**Mission Statement 3mE PhD Council**

*The 3mE PhD Council is an independent body representing the PhD community of the Faculty of 3mE (3mE). The 3mE PhD council consists of 14 members, 2 PhD candidates from every research department in 3mE.*

**Aims and objectives**

The aims and objectives of the 3mE PhD Council are threefold:

* Being a sounding board for PhD candidates by PhD candidates, and serve as a communication channel between 3mE PhD candidates, the 3mE FGS, PROMOOD and inter-PhD council, Research schools and other relevant bodies
* Help finding satisfying solutions to raised common issues/concerns among PhD candidates.
* Realise interaction between 3mE PhD candidates at Faculty level by organising all kind of activities and act as a starting point for several PhD communities

**Organisation**

The PhD Council consists of 14 members: two 3mE PhD representatives from every 3mE department. The 3mE PhD Council members represent the 3mE PhD community in the 3mE FGS-PhD Council meetings, inter-PhD council, Promood and other relevant bodies.

* **Executive Committee**:
* President/Chair person, contact person PROMOOD and representing the 3mE PhD Council in the inter PhD council, daily affairs, public relations, and PROMOOD on the central TU Delft level.
* Vice President: back up for President/Chair person.
* Secretary of the Chair: administrational duties, for example minutes of the joined FGS-PhD council meeting.
* **Communication Committee** responsible for communication towards PhD candidates via email: PhDcouncil-3mE@tudelft.nl, and via the 3mE FGS website
* **Events Committee** responsible for events, activities (and communities)
* **PhD trajectory Committee**: responsible for matters concerning Doctoral Education, PhD Developing Cycle, Doctoral Monitoring Application, preparation of yearly Surveys
* **(Finance Committee** responsible for the finances of the PhD council)

***Joint 3mE FGS-PhD council meeting***

The 3mE FGS and the 3mE PhD council members meet every months, (in total 10 times a year) in the joint 3mE FGS-PhD council meeting to discuss subjects and activities concerning the 3mE GS PhD community: Doctoral Education, PhD Development Cycle, Doctoral Monitoring Application, Research events, social events and other matters.

The joint 3mE FGS-PhD council is also responsible for feedback sessions/actions:

* Yearly feedback session among 3mE GS PhD Candidates
* Yearly Survey among 3me PhD community

**Activities organised by 3mE PhD council**

Frequent interactions among 3mE GS PhD candidates allow them to inform each other on a frequent basis, learning about different research activities and sharing experiences about GS regulations and procedures (e.g. Go/No Go review, PhD agreement, DE-programme).

In addition, the 3mE PhD council organises monthly several activities on Faculty level:

Research activities:

* Small research events: PhD discussions/presentations/laboratory tours/company excursions
* Workshops for example How to design my research project

Social activities:

* social gatherings to exchange information with room for discussions and presentations in an informal setting: the so-called 3mE PhD Lunch meetings every last Thursday of the month between 12.30-13.30 hrs;
* Christmas event in December; New Year Drinks in January
* Several excursions/trips and other outings during the year