

# Life Members activity in R8

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# Overview

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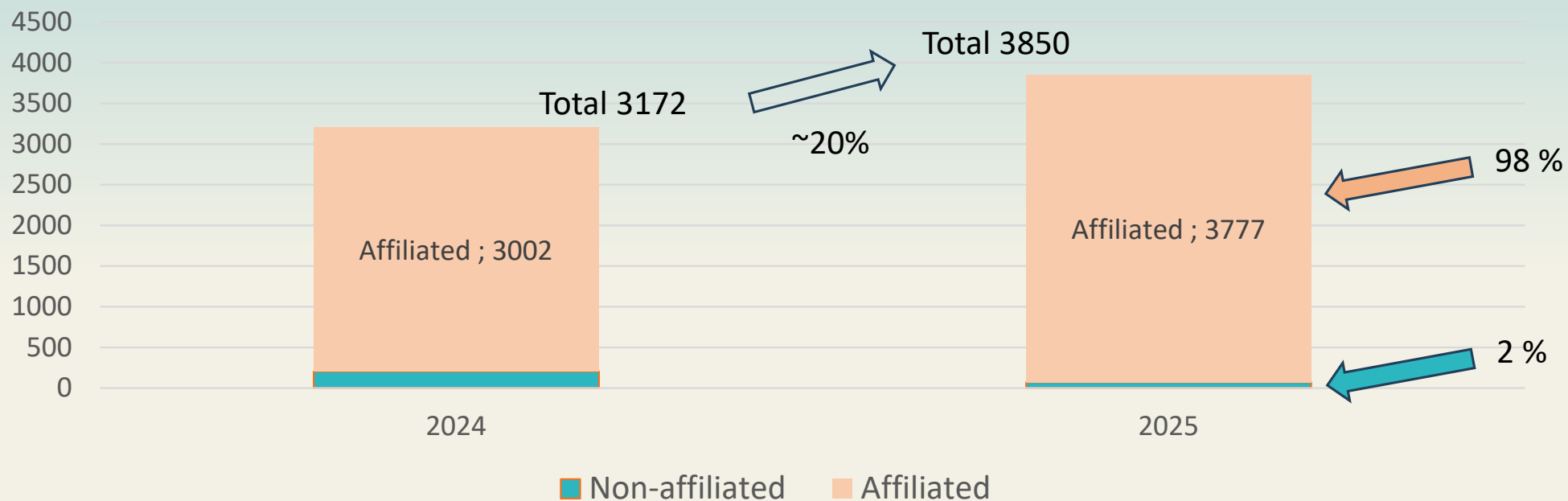
# Life Member AG development overview

