



INTRODUCTION

for 2025





The ECCK is a member-based organization, fully self-financed and therewith politically independent.

The ECCK has a weight as it represents members with substantial sales and employment.

The ECCK supports its members through a range of initiatives, including



**NETWORKING
opportunities**



CONFERENCE



**INFORMATION
sharing**



**ADVOCACY
efforts**

ORGANISATION

Board of Directors

Secretariat

Membership

Committee

Forum

PR & Communications

Event

Administration

Advisory Board

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board of Directors (BoD) plays a pivotal role in determining the operational direction of ECCK and represents the organisation.



Chairperson

Philippe Van Hoof
Former Country Manager
ING Korea

**Vice
Chairperson**

Mathias Vaitl
President & CEO
Mercedes-Benz Korea

**Vice
Chairperson**

Per Stenius
Chairman & CEO
Reddal

**Vice
Chairperson**

Go Young Moon
Country Manager
RWE Renewables

Director

Gayoung Lee
Managing Director
Knoell Korea

Director

Ana-Maria Boie
General Manager
Boehringer Ingelheim
Korea

Director

Bjørn Inge Braathen
Country Managing Director
Equinor Korea

Treasurer

Robert Browell
Partner
Samil PwC

Trustee

Johan Vandromme
Senior Advisor
Kim & Chang

ADVISORY BOARD

The ECCK Advisory Board serves as a collaborative partner, offering valuable insights and guidance while maintaining close communication. Although not directly involved in daily operations, their expertise and support play a crucial role in driving strategic initiatives forward.

Belgium

Philippe Gerard

APAC Large Enterprise and Webscale VP
Nokia

France

Sonia Chaieb

CEO
FKCCI

Luxemburg

Jin Choi

MD & Head – Asia
Genii Capital

Spain

Jieun Lee

General Secretary
Spanish Chamber of Commerce in Korea

Bulgaria

Chris Georgiev

Co-Founder & Marketing Director
IMAGGA

Germany

Woo Ho-je

Senior Vice-President
KGCCI

The Netherlands

Robert Lee Rietberg

President
Dutch Business Council Korea

Sweden

Anders Axebark

Director
Taurus Systems Korea

Denmark

Jesper Krarup Holst

CEO
Copenhagen Offshore Partners

Greece

Chris Kalargiros

Co-Founder & Executive Advisor
N3RVE COMBINE

Norway

Torstein Lædre

R&D Director South-korea
Jotun

Switzerland

Claudia Toenz

Chairwoman
Swiss-Korean Business Council

Finland

Heikki Ranta

CEO & Chairman
Finncham

Italy

Stefano Piantoni

CEO & Board Member
IDS Korea Ltd.

Poland

Jaroslav Wasielewski

Managing Director
Towimor

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Lucinda Walker

Executive Director
British Chamber of Commerce in Korea

SECRETARIAT

The ECCK Secretariat, comprising around twenty dedicated professionals, serves as the backbone of the ECCK. Working closely with the Board of Directors (BOD) and Advisory Board, they oversee the Chamber's core operations.

The ECCK membership allows an Advocacy Platform, available to members, organized into industry-specific committees and forums that address sectoral and cross-industry issues. In partnership with the events team, the platform supports advocacy, networking, knowledge sharing, and meaningful discussions through diverse formats, fostering valuable connections for both members and non-members.

The PR and Communications team enhances ECCK's visibility by publishing white papers, newsletters, and magazines, while collaborating with media outlets to amplify the Chamber's voice both internally and externally.

Though headquartered in Seoul, ECCK actively works with its Busan Chapter to expand its presence beyond the capital.



President
Stefan Ernst

COMMITTEE

18 Committees are ECCK's industry-focused advocacy platform dedicated to addressing sector-specific trade issues and fostering dialogue with Korean stakeholders.

Cosmetics (2012)
Fashion & Retail (2012)
Heavy Duty Commercial Vehicles (2012)
Insurance (2012)
Intellectual Property Rights (2012)
Logistics & Transportation (2012)
Marine Industry (2012)
Passenger Vehicles (2012)
Tires (2012)
Chemical (2013)
Healthcare (2013)
Beer-Wine-Spirits (2014)
Kitchen & Home Appliances (2015)
Food (2017)
Aerospace & Defense (2018)
Digital (2019)
Energy & Environment (2019)
Sustainability (2022)

***In alphabetical order by year*

➔ ECCK WHITE PAPER

ECCK White Paper is “KEY PUBLICATION” of the committee.

