

In 2009 CEDA set out an ambitious plan of activities for the Association that would take it to the next level as a premier forum for the dredging community. By implementing that strategy CEDA has strengthened and established itself as an organisation that leads the way for dredging professionals. Following consultation and review this updated strategy builds on the initial plans and will further develop CEDA as a forward-thinking organisation in the coming years. The new CEDA Strategy 2014 was approved and adopted by the Board of CEDA in October 2014. Since then, the strategy has been reviewed and confirmed in 2022.

Mission

CEDA's mission is to be *the* independent, easy-to-access forum for the professional dredging community and the wider associated industries in Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

Through its knowledge transfer and exchange programmes, products and services, CEDA enables the professional development, and corporate and personal success, of its members. It fosters technological innovation and advancement of best practice in all dredging-related activities. It promotes the contribution of dredging to sustainable aquatic environment and infrastructure.

CEDA's scope includes all fields related to dredging such as land reclamation, marine and fluvial construction, offshore energy, fluvial and deep-sea mining.

Core Values

- ◆ CEDA carefully preserves its independence and represents the common interests of its diverse membership in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. It is the only international association in its region that focusses solely on dredging, and associated activities, and that provides an inclusive platform for all those engaged in the field
- ◆ CEDA maintains a neutral stance and its views and positions - as well as its products and services - are based on input from all professional groups within its membership

Vision

CEDA's vision is to be essential to the professional dredging community and the wider associated industries and to be universally recognised for its professional expertise and balanced views.

Achieving this vision means:

- ◆ CEDA is *the* authoritative source of state-of-the-art expertise, information, and professional contacts in Europe, Africa and the Middle-East
- ◆ CEDA represents the views of members in international forums and to the public at large
- ◆ International organisations and governments seek CEDA's input as an impartial source of technical, scientific knowledge and best practice
- ◆ Companies and organisations recognise and value CEDA and strongly support their employees' active participation in the Association
- ◆ CEDA supports its members to help them achieve successful and rewarding careers and to positively contribute to the dredging community
- ◆ CEDA members find value in active engagement and involvement in the Association
- ◆ By adhering to the "WODA Principles of Sustainable Dredging", that include working with natural systems, CEDA contributes to global sustainable development

Objectives

The following key objectives will be pursued in the next five years- Within its geographic area and technical scope CEDA will:

- ◆ Offer an environment - physical and virtual - where members can collaborate, exchange knowledge, best practice, information and experience, and socialise
- ◆ Enable quick and easy access to up-to-date knowledge and information
- ◆ Proactively engage in relevant policy-making at international and national levels by providing impartial expert advice
- ◆ Provide opportunities for corporate members to present themselves to the CEDA community and others
- ◆ Broaden the membership by engaging young professionals and students and by enhancing its presence in countries and regions less covered