*2020-2025*

# R8 Life Members

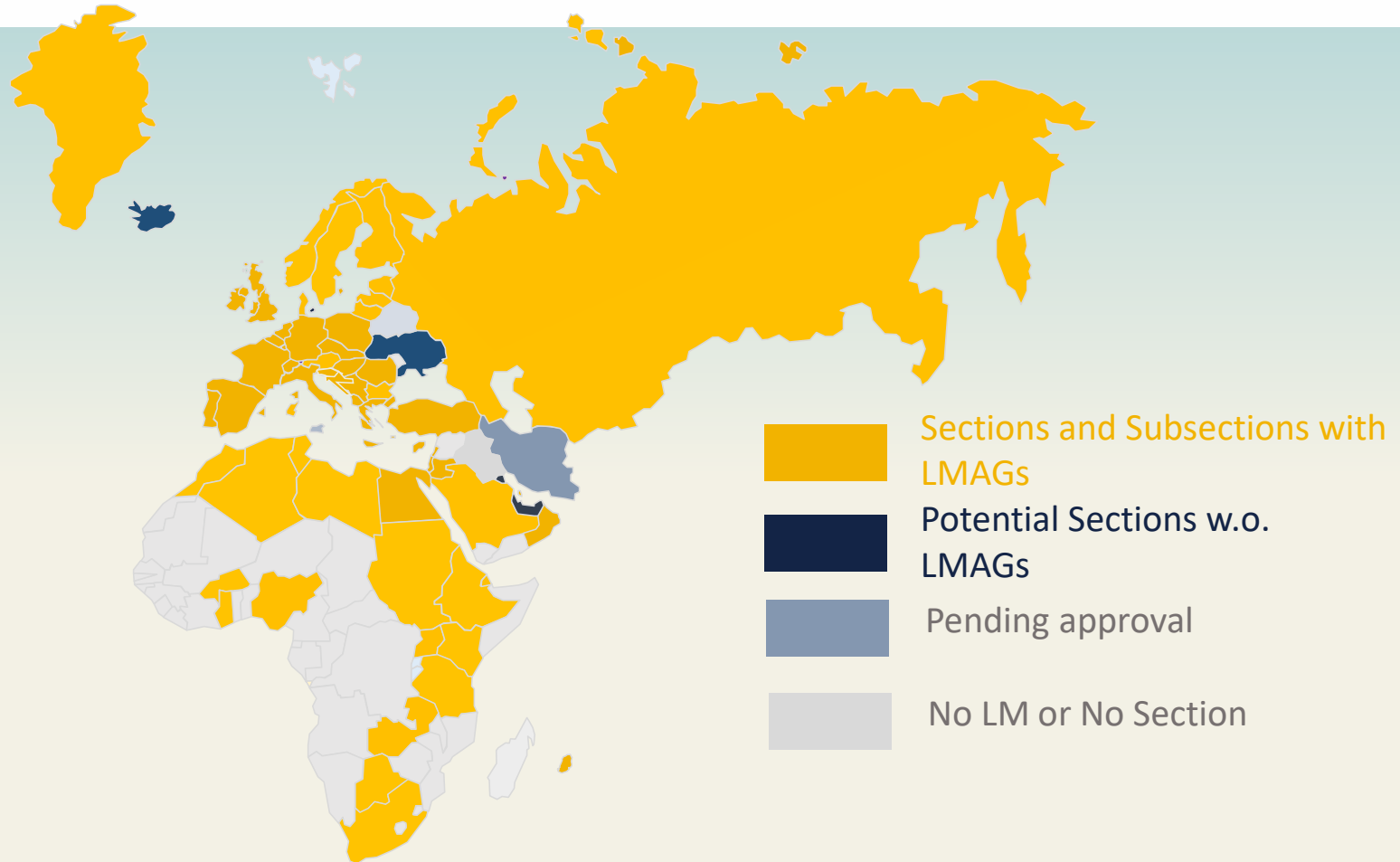
3850 LMs - 4 % of the R8 membership

3777 Life Members (98% of 3850) are Members of LMAGs



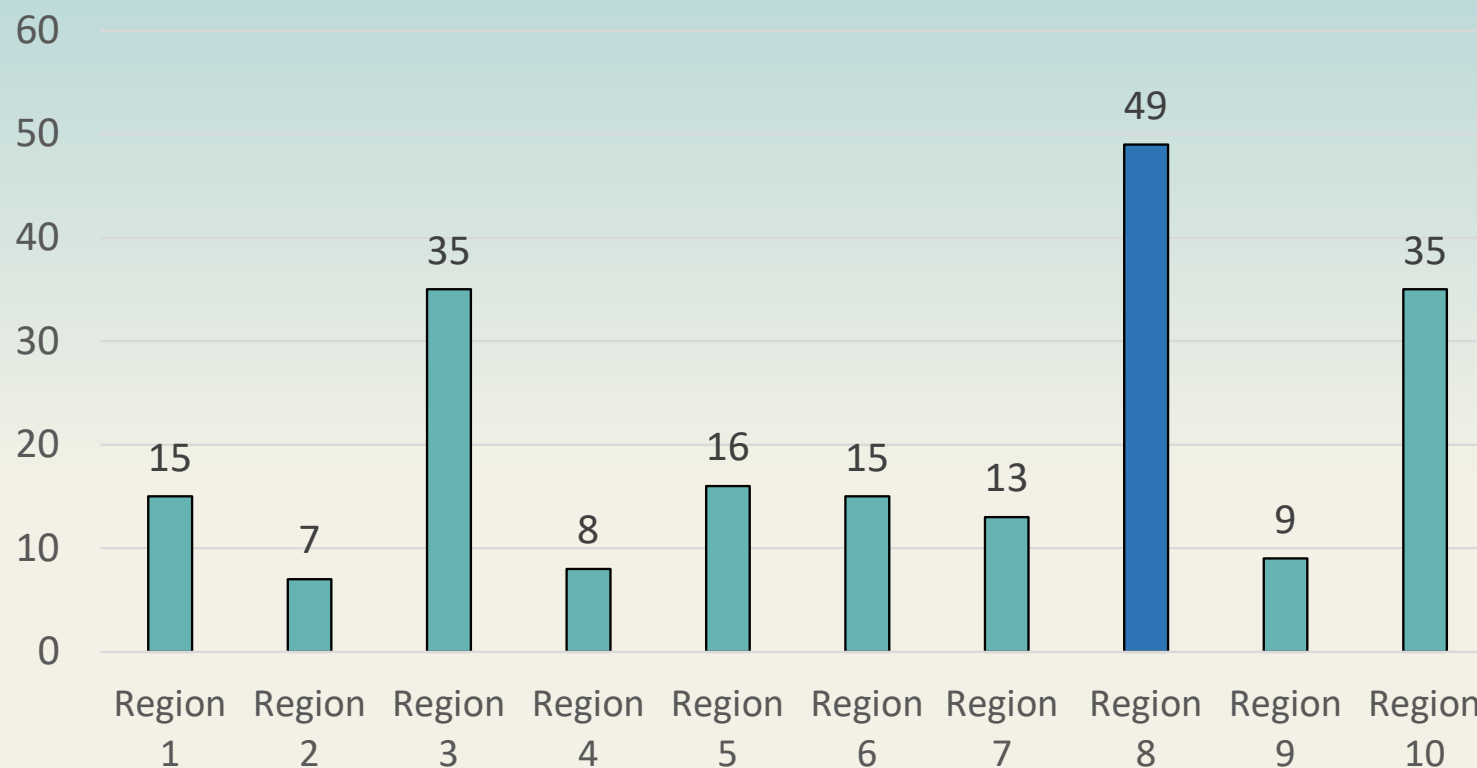
# R8 LMAG map

*49 of 60 Sections have LMAGs*



# 204 Sections are affiliated with LMAGs worldwide

*R8 has the largest group of affiliated Sections*



# There are 34 Life Member Affinity Groups

*Europe 25, Middle East 6 +1, Africa 2*

- Two New LMAGs in 2025

- Austria
- Benelux
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czechoslovakia
