



The Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India

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2024 - 2025

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DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER
MAHARASHTRA STATE

Date 12 sep 2025

MESSAGE

At the outset, I would like to welcome all the honorable representatives from EU Chambers attending the 33rd Annual General Meeting being held in Mumbai on the 17th September 2025.

The growth of EU-India partnerships has been based on the principles of equality and sharing of knowledge and skills for betterment of industries, businesses and populations. Skill for that matter has become the key word for any work whatsoever.

We have an august gathering here of visionaries and stalwarts who would be discussing various topics as part of this Annual General Meeting. However due to my prior commitments I would not be able to attend this meeting.

Wishing positive deliberations and concrete resolves to emerge from the discussions.

(AJIT PAWAR)

President's Message

Mr. Rajeev Sharma
President

Cluster Managing Director– India, Nepal & Bangladesh
G4S Corporate Services (India) Pvt. Ltd.



Dear Readers,

It gives me great pride, as President of the Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India (EU Chambers), to present the Annual Activity Report for 2024–2025. Over the past year, EU Chambers has continued to serve as a trusted bridge between Europe and India, advancing trade, investment, and meaningful collaboration across sectors.

The EU–India partnership has entered a dynamic phase, with businesses on both sides seeking sustainable growth, technology-led solutions, and new opportunities for cooperation. Guided by our vision, EU Chambers has actively organized conferences, seminars, and outreach programs, all designed to foster dialogue, promote innovation, and create platforms for knowledge sharing. These initiatives have not only strengthened business linkages but also positioned the Chamber as a catalyst for cross-border partnerships.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our esteemed members, whose continued support has been central to our progress. Your participation in our events, initiatives, and networking activities reinforces the Chamber's mission to serve as a hub of opportunities for enterprises across Europe and India. Throughout the year, we also hosted focused webinars and sector-specific interactions, covering critical topics shaping global trade and investment. These initiatives reflect our commitment to continuous learning and thought leadership.

As we gather for the 33rd Annual General Meeting, we reflect on our progress over the past year and look ahead with renewed optimism. This year's theme, "Deepening EU–India Synergies in Sustainability, Smart Manufacturing & Skills," highlights the pressing need to align trade and innovation with sustainable practices while nurturing future-ready talent. By leveraging these three pillars, we aspire to contribute to a more resilient, competitive, and opportunity-rich ecosystem for both European and Indian enterprises.

I wish to acknowledge the commendable efforts of our dynamic team, ably led by Dr. Renu Shome, Director, whose dedication has been instrumental in driving the Chamber's activities forward. I am also grateful to our Board Members for their vision and guidance, which continue to shape our collective journey.

With your continued support, I am confident that we will take the EU–India partnership to even greater heights.

Thank you for being an integral part of this journey.

Sd/-

Rajeev Sharma

President

The Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India

Director's Message



Dr. Renu Shome
Director

Dear Esteemed Members,

It gives me immense pleasure to extend my warm greetings to you on the occasion of the 33rd Annual General Meeting of the Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India (EU Chambers). I am delighted to present the Annual Activity Report for 2024–2025, which encapsulates another year of growth, dialogue, and impactful initiatives.

The past year has been a remarkable journey of strengthening the EU–India business corridor. Through a series of conferences, seminars, outreach programmes, and sector-focused webinars, we have provided platforms that facilitated constructive dialogue, knowledge-sharing, and networking across diverse industries. Each initiative was designed with a singular goal: to foster collaboration and open doors of opportunity for our members.

The global business environment continues to evolve rapidly, driven by sustainability, advanced manufacturing, and skill development. These trends resonate strongly with this year's AGM theme: "Deepening EU–India Synergies in Sustainability, Smart Manufacturing & Skills." At EU Chambers, we remain committed to aligning our activities with these transformative shifts, ensuring that our members are well-prepared to harness emerging opportunities.

I take this moment to sincerely acknowledge the unwavering support of our members, partners, and stakeholders. Your active engagement has been the driving force behind our achievements. The enthusiasm with which you participate in our initiatives motivates us to continuously innovate and deliver greater value.

