

Historical reference

Engineering communities in Bulgaria

3 January 1893

45 engineers and architects established the Bulgarian Engineering and Architecture Society (BEAS) in Sofia. The first elected Chairman of the society was engineer Mihail Momchilov.

The aim and objectives of the society included contribution to the development of the engineering science, promotion of the technical novelties among engineers and the country population, establishment of close relations and solidarity among its members and protection of the rights of the engineers in Bulgaria.

23 February 1897

A new Statute of the BEAS was adopted.

26 March 1906

The first technical congress of the BEAS was held.

1907

The Board of trustees of the BEAS purchased a little house on Rakovski Str. in Sofia.
Here you can see how is built the house of Bulgarian Engineering and Architecture Society (BEAS)

23 April 1910

The second General Congress of the BEAS was held. Both engineers and architects participated in it. The number of the members was 290.

1 September 1921

On the grounds of Decree 179 of the Ministry of Public Buildings, Roads and Public Works Regulations concerning fees for technical work of engineers and architects under the Development of the Settlements in the Kingdom of Bulgaria Act was issued.

1922

In compliance with the new Statute of the BEAS began the setting up of branches of the BEAS in a number of larger towns like Stara Zagora, Plovdiv, Pazardzhik, Russe,ets.

20-22 November 1922

A decision on construction of a Society was adopted at the Fourth Congress of the BEAS and a Construction Committee chaired by engineer Stoimen Sarafov was elected.

26 September 1926

The foundation stone of the future Society House was laid with a testament to the future generations.

18 February 1927

Most of the architects left BEAS and established Society of Bulgarian Architects (SBA).

1930

The Union of Freelance Engineers and Architects was established (UFEA).

15 April 1932

The Ministry of interior and People's Health approved the new Statute of the BEAS.

3-5 February 1935

2-4 February 1936

At the XVI and XVII Congresses of the BEAS the question of establishing a united organization of engineers and technical specialists was brought forward and discussed.

February 1936

An Ordinance-Act was promulgated concerning the remuneration of the freelance technicians (with secondary and higher education) taxed with a profession tax. On the grounds of this Act the Ministry of interior, Roads and Public Works of the Kingdom of Bulgaria had to develop Regulations concerning the remuneration of engineers and architects.

21-24 February 1937

A Resolution concerning the legislative establishment of the Engineering and Architectural Chamber was adopted at the XVIII Congress of the BEAS.

12 September 1937

The Boards of the three organizations – BEAS, SBA and UFEA announced their unification into a Union of Bulgarian Engineers and Architects. On 2 of November a provisional Managing Board of the Union with Chairman – engineer Nikola Sarafov and vice-chairman architect Kosta Nikolov and engineer Lyubomir Kayrakov was elected.

7 October 1937

By Decree 247 of Tsar Boris III an Ordinance-Act establishing the Engineering and Architectural Chamber (EAC) (as the only professional organization of the engineers and architects in Bulgaria in which all persons exercising freelance engineering activity had to participate) was approved. A Union of Bulgarian Engineers and Architects (Union of BEA) was established (as an academic organization which was not permitted to treat any professional issues). All freelancers had to submit declarations for membership in the EAC until 20.11.1937.

26 December 1937

Meetings of the sections of the EAC were held in Sofia and around the country.

February 1941

The new Regulations concerning the remunerations of the engineers and architects determining minimal fees obligatory to the employers, engineers and architects in case of absence of a written contract came into force.

12 September 1944

As a result of the changed political situation in Bulgaria Provisional Boards of the EAC and of the Union of BEA were appointed among the members of the established Fatherland Front Committee of engineers and architects.

April 1946

VI General Assembly of the EAC was held making critical analysis of the aims and objectives of the EAC.

May 1948

Actions proposed by professor eng. Al. Kwartirnikov aiming at establishing a new united organization began.

27-28 March 1949

The Union of BEA, Union of Bulgarian Technicians, Society of the Technicians with Conferred Status, The Marine Technician Society of Chemists, the Society of the Alumni of the Maritime Machine School and the Society of College Technicians established the Technological Union in Bulgaria. The EAC did not participate in the unification.

29 August 1949

By decision of the Central Board of the EAC the Chamber was dissolved. Most of the members joined the Scientific and Technological Union.

1965

The architectural section of the Scientific and Technological Union seceded and a Union of Architects in Bulgaria (UAB) was established. The engineers established 11 scientific and engineering branch unions.

1966

By Decision 120 (later Decree of the Council of Ministers No.646) the members of the Scientific and Technological Union, the Union of Architects in Bulgaria and the Union of Scientists were entitled to perform “design” as freelance activity.

March 1968

The World Federation of Engineering Organizations was established in Paris. Professor Vasil Peevski, Chairman of the Central Council of the Scientific and Technological Union in Bulgaria and a member of the BEAS since 1929 was elected a member of the Executive Council.

26 January 1990

Union of Structural Engineers in Bulgaria was founded at the Constituent Congress.

1991

A constituent assembly of the Chamber of Architects in Bulgaria was held. The statute and the Managing board were registered with the Sofia City Court, decision No 1 / 20.02.1992.

04 March 2003

The Chambers of Architects and Engineers in Investment Design Act was promulgated in the State Gazette. This Act establishes: Chamber of Architects in Bulgaria (CAB) and Chamber of Engineers in the Investment Design (CEID).

19-20 September 2003

A constituent assembly of the Chamber of Architects in Bulgaria (CAB) was held and statutes and governing bodies were adopted. In 2004, the Sofia City Court, by decision No. 7 under the company's decision, No 19274/91 entered the winding-up without liquidation and the deletion of the society “Chamber of Architects in Bulgaria” by merging it into the Chamber of Architects in Bulgaria (under the terms of the Law of the Chambers of Architects and Engineers in the Investment Design) under the conditions of the universal succession.

27-28 September 2003

A constituent assembly of the Chamber of Engineers in the Investment Design was held. A Managing Board of the CEID was elected. The principle documents of the CEID were adopted.

12 May 2009

Union of Civil Engineers in Bulgaria (UCEB) is registered under the Law for Non-Profit organizations. The first elected Chairman of the Union is engineer Dimitar Natchev.

Clarification: 26 March 1885 The first engineering society in Bulgaria was established in town of Russe. The founder members were 42 civil and military public figures united by the idea to “contribute to the development of the engineering and technological sector”. The Chairman was captain Simeon Vankov.

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