



THE FRONT LINE EU LOBBYISTS IN THIRD COUNTRIES

During the last two decades, European organisations operating outside Europe have organized themselves into pan-European business organisations to more effectively represent their interests vis-à-vis the governments in their host countries. These European Business Organisations (EBOs) or European Chambers of Commerce are playing an important role in addressing the European interest in trade, service and investment issues.

European Chambers of Commerce are composed of European national business groups in the country as well as direct corporate members. They articulate, represent, promote and support the interests of their members in the country and region through collective advocacy and networking activities to promote bilateral trade, services and investments between the countries of Europe and the country in which their members operate. They provide European businesses with a channel of communication and lobbying to the European and the country's political and economic authorities and business associations. They represent an interlocutor of choice for the country government and the EU institutions.

The Commission relies heavily on EU business to provide much of the information on the barriers which affect their trade or investment with third countries. As the main homologated organisation representing EU business in third countries, the European Business Organisations around the world, and especially in Asia have proved to be a key facilitator in relaying market access and investment barrier information to the European Commission. The EBOs have also been the main advocacy organisation on the frontlines in the third country often dealing directly with the host country Governments on these issues through the issuing on Position Papers and regular Business-Government dialogues.

After nine years of cooperation, the EBO network is now representing European business in 20 countries in five continents outside Europe, and altogether represent the interests of thousands of European corporations abroad.

ASIA

European Union Chamber of Commerce in China

www.eurochamber.com.cn

European Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong

www.eurocham.com.hk

European Business Group India

www.europeanbusinessgroupindia.com

EuroCham Indonesia

www.eurocham.or.id

European Business Association of Kazakhstan
www.eurobak.kz

European Union Chamber of Commerce Korea
www.eucck.org

EU-Malaysia Chamber of Commerce and Industry
www.eumcci.com

European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines
www.eccp.com

European Chamber of Commerce Singapore
www.eurocham.org.sg

European Chamber of Commerce of Taipei
www.ecct.com.tw

Thai-European Business Association
www.teba.or.th

European Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam
www.eurochamvn.org

SOUTH AMERICA

Grupo Empresarial Union Europea Argentina

Eurocameras Brazil
www.eurocameras.com.br

EuroChile
www.eurochile.cl

NORTH AMERICA

European-American Business Council
www.eabc.org

EUROPE

European Business Association Ukraine
www.eba.com.ua

European Business Association Macedonia
www.eba.com.mk

Association of European Businesses in
the Russian Federation (AEB) (Not a member of EBO)
www.aebrus.ru