



## **Governance Framework of the GLOBE EU Bee Group**

1. As a think-do tank with an advisory role, the success of the GLOBE EU Bee Group hinges on mutual trust between the Bees and the MEPs and also between the Bees themselves and a commitment of all parties to both substantive debate and action.
2. The GLOBE EU members and the Bee community shall convene before the start of the year at the European Parliament for a strategy meeting in which the previous year activities and achievements will be reviewed as well as the priority policy issues for the coming year. The draft programme and budget of activities of the Group will also be discussed and defined. The programme and budget of activities will be updated during the year at any time it would be felt necessary in relation to new emerging issues.
3. Respecting the principle of parliamentary independence, the role of the Bees in this process is strictly to inform and advise. GLOBE EU is fully responsible for decision-making, implementation of the adopted programme and financial management.
4. Every GLOBE EU Bee Group workstream or activity shall be piloted by at least one MEP office and one Bee member. As a matter of principle, GLOBE EU and the Bee Group members shall seek the involvement of MEPs from different political groups for all events and projects/activities. Bees are encouraged to organise themselves in ad-hoc task forces in order to contribute to the steering of the work.
5. The GLOBE EU Bee Group agrees with the principle of inviting, on an ad-hoc or a permanent basis, individuals committed to adding value to the work of the Bee Group.
6. Every year GLOBE EU will nominate an external 'commissaire aux comptes' in charge of drafting a discharge recommendation for the GLOBE EU Board which will be submitted to the GLOBE EU General Assembly and to all the Bee Group Members for their information. The 'commissaire aux comptes' will be the guardian of the application of the Rules of Procedure of GLOBE EU, publicly available on its website, as regards its financial management. The accounts will be audited annually.
7. Membership Conditions:
  - 7.1. Membership to the Bee Group of GLOBE EU is open to business and industry delegates committed to the vision of long-term sustainability and ready to provide expertise and constructive input to policymakers towards this long-term vision, with the exception of delegates of industry sectors judged incompatible with the Globe EU Bee Group Charter. This would preclude businesses principally active in i. e. tobacco and arms trade.
  - 7.2. Membership requests shall be cleared by the GLOBE EU Board, conditional to:
    - Written endorsement of the GLOBE EU Bee Charter and acceptance of the present rules concerning its governance.
    - Demonstrable progress towards the implementation of the UN Global

Compact's ten principles in the areas of human rights, labour, and the environment. GLOBE EU is not designed, nor does it have the mandate or resources, to monitor or measure the Bee Group members' performance. Therefore GLOBE EU asks participants to communicate annually to stakeholders their eventual progress in implementing the ten principles.

- Proof of register in the Joint Transparency Register of the European Commission and the European Parliament.

7.3. Provided the commitment of at least 2 to 3 Companies members of Bee, a thematic approach to the expansion of the Bee Group membership base is seen as desirable in order to facilitate the development of tangible action and deliveries.

7.4. The cost of the membership fee shall be decided by GLOBE EU and announced annually at the time of the invitation to the annual strategy meeting.