- **Egypt**
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary

**Iran (pending)**  
**Israel**  
 Italy  
**Jordan**  
**Lebanon**  
 North Macedonia  
 Norway  
 Poland  
 Portugal  
 Romania  
 Russia

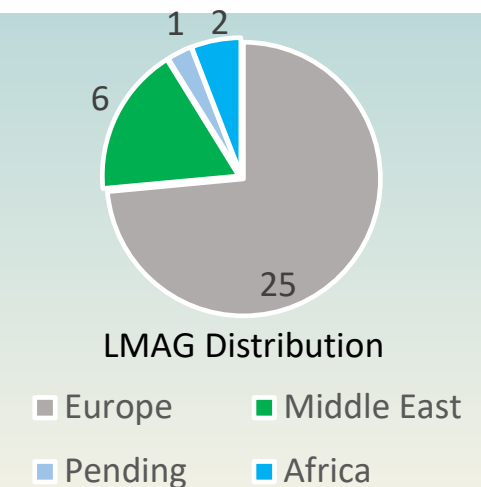
Russia Northwest  
**Saudi Arabia NEW**  
 Serbia & Montenegro  
 Slovenia  
 Spain  
 Switzerland  
**Turkiye**  
 UK & Ireland

**Africa Council (with 10 Sections and 7 Subsections)**

Joint Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, 'Baltic'