Equally, I extend heartfelt gratitude to our President, Mr. Rajeev Sharma, and our esteemed Board Members, whose strategic guidance and encouragement have been invaluable. Their vision has helped us chart a path of relevance and resilience.

As we reflect on the milestones of the past year and look toward the future, I invite each of you to contribute your insights, share your expertise, and actively engage in shaping the next chapter of EU–India business cooperation. Together, we can create a stronger, more sustainable ecosystem that fosters trade, innovation, and talent exchange across borders.

In closing, I thank you all for your dedication and commitment. With your continued support, EU Chambers will remain a vibrant platform for collaboration and a trusted partner in advancing EU–India economic relations.

Warm regards,

Dr. Renu Shome

Director

The Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India

GOVERNING BOARD 2024-2025



President

Mr. Rajeev Sharma
Cluster Managing Director – India
Nepal and Bangladesh
G4S Corporate Services (India) P. Ltd.



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Chairman
Nucleon Research Pvt. Ltd



Vice-President

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Commercial Director
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Capt. Avinash Batra

Chairman
Seahorse Ship Agencies
Pvt. Ltd.



Mr. David Stevenson

Regional Director
Guala Closures India
Pvt. Ltd



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Indus Capital Pvt. Ltd.



Mr. Shalil Shroff

Managing Director
Punjab Chemicals & Crop
Protections Ltd



Mr. Óscar Esteban

CEO
SIS Prosegur



Mr. Peeyush Kaushik

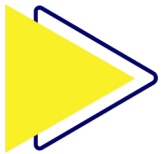
Vice President – Business Leader
& Head Healthcare Innovation
Centre
Philips India Ltd.



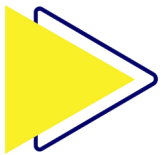
Dr. Uday Salunkhe

Group Director
We School

SPECIAL INVITEES



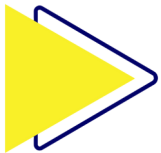
The Embassies and Consulates of EU Countries



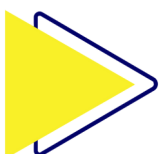
**Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India
(ASSOCHAM)**



**Federation of Indian Chambers Of Commerce and Industry
(FIEO)**



Chief Patron Head of European Union To India



**Such other Chambers or Associations as may be invited
by the Governing Board from time to time**

ABOUT CHAMBERS

! About us

The Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India (EU Chamber) is the only bilateral Chamber in India representing all 27 EU member states. Established in 1992 and headquartered in Mumbai, it fosters trade, investment, and cultural cooperation between India and the European Union. With a network of 1,100+ companies, the Chamber offers a dynamic platform for international business collaboration, knowledge exchange, and strategic growth

🎯 Mission

- To actively connect businesses, governments, and institutions across the EU and India through impactful initiatives, knowledge sharing, and meaningful partnerships—fostering sustainable growth, innovation, and mutual success.
- Promoting sustainable growth and helping businesses succeed through connections, ideas, and support.

