



INTRODUCTION

We appreciate your interest to become a member of our organisation. In this leaflet you find all information needed to apply as a member or as an associate member, but do not hesitate to contact us for more information if needed.

Giovanni Davite,
President EBCR

WHAT WE DO

The European Business Chamber of Rwanda is an association of European and Rwandan entrepreneurs working together to promote business relations between Europe and Rwanda, with a focus on three main activities: business intelligence, networking and advocacy.

BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE

We are a resource of information, analysis and insights on doing business in Rwanda for European businesses. This includes gathering and sharing business directories, tax and regulatory changes, leadership changes, and general news in the business community in Rwanda.

NETWORKING

We bring together the business community in order to form business relationships, identify and act on business opportunities, share information and seek potential partners for ventures. We connect the European business community to relevant people and groups which can provide information and facilitate access to resources to support a growing business agenda.

ADVOCACY

In close consultation with our members, we develop and advance a policy agenda to increase our members' ease of doing business. We aggregate our challenges and present them to the government to further create an enabling business environment in Rwanda.

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The seven board members were elected in August 2020 by the EBCR members.

- President of the Board: Giovanni Davite
- Vice Chair: Joanna Nicholas
- Secretary: Tobias Rothe
- Treasurer: Jan Willem Eggink
- Communication lead: Joanna Nicholas
- Policy/Advocacy Lead: Emilienne Benurugo and Claudia Muench
- Events Lead: Lucie Stembirkova

EVENTS

During the course of a year, we will host three types of events: Advocacy meetings, Policy meetings and Networking and Information meetings. In addition, ad-hoc events typically linked to European diplomatic missions in Kigali, such as trade missions or other relevant delegations come to Rwanda.

We also anticipate collaborating with similar interest groups, such as the American Business Chamber of Commerce in Rwanda (AmCham) to co-host industry and sector-specific events.

MONTHLY NETWORKING AND INFORMATION EVENTS

Evening events organised by the networking committee and open to all members and associate members. Typically, a speaker is invited to give a short introduction to a trending topic in the business community and there is ample opportunity for networking. These events may also be organised in collaboration with other business communities, including AmCham and the Private Sector Federation among others.

CLOSED DOOR POLICY EVENTS (Star members only)

Quarterly meetings with members companies to discuss policy issues. Typical issues range from taxation, regulation and laws, to upcoming trends and developments affecting ease of doing business in Rwanda. The results of these meetings feed into our advocacy.

ADVOCACY EVENTS (Star members only)

Twice yearly, member companies will be invited to a meeting with high level government officials and other relevant guests, including Ministers, Ambassadors and senior business executives. These meetings will provide an opportunity for our corporate members to communicate and exchange views directly with those who matter most.

MEMBERSHIP

As a member of the European Business Chamber of Rwanda, you will be joining a community of the country's foremost businesses. Please note that all membership

applications must be approved by the Board of Directors. Membership is valid from 12 months after receipt of payment.

EBCR offers three levels of membership:

Blue Membership (for enterprises)

Blue membership is the basic membership of EBCR, open for companies of all sizes meeting the membership criteria. Blue membership gives right of access to the EBCR networking events for one delegate of the member company, invitations to ad hoc events, the newsletter and one vote for Board elections. Blue membership costs €100 per year.

Star membership (for enterprises)

Star members have all the rights of blue members, but up to two delegates per member company can attend events. More importantly, star members are invited for the quarterly closed-door policy events and the twice yearly advocacy events (see description of events above). Star membership costs €500 per year.

Associate membership (for Ngo's enterprises and individuals)

Associate members have the benefits as Blue members, but have no right to vote in EBCR Board elections.

Membership criteria

Blue and Star membership of EBCR are open to:

- Businesses registered in a European country doing business in Rwanda,
- Businesses registered in Rwanda with 25% majority European shareholders.

Associate membership of EBCR is open to European funded Ngos and businesses registered in Rwanda and doing substantial business in European countries and to individuals (European and Rwandan) having a substantial interest in business relations between Rwanda and Europe.

- All applications for membership must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors.
- All memberships are valid for one calendar year from the month of subscription.
- Annual renewal is automatic and EBCR will issue an invoice one month prior to expiration of existing membership. Members should notify the EBCR in writing if they do not wish to renew their membership.
- A member-company may appoint one delegate to represent it at EBCR meetings (two delegates for Star members).
- Blue and Star member companies are entitled to one vote in elections of board-members; associate members do not have voting rights.

SPONSORSHIP

We invite all individuals and companies to support our work and become a sponsor of the EBCR. Sponsorship is available at two levels:

Golden Sponsorship

Our Golden Sponsors will be given prominent positioning of name and logo as a Golden Sponsor in all of our communications and events. At events they will be mentioned and recognised for their contribution. They have the right to name themselves in commercial outings as a golden sponsor of EBCR. Golden Sponsorship costs €3,000 per year.

Silver Sponsorship

Our Silver Sponsor name and logo will be displayed as a Silver Sponsor in all our communication and events. At events they will be mentioned and recognised for their contribution. They have the right to name themselves in commercial outings as a Silver Sponsor of EBCR. Silver Sponsorship costs €1,000 per year.

Sponsorship is valid for one calendar year.

Contact our Executive Secretary Johanna Sandberg, for extra options at +250 787681118 or execsec@ebc-rwanda.org.