**Joint Bahrain, Oman, Qatar Sections**

Joint Sweden, Denmark and Finland, 'Nordic' **NEW**



► Joint *Baltic* LMAG

- ▶ Joint LMAG

- Joint *Nordic* LMAG

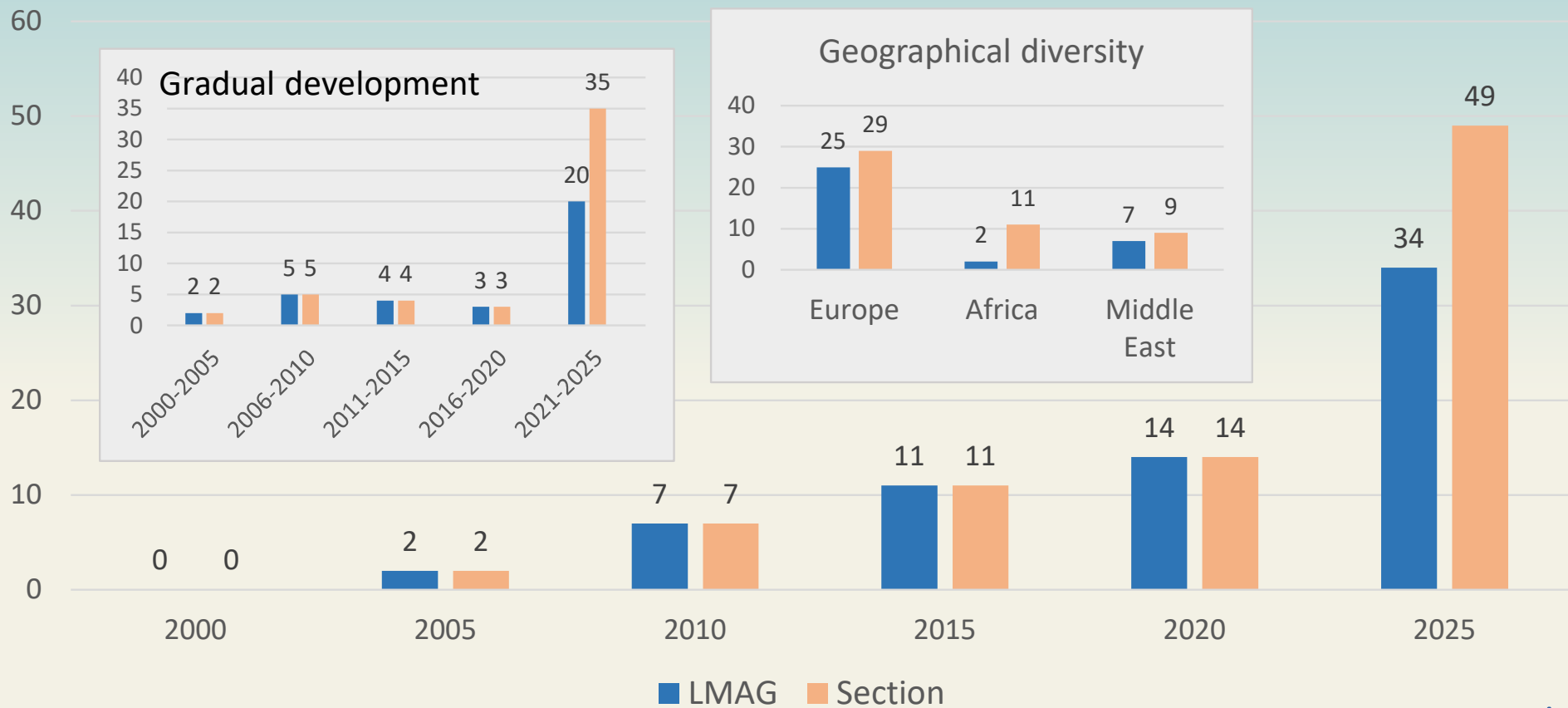
- Africa Council LMAG

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- A map of the Baltic Sea region. A red oval highlights the area around Riga, Latvia, and the surrounding regions of Estonia and Lithuania. The map shows the Baltic Sea to the west, with cities like Stockholm, Turku, Helsinki, and Tallinn marked. To the south are Riga, Lithuania, and Vilnius. To the east is Belarus, and to the southwest is Poland. The Baltic Sea is labeled 'Ostsee'.