👁 Vision

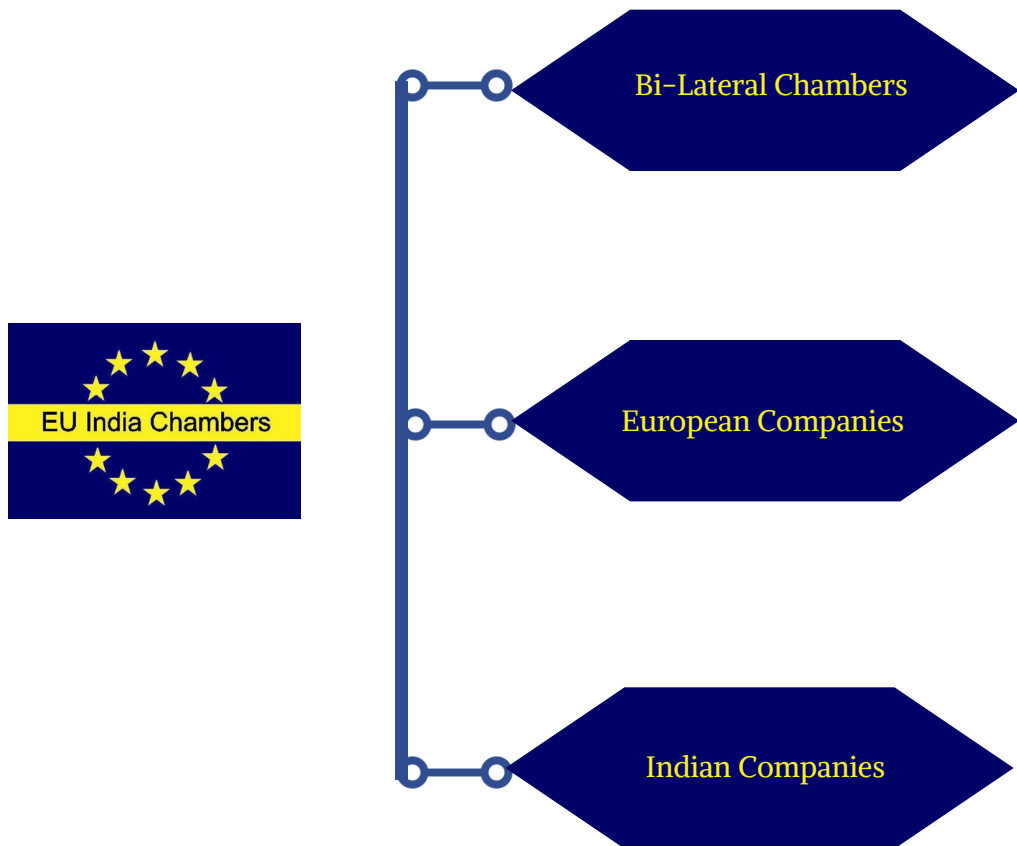
To strengthen business, trade, and cultural ties between the European Union and India, while offering high-quality support and services to our members

Why Join the EU Chamber ?

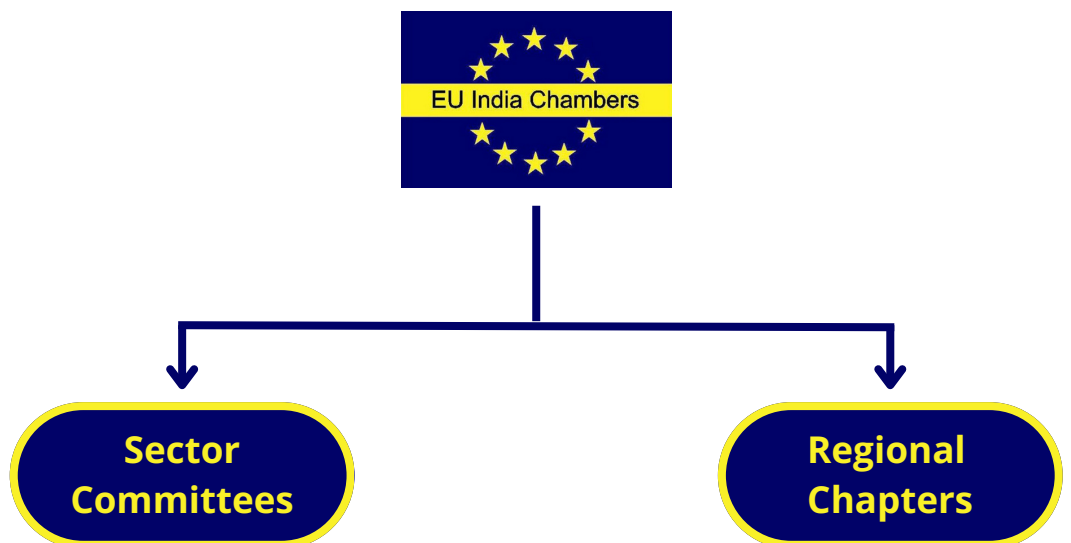
- Unique Representation: The only Chamber in India covering all EU member states pan India and Europe
- Reach: Over 1,100 + members from key sectors and regions
- Institutional Linkages: Access to Indian Ministries, EU & Indian Embassies, Trade Promotion Councils, and Government Agencies
- Business Centric Programs: Tailored events, summits, and curated B2B engagement platforms
- Increased Visibility: Promotion through leading publications, social media, and newsletters

ABOUT CHAMBERS

At the Time of Formation



New Inclusions over the Years



KEY SERVICES

Business Networking & Delegations:



Trade missions, B2B matchmaking, and cross-border meetings to expand EU–India market reach.

