfill our basic function-quality and safety that relies on NDT profession.