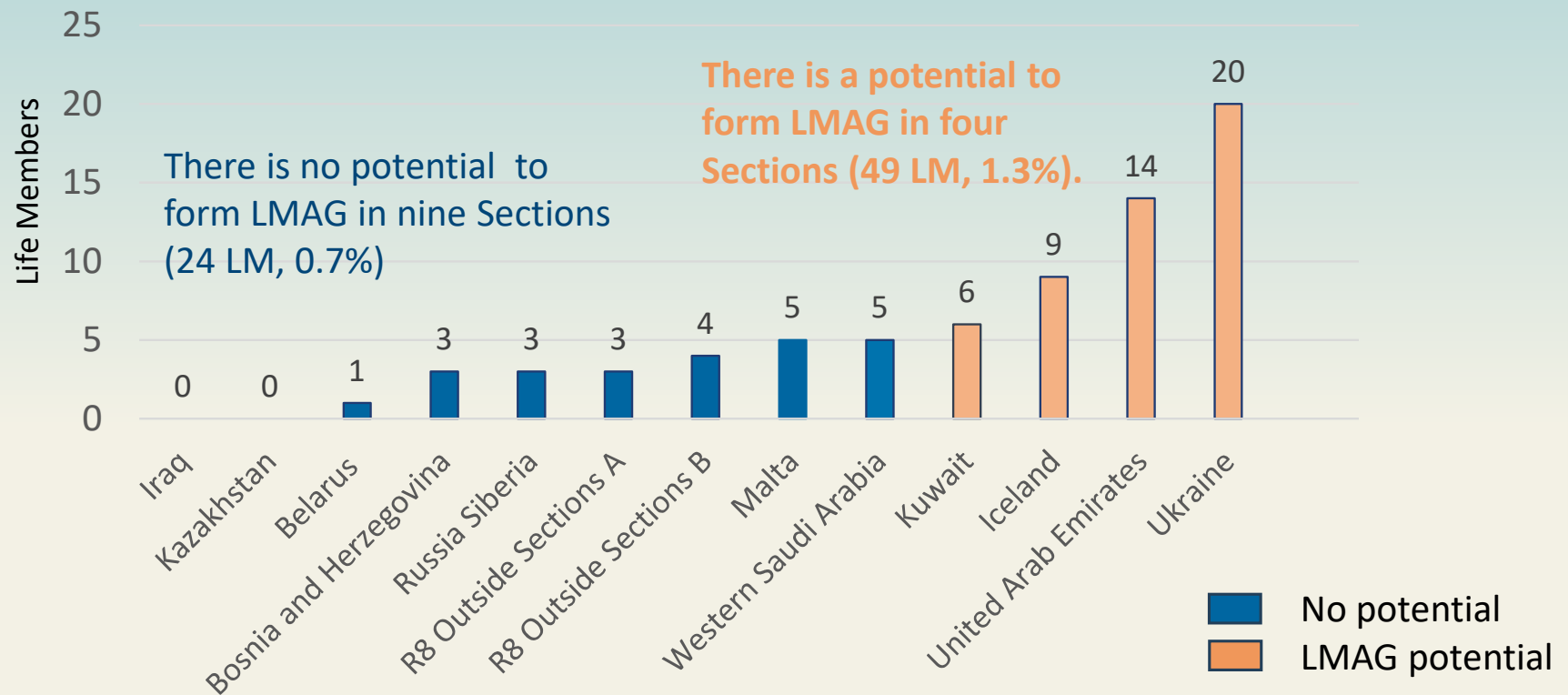
# R8 LMAG and Section development

## Way to 34 LMAGs in 49 Sections



# Future development potential

*Target: making the opportunity possible*



# Making the opportunity possible

## How to involve the remaining 2% of LMs to LMAGs



### ► 0.7 % of LMs cannot form LMAG

- There is a potential
  - to join existing LMAGs
  - to form LM Special Interest Groups
  - to ad-hoc cooperation with existing LMAGs

### ► 1.3% of LMs can form LMAG

- The petition is in progress in the
  - Kuwait Section
  - United Arabic Emirates Section
- Obstacles
  - Iceland: non-active Section
  - Ukraine: OFAC restriction