Sectoral Committees:



Platforms in BFSI, Education, Manufacturing, Tourism & Hospitality, Legal & Regulatory, Consultancy & Services, Shipping & Logistics for knowledge exchange & collaboration.

Conferences & Flagship Events:



EU–India Education Summit, Europe Day, Annual General Meeting, and specialized forums for policy and industry dialogue

Trade & Investment Leads:



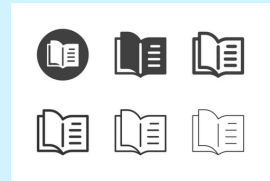
Regular sharing of business opportunities, investor connections, and trade inquiries.

Partner Search Assistance



Support in finding joint-venture partners, distributors, and strategic alliances via MoUs and tie-ups.

Publications & Knowledge Resources:



EU–India Business Insight newsletter, Business Pulse, Annual Activity Report, and EU–India Directory for market intelligence.

Government & Embassy Engagement:



Advocacy and facilitation with Indian Ministries, EU Embassies, trade councils, and government agencies to resolve issues and unlock incentives.

Visibility & Branding Support:



Sponsorship, speaking opportunities, event partnerships, and publication features to strengthen presence in the EU–India business ecosystem.

International Partnerships



MoUs with European Chambers and industry bodies (e.g., Denmark, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Slovenia, Croatia) to open doors for members globally.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS



Bulgaria

- Indian Bulgarian Business Chamber
- Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- The Bulgarian Small Trade Promotion Council



Croatia

- Croatian Chamber of Economy (CCE)



Denmark

- The Confederation of Danish Industry



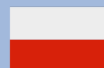
Hungary

- Hungarian Chamber of Commerce & Industry



Ireland

- Irish Chamber of Commerce & Industry



Latvia

- Latvian Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Poland

- The Polish Indian Chamber of Commerce

Romania

- Cluj Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Slovakia

- Slovak Investment & Trade Development Agency (SARIO)

Slovenia

- Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia

Nepal

- European Economic Chamber Nepal (EEC)

INDIAN PARTNERS



Andhra Pradesh

- State Government of Andhra Pradesh
- Federation of Andhra Pradesh
- Chambers of Commerce & Industry

Cochin

- Cochin Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Delhi

- PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India

Gujarat

- Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Madhya Pradesh

- MP Importers & Exporters Association
- MP Industrial Development Corporation Limited (Govt. of Madhya Pradesh)

Bengal

- Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Madras

- Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Mumbai

- Maharashtra Skill Development (Govt. of Maharashtra)
- Maharashtra Industrial & Technical Consultancy Organization Limited
- AIESEC in India

Mysore

- The Greater Mysore Chamber of Industry

Pune

- Mahratta Chambers of Commerce & Industries
- MITCON Consultancy & Engineering Services Ltd
- Deccan Chambers of Commerce & Industries

Goa

- Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industry

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Exclusive Event Access

Complimentary participation in Chamber conferences, seminars, and member-only events.



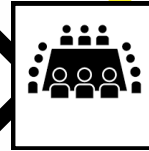
Brand Visibility

Company profile featured in the Chamber's e-newsletter (one-time spotlight).



Committee Participation

Annual members:
1 committee |
Life members: up to 3 committees.



Life Membership Priority Engagement



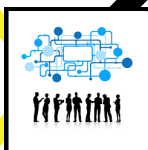
Direct Business Leads

Matchmaking support and curated partner introductions.



Networking Power

Access to 1,100+ EU and Indian member companies across diverse industries.



Policy Support

Assistance in navigating regulatory frameworks through direct linkages with embassies and ministries.



