



## **GLOBE EU Bee Group Charter**

We, representatives of a wide range of leading industries with an active presence in Europe, are gathered as Members of the Bee Group of GLOBE EU, a business-governmental think-do body under GLOBE EU, a community of parliamentarians of all European countries and political families united by their commitment to promote ambitious and balanced environmental policy, to contribute to their work as parliamentarians towards a common goal: the protection, sound management and improvement of the environment in the European region and beyond.

We note that GLOBE EU is keen to benefit from the sectoral expertise of front-running business and industry partners with a strong and demonstrable commitment to sustainable development and able to provide inspiration for policies inspired by a long-term vision. The GLOBE EU Bee Group is thus constituted as a structured framework maximising the effectiveness of the information exchanges and providing a platform where new approaches to collaboration can be discussed. Therefore the Bee Group is a forum for business and industry partners keen to exchange know-how and share experience and capability with legislators and put in practice a new definition of proactive interest representation whose aim is to propose alternatives inspired by a long-term vision. Developing a shared vision will help to lead to new forms of collaboration.

We reaffirm our commitment to support the Members of GLOBE in their pledge to use their skills, moral and intellectual capacities and exploit all democratic means to improve the state of the European environment and make it a priority of their political groups and Parliaments.

Over the last twenty years, the experience of the GLOBE community has been a very successful one. It has enabled parliamentarians to exchange ideas and information and to act together to preserve Europe's and the planet's environment. Building upon this experience, we put forward this GLOBE EU Bee Group Charter as the basis for our future work.

1. We are committed to working for the improvement of the quality of life of European and global citizens, improving environmental health, raising environmental standards and steering the course of development towards activities and products that satisfy human needs without eroding our local, regional or global commons.
2. We are committed to preserving and restoring our European common heritage, in line with the original Rio agreements and in support of the EU's contribution to Rio+20.
3. Our efforts are guided by the long term need to decouple economic resource use from environmental degradation.
4. As Members of the GLOBE EU Bee Group, our role shall be threefold:
  - Identify, through life cycle and value chain approaches, underlying causes and drivers for

the issues and challenges identified in the Resource Intelligent Europe (RIE) Declaration within their respective sectors, with a particular focus on the issues identified in the plenary GLOBE EU Bee Group strategy meetings; propose alternative policies measures and the corresponding strategic fora to address them; engage in sectorial activities being committed to tangible deliveries through voluntary initiatives or the development of new business models;

- Be the ambassadors of the GLOBE EU Bee activities; raise awareness of GLOBE EU Bee work among key decision makers and facilitate the mobilisation of a platform of 'willing' actors across stakeholder groups (Government, parliamentarians, research , business, civil society) for them to become 'ambassadors' as well;
- Identify knowledge partners able to provide further research and policy development support.

5. We shall welcome new Members to the Group provided that they have been approved by the Board of GLOBE EU according to the membership conditions laid down in the rules of Governance of the GLOBE EU Bee Group. Provided the commitment of at least two to three companies members of the Group, a thematic approach to the expansion of its membership base is seen as desirable in order to facilitate the development of tangible action and deliveries.

6. As a think-do thank with an advisory role, the GLOBE EU Bee Group is best suited to debate medium- and long-term strategies and visions. Its purpose is not to influence any specific interests in the short-term, but to think strategically about long-term sustainability along general principles. Accordingly, we shall not use the Bee Group fora to seek to influence MEPs as regards specific company interests in pieces of legislation already on the floor of the House.

7. In support of its identified shared commitments, the GLOBE EU Bee Group will develop an annual work program that enables further solutions on specific themes through:

- Raising awareness;
- Promoting dialogue and mutual education;
- Providing a platform for new ideas and best practice sharing;
- Initiating new ways of collaboration on the agreed themes across-sector issues covering specific value chains.