# LM activity

*Highlights 2025*

# Joint Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania Sections LMAG

*Technical, mentoring and social events*





# Benelux Section LMAG

*Technical visits to Siemens, CSL, IMEC, ADMESY N.V. and Milestone Award Ceremony*



# Czechoslovakia Section LMAG

*Joint leadership and technical meeting*





# Hungary Section LMAG

## *LM Social Meeting and YP Mentoring Event*





# Israel Section LMAG

*70th Anniversary of the Section celebrated by the LMAG*



# North Macedonia Section LMAG

*Technical lecture, student competition and social event*





# Switzerland Section LMAG

## Computer History Conference and Exhibition – Regional Meetings



## The R8 LMAG are

acknowledged  
organized  
supported  
cooperative  
enjoyable  
more than exclusive clubs of members

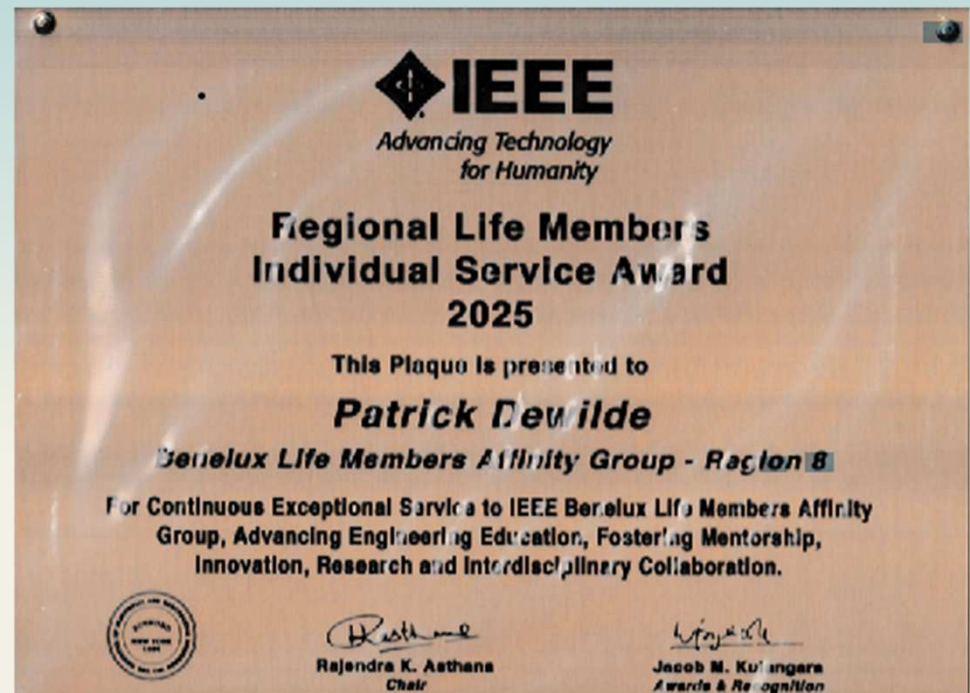
# LM activity

*Acknowledgements 2025*

# 2025 IEEE Life Members Individual Service Award

## R8 Recipient

- ▶ Regional Life Members Individual Service Award 2025
- ▶ Patrick Dewilde
  - Benelux Section LMAG
- ▶ Citation
  - For continuous exceptional service to IEEE Benelux Section Life Member Affinity Group, advancing engineering education, fostering mentorship, innovation, research and interdisciplinary collaboration.
- ▶ Benelux Section LMAG Chair
  - Luc Claesen, 2024-2025



# 2025 IEEE Life Members AG Achievement Award

## R8 Recipient



- ▶ Regional Life Member Affinity Group Achievement Award 2025
- ▶ Switzerland Section LMAG
  - Chaired by Hugo Wyss
- ▶ Citation
  - For promoting active cooperation among national and international peer-groups and organizing meetings on emerging issues facing the industry.
- ▶ Switzerland Section LMAG Chairs
  - Hugo Wyss, 2024
  - Robert Weiss, 2025



