

## France Section

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**What activities/programs/initiatives work well in your Section to foster Industry Relations? What changes would be required by IEEE/the Region/your Section to improve Industry Relations? What were major successes since the last meeting in terms of Industry Relations? How are you going to continue to foster Industry Relations?**

Our workshops oriented towards industry in order to give a better visibility of IEEE activities are going on with a rather good success. One has been organized in October 2018 dedicated to "Blockchain and energy" with around 50 participants, one has been handled in December 2018 for discussing "Microgrids" with around 25 attendees and the last one has been organized in January 2019 on the topic of "Quantum-computing" and has attracted around 60 persons. We are still willing to nominate new SIAs (Section Industry Ambassador) in order to multiply our workshop initiatives and to foster Industry Relations.

**What activities/programs/initiatives work well in your Section to Attract and Support Future Members, e.g., Students and Young Professionals? What changes would be required by IEEE/the Region/your Section to better Attract and Support Future Members? What were major successes since the last meeting in terms of Attracting and Supporting Future Members? How are you going to continue to support Students and Young Professionals?**

We strongly encourage students and young academics to join IEEE. For example, some targeted emails have been sent in different French universities / graduates schools of engineering for explaining to students and young academics the interest and benefits of IEEE. This message is also delivered at IEEE conferences attended by the Section Officers. We also encourage the creation of new student branches.

**What activities/programs/initiatives work well to drive the vitality and sustainability in your Section? What changes would be required by IEEE/the Region/your Section to improve Section vitality and sustainability? What were major successes since the last meeting in terms of Section Vitality? How are you going to continue to foster Section Vitality?**

We continue to:

- Engage with Regional Leadership and activities, e.g. attend annual regional meeting (IEEE R8 MD Workshop);
- Conduct a Membership Development activity, e.g. membership recruitment or elevation;
- Encourage members to renew;
- Use of the Member-Get-a-Member (MGM) program;
- Promote IEEE activity in my area;
- Encourage Senior Members to hold executive IEEE volunteer positions;
- Participate in IEEE MD Webcast monthly events.

**What are your recommendations to IEEE Region 8 and the Africa Council Chair Gloria Chuckwudebe to foster IEEE in Africa? How does your Section support IEEE Activities in Africa?**

We are candidate to support activities in Africa especially for French speaking countries.

**What services and which kind of support would you expect for Region 8 and/or your section out of the new IEEE office in Vienna, Austria? How has the existence of this office influenced your section since its inauguration last year?**

We still think that this new office can help us to foster industry relations. We would like to find workshop subjects that could motivate both French chapters and the Vienna Office.

**Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.**

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