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Press release

It's all change for SWKI!

Building services engineering society SWKI is heading in a completely different strategic direction and has got a brand-new look to boot. From now on, it will be strengthening and uniting the sector under the label 'Die Planer – Swiss Society for Engineering, Energy and Environment'.

SWKI has been operating throughout Switzerland since it was established in 1962 and has seen its membership figures increase steadily over recent years. But now it has decided to reposition itself entirely. At the heart of all the change is the association's new mission: "We want to spread our knowledge, expertise and enthusiasm throughout our network, with the aim of bringing about positive change within the engineering, energy and environmental sectors and strengthening our industry as a result," said outgoing President Elmar Fischer at the general meeting held on 29 March 2019.

The society focuses on its work with guidelines and networking as well as the organisation of training sessions, seminars and discussion forums. Partnerships with other professional organisations are key too. The most obvious change is that SWKI will be using the label 'Die Planer' for all communications after the general meeting on 29 March 2019. This will be followed up with the description 'Swiss Society for Engineering, Energy and Environment'. SWKI will continue to be used as the association's official name, as this remains an integral part of its work on guidelines. The multilingual website – www.die-planer.ch – has been completely redesigned too.

Alongside all the hard work that has gone into the repositioning, SWKI has also managed to pool further powerful resources together over the past year, with the SIA Association of Engineering and Energy (SIA FGE) being integrated in April 2019 if all goes to plan.

"Now that we have repositioned ourselves, there are lots of exciting and important tasks to be tackled by Die Planer," said outgoing President Elmar Fischer. "The problems facing the energy sector are among the most pressing right now and they are the subject of extremely controversial discussions, with the significance of engineering, energy and the environment increasing all the time," said Elmar Fischer. According to Fischer, the focus needs to be on pushing forward with decarbonisation and restructuring the energy sector.

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New website: www.die-planer.ch

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