SECTOR COMMITTEES



OBJECTIVE

The Sectoral Committees serve as vital platforms for focused dialogue, strategic collaboration, and expert engagement across key industries. These committees bring together domain leaders, policy advisors, business professionals, and institutional stakeholders from both Europe and India to collectively identify challenges, explore opportunities, and influence policy frameworks that enhance bilateral cooperation.

SECTOR COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

BFSI



Chairman
Mr. Amit Roy
Chief representative
Intesa Sanpaolo



Co-Chairman
Mr. Rajiv Kumar Gupta
President
PB Fintech Ltd



Co-Chairman
Mr. Tarun Singhal
Director Business Development,
Marketing & Communications
Sopra Banking Software Solutions
India Pvt. Ltd

CONSULTANCY & SERVICES



Chairperson
Ms. Manasi Pandey
Managing Director & Country Head
of International Banking
HSBC India



Co-Chairman
Mr. Nirav Sheth
Founder
iCasperCapFin Advisors LLP



Co-Chairman
Mr. Vinod Kumar
Managing Director
Hohenstein India Pvt Ltd.

EDUCATION



Chairman
Dr. Uday Salunkhe
Group Director
We School



Co-Chairman
Mr. Nilesh Gaikwad
Country Manager
EDHEC Business School



Co-Chairman
Dr. Venkata Sastry
Director Career Centre
SRM IST Chennai

SECTOR COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

LEGAL & REGULATORY



Chairman
Mr. Suhail Nathani
Managing Partner
Economic Law Practice



Co-Chairman
Mr. Sonal Verma
Partner & Global Leader
(Markets & Strategy)
Dhir & Dhir Associates



Co-Chairman
Mr. Krrishan Singhania
Managing Partner
K Singhania & Co

MANUFACTURING



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Co-Chairman
Mr. Prasanna Mohile
VP External Affairs
Pernod Ricard India Pvt. Ltd.



Co-Chairman
Mr. Stalinjose Selvanayagam
Managing Director
Engel Machinery India Pvt Ltd

SHIPPING & LOGISTICS



Chairman
Mr. Shabbir Rangwala
Chairman
Atlantic Global Shipping Pvt. Ltd &
Sunrich Companies



Co-Chairperson
Ms. Anuradha Tripathi
Director Supply Chain
Deoleo India Pvt. Ltd.

TOURISM & HOSPITALITY



Chairperson
Ms. Sheetal Munshaw
Director
Atout France India



Co-Chairman
Mr. Nikhil Sharma
Managing Director & Area Senior VP
Radisson Hotel Group



Co-Chairman
Mr. Mandar Sharma
Executive Director
Skytrack Tours and Travels Pvt. Ltd.

