

Young Merchants – UFEMAT

Hereafter please find a short introduction of how our group of Young Merchants was created in our national association Fema in Belgium.

Barbara Leus, daughter of a builders' merchant, started 6 years ago a group of a few young merchants. At this moment our group includes around 40 members, all of them are merchants younger than 40 years. They run the company or work together with the family or are still student and prepare the take-over of the firm in the future.

At the moment, the Belgian group is chaired by 2 presidents, Steven Hendrickx and Loïc Bastien.



YM – special event

Our group is visiting 4 times a year different suppliers, members of Feproma, association of manufacturers. At special occasions such as General Assemblies of Trade or Industry, or special events, young merchants and suppliers come together to have a network.



YM – Visits manufacturer

Barbara Leus is working on organizing a European Forum of Young Members, in collaboration with the BMF. Glenn Paddison, president of BMF Young Merchant Group as well as James Spillane and Joanne Callow, are working on this project.

In the beginning of this year, Barbara together with Steven, had the opportunity to have an interesting meeting with the Young Merchants of the UK.



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They invited the Belgian Young Merchants to participate to their congress in Toulouse on 5-6 and 7 July 2019. Enclosed, you will find the invitation about the trip to Toulouse.

During the congress 2019, to be held in Montreux, we will have the pleasure to be introduced to a Young Merchant of Switzerland. The program will be adapted to our group.



It would be great to meet the Swedish delegation as well. Looking forward to hear from them!

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