

How to apply for membership of BEUC

Checklist

1) Name of Organisation:

2) Date of Foundation:

3) Legal status and (if relevant) registration details:

- Officially recognised by the Government:

4) Address:

- Head Office:
- Other Offices:

5) Categories of membership (and approximate numbers):

- Individuals:
- Association (list member associations):
- Conditions or qualifications for membership:

6) List of Board Members or equivalent, with their occupations:

7) Total Income:

- Main sources of income (in percentage terms):

8) Total expenditure:

- Main areas of expenditure (in percentage terms):

9) Copy of Latest Annual Accounts (audited?):

10) Total Staff / Personnel: (State whether executive or support staff)

- Full-time:
- Part-time:
- Volunteers:
- Name(s) of senior staff (e.g. Director):

11) Publications:

- Title:
- Frequency:
- Circulation:
- Price:
- Date of foundation:
- Sample copies?

12) Services:

- Give brief description of service(s) including conditions of eligibility, if any, locations and latest statistics:
- Information services:
- Advice Services:
- Representation services (for individual consumers):
- Other services:

13) Campaigning and policy work:

- List of Position Papers, if any, during previous twelve months:
- List of Press releases, if any, during the previous twelve months:
- Other activities, if any - e.g. demonstrations, media interviews etc.:
- Current projects (e.g. Euroguichet, PHARE/TACIS projects, etc.):

14) Other Information:

- Please include further information, if any, that you wish to add.

Next Steps

When you send us an application for membership you should receive an acknowledgement within ten days, and sooner in most cases. The BEUC secretariat will first check the dossier and may contact you for further information or clarification. The BEUC Executive Committee will appoint two of its members as commissioners to examine your dossier in detail and to report back to the Executive. The commissioners may look for more information on certain points. They may also visit your organisation or ask someone to do so on their behalf.

Existing BEUC members from the same country as the applicant must be consulted about any application but they do not have a right of veto. When the commissioners report back, the Executive then decides whether or not to recommend to the General Assembly that the application be accepted.

The final decision on the application is taken by the General Assembly which brings together all the members of BEUC and which meets two times a year, usually in May and November. For further details on conditions of membership, please contact the BEUC office at affiliation@beuc.eu