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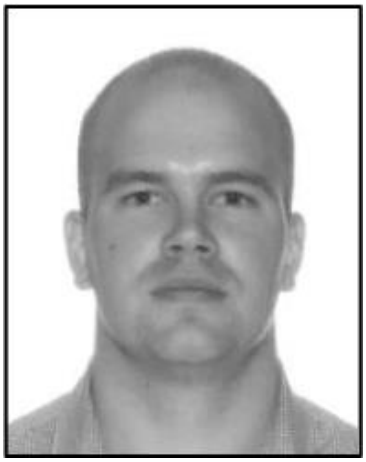
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EFCA Announces the Future Leader of the Year 2020

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It is with an immense pleasure that EFCA announces the winner of the eleventh Future Leaders' Competition to be Thomas Valfrid Johansson.

From a total of **24 high quality entries** across **9 different European countries**, the jury, who had the tough duty and responsibility to appoint a winner, saw in Thomas' project distinctive characteristics that point directly in the direction of change.



*This year's winner, **Thomas Valfrid Johansson**, is 33 years old and is the Head of Process Engineering at Citec Group Oy Ab in Finland. Thomas has been one of the company's high performing and young leaders since several years. With this project, he shows us and his company that his new title and award of Future Leader of the Year 2020 is well deserved.*

"If realized, the plant will be the first of its kind in the world, i.e. a full-scale post combustion carbon capture plant integrated with a waste to energy plant."

The jury recognises, in this project, a totally new type of technical solution, a strong and positive effect on sustainability, with a remarkable innovative turn. The jury believes that it will lead to a radical decrease of CO2 emissions through carbon capturing, and will have a huge influence on environmental conditions and, by extent, on the social wellbeing in the future.

Thomas has a key role in the design of the project. Throughout its development and implementation, Thomas was involved in the coordination as well as in the execution of the project. The results show that he is a valuable team player with obvious capabilities in team and project management, even in a more global perspective.

With this, Thomas has won a trip to Istanbul to participate at the annual EFCA conference in June 2021, where he will have the opportunity to present his project to the big audience: www.efca2021istanbul.com.

The jury also congratulates the **two runners-up**: Marie-Claire Daly and Magnus Hedly.

Marie-Claire Daly (Ireland), 28 years old, is the Senior Manager at PUNCH Consulting Engineers. Marie-Claire's project development will be a state-of-the-art high secure mental health facility. Her project illustrates a high complexity, awareness, and responsibility towards the present COVID-19 situation. With this, she demonstrates an adaptable and change management-oriented mindset.

Magnus Hedly (Norway), 29 years old, is the International Quantm Product Manager at Trimble Solutions Sandvika AS. Quantm is the most advanced alignment planning solutions in the industry. This new approach in road design offers a healthy societal-environmental balance. Magnus has shown great managerial and teamwork skills as well as good communication with clients and even larger audiences.

Honorary mentions go to the following candidates:

- Lasse Vester, Denmark
- Anssi Juntunen, Finland
- Tapani Johannes Idman, Finland
- Daan Anne Boonstra, Norway
- Suvi Annikki Hirvonen, Finland
- Gülsüm Çağıl Köseoğlu Balta, Turkey
- Andreas Hanssen Vang, Norway