# 2024 MGA Achievement Award

## *R8 LM coordination*



- ▶ To Peter Magyar, Germany Section
- ▶ For outstanding contributions, dedication and exemplary leadership of IEEE Life Members by establishing and improving numerous communities in IEEE Region 8



# LM activity

*Event coordination 2025*

# IEEE Joint SAC / YP / WIE / LM Face-to-Face Meeting

## *LMC Member*

- ▶ 2 ½ -day meeting series
  - Panama City, 14-16 March 2025
  - Networking possibility
  - Joint and separate SAC, YP, WIE and LM meeting
- ▶ Organized by MGA
- ▶ *Attendance expenses*  
*funded by IEEE Foundation*
- ▶ **How to overcome obstacles of the LMAG formation – R8 best practices**
  - Keynote lecture by P.Magyar



# LMC Evaluation Conference 2025

## *Promoting IAS Life Members and promoting IAS Young Members*

- ▶ Boston, USA, 12-14 June 2025
- ▶ <https://life.ieee.org/news-events/ieee-evolution-conference/>
- ▶ 187 attendees
- ▶ IAS support
  - Platinum Sponsor
  - Funded the attendance of 4 of 12 Life Members
- ▶ Results
  - Local IAS member promotion
  - Promotion agreements made with
    - HKN – eta kappa nu conference
    - Puerto Rico Section IAS sponsored conference
  - Establishing contact with not-jet-IAS-member YPs
  - Establishing contact with IEEE History Center
- ▶ **Attendance expenses funded by IAS**
- ▶ **IAS Overview and IAS Affinity Groups Promoting Programs**
  - Platinum sponsor presentation by P.Magyar



# Promotion R8 Affinity Group Members

## *IAS, R8, HS Introductory and Mentoring Workshop, Budapest*



- ▶ In conjunction with the R8 Committee Meeting, Budapest, Hungary, 04 April 2025
- ▶ Host: R8 MA face-to-face full day meeting
- ▶ Organizers: IAS LM, YP and SYP representatives
- ▶ Activity objectives
  - Introduction IAS Affinity Group Programs
  - Networking with IAS officers, Regional MD related officers, local students and SB advisors
  - Social & networking dinner with 20 Student, YP and WIE Members of two local SB IAS Chapters
- ▶ Event format
  - presentation session 1,5h
  - workshop / brain storming session 1.5 h
- ▶ 10 Presentations
  - IAS LM, WIE, SYP, D&I and Consultants, R8 LM, Hungary Section LMAG &SYP support, IYCE'2025
- ▶ ***Financial sponsors: IAS and R8***



# Promotion – Mentoring in Budapest

*Young members are the future Life Members*





# R8 HA and LM Joint Meeting 2025

*In conjunction with HISTELCON 2025, Bonn, Germany*

## ► General

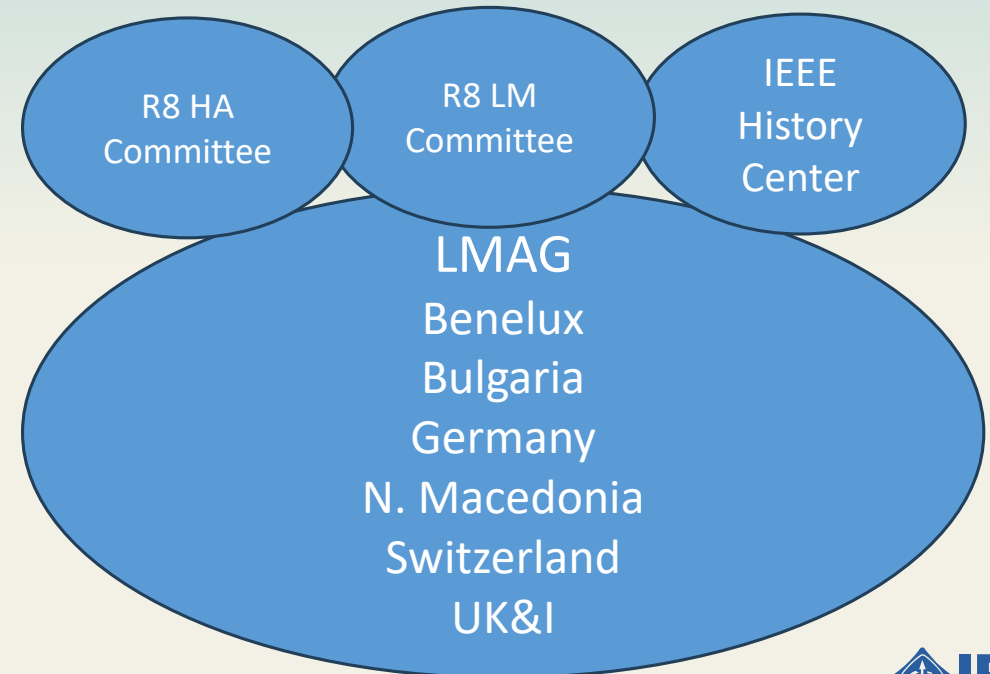
- 1st day: Leadership Workshp
- 2nd -4th day: Participation in HISTELCON 2025