In 2024, ‘ECCK White Paper’ including 73 recommendations handed over to the Korean government, shared with the European Commission, EFTA, UK government.



➤ OUTREACH

The ECCCK also actively engages in Committee Outreach initiatives.

Notably, the IPR Committee has been consistently leading anti-counterfeiting campaigns. These efforts include providing training sessions for municipal officials responsible for counterfeit enforcement and sharing consumer awareness guides to educate the public on the risks associated with purchasing counterfeit goods.



FORUM

7 Forums are ECCK's cross-industry advocacy platform designed to facilitate discussions on thematic topics among members, non-members, and partners in Korea.

CFO (2012)
Taxation (2012)
HR & Compliance (2014)
CEO (2018)
Tourism (2019)
Future Development (2020)
Family Friendly Future Forum (2024)

***In alphabetical order by year*

➤ FAMILY FRIENDLY FUTURE FORUM

ECCK officially launched the Family Friendly Future Forum (FFFF) on November 26, 2024, under the theme “Success Factor, Family.” This forum brings together stakeholders from various sectors to collaboratively address Korea’s pressing demographic issues, including low birth rates and an aging population.

The forum is open for both members and non-members of the ECCK.



EVENT

ECCK hosted a variety of external events, ranging from governmental meetings to networking events.

These gatherings attracted distinguished individuals from various industries who shared their insights on a wide range of business-related issues.



**GOVERNMENTAL
MEETINGS**



CONFERENCES



**NETWORKING
NIGHTS**



**INFORMATION
SESSIONS**

➔ GAI

The ECCK and Maekyung Media Group host an annual conference, Global Alternative Investment Insights (GAI), bringing together experts from major pension funds and leading private equity, real estate, and infrastructure investment firms to discuss strategies in a rapidly evolving global landscape.

This event fosters constructive dialogue, insightful perspectives, and collaboration on alternative investments.



➤ IPR CONFERENCE

The ECCK hosts an annual IPR Conference to address the rights and protection of intellectual property in the rapidly advancing digital era. Bringing together experts from industry, academia, and public institutions, the conference focuses on strategies to safeguard valuable creations in an increasingly digitalized environment.



PUBLICATION

The ECCK publishes various materials to provide members with high-quality information, share updates on its activities, and highlight member achievements.

Committed to sustainability, all publications, except white papers, are issued in e-book format.

Business Confidence Survey

Membership Directory (members only)

ECCK White Paper

ECCK CONNECT (quarterly)

Newsletter (members & partners only, weekly)

Website

SNS **LinkedIn** | **Instagram**

2025

PREMIUM MEMBERS

Diamond



Lufthansa



Mercedes-Benz



삼일회계법인



Emerald



KIM & CHANG

SARTORIUS



Ruby



L'ORÉAL KOREA

PHILIPS RWE



YOON & YANG
법무법인(유) 화우



PEARSON & PARTNERS

COOPERATIVE PARTNERS

KOREA



KITA

kotra

Korea Trade-Investment
Promotion Agency

EUROPE



DIGITALEUROPE



Highlight of
2024 Activities by

NUMBERS



350

Member Companies



27

Events



73

Constructive Recommendation
(White Paper)



299

Media Exposure



274,320

LinkedIn
Organic
Impressions

Highlight of
2024 Activities by

COMMITTEE

179

Committee
Member
Companies

106

Committee
Meetings

74

Discussions with
the Korean
Government

73

Constructive
Recommendations
(through ECCK White Papers)

37

Position
Papers

36

Discussions
with the EU
Government

19

Committee/
Forum Events

16

Committee
Publications

**Highlight of
2024 Activities**

VISIT EUROPE

ROK-EU Business Round

The ECCK also reconciles its activities and briefed stakeholders in Europe during our visit to Europe every year.

European Free Trade Association | European Commission |
European Parliament | Korean Embassy to the EU |
Industry advocacy organisations |
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development |
United Nations (ILO, UNCTAD, WIPO) | Korean Mission to the UN and WTO

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