## ► Participants

- R8 Director
- R8 VC TA
- R8 HA Coordinator
- R8 LM Past Coordinator
- IEEE History Center Curator, Program Manager
- LMAG Representatives, Authors

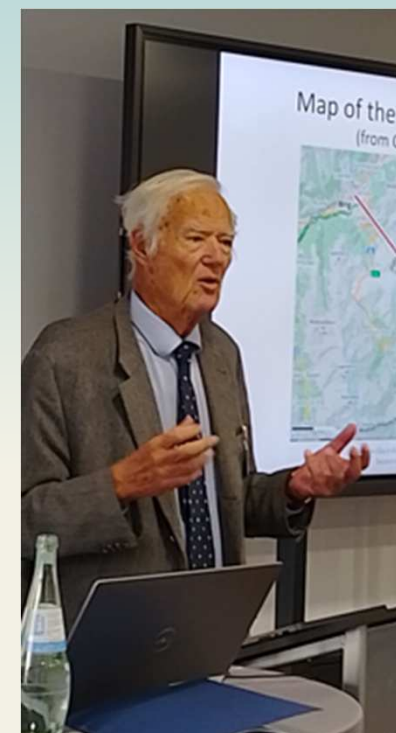
## ► Cooperation and Networking

## ► *Funded by R8 MA, Section and University*



# R8 HA and LM Joint Meeting 2025

*Meeting and participation at HISTELCON '2025*



# Planned activities

## *2026*



# LMAG Coordination

## *Work plan 2026*

- ▶ R8 LM, IEEE LMC and IEEE IAS
  - Reports to quarterly LM Committee Meetings
  - Reports to 2026 Spring and Autumn R8 Committee Meetings
  - Participation in and report to the LMC monthly meetings
  - Cooperation with R8 HA Committee and IEEE Industry Applications Society
- ▶ Participation in
  - IEEE WIE, YP and LM Meeting
  - IEEE LMC Evaluation Conference
  - IEEE Sections Congress
- ▶ Improving LMAG activity and publicity level
  - Renew six LMAGs by rotation in the chair's position
  - vTools webinar series
  - Annual HA and LM Joint Meeting 2026
  - Mentoring events, TBD
- ▶ LMAG funds
  - Clarifying of the LM funds approval process with LMC
  - Improving the distribution of the available funds
- ▶ LMAG development
  - LMAG formations in the Sections with LMAG potential (1.3% of the R8 Life-grade membership)
  - Reach out to the non-potential Sections (0.7% of the R8 Life-grade membership)

# Improving LMC funding process

## *Recent funding possibilities*

### ► General information

- <https://life.ieee.org/volunteers/chapter-financial-support/>

► Budget item / Description		Approving officer	Amount
- E01	Regional Event	RC	\$2k per Region
- E02	Support Student Activities	Grants Committee Chair	total \$10k
- E20a	LMAG activities	RC	\$5k per Region
- E20b	LMAG creation	RC	\$1k per Region
- E33	RC travel expenses within RC's Region	RC	\$1k per Region
- E30a	Group mentoring events	Grants Committee Chair	xxxx

# Thank you for your kind attention