2024-2025 IN NUMBERS

3+

Decades of
existence

138

Life
Members

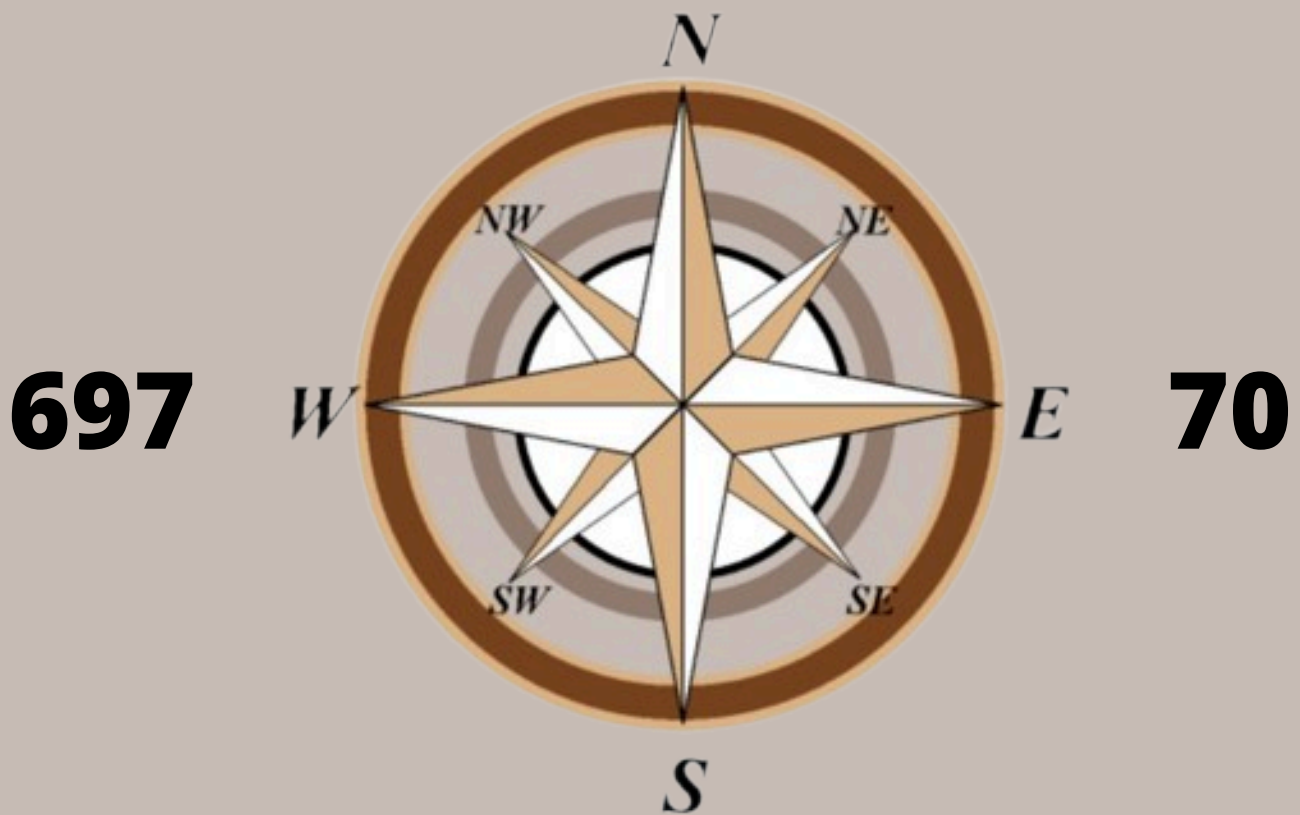
1100+
Members

253
European
Companies

12000+
Contacts

Region-wise Members

184



Valued Partners 2024-2025

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Platinum



Gold



Silver



Learn | Grow | Achieve



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ADVOCATES & LEGAL ADVISORS

Sustainable Partner



Grow Billion Trees

Gifting Partners



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Celebration Partners



Kit Sponsors



NEWLY ADDED MEMBERS

ANNUAL MEMBERS

- IWN One World One Network
- 3D Seal Private Limited
- 3Sisters
- ACT Commodities
- Adhar Beverages Private Limited
- Agarwal Fastners Pvt. Ltd.
- Agora Microfinace India Ltd
- Ajay Prabhakar
- Altimatum Energy Futuretech Pvt. Ltd.
- AltissAdvance Tech Pvt. Ltd.
- AQ Mechanical & Electrical Manufacturing India Pvt, Ltd.
- Aranya Bharat
- Arihant Global
- Aroma Herbs & Ayurvedic Industries (P) Ltd.
- Athena School of Management
- Axis Bank Limited
- Banco BPM SPA
- Basavaraj Bagalkot
- Berkman Forwarding India Pvt. Ltd.
- Bombay Gourmet Market/ AK Foods
- Caerus3 Advisors & Think-Tank (Prarit Advisory and Entertainment)
- Carlsberg India Private Limited
- Champion Infratech Pvt. Ltd.
- Chandekar Business Media Pvt. Ltd.
- Corelife Wholefoods Pvt. Ltd.
- Cuberatech India Private Limited
- Cyntogen Pharmaceuticals Private Limited
- Digitron
- DNA Architects Designer Pvt. Ltd.
- Dr. Amjadkhan A. Pathan
- DR. SUHASH PENDNEKAR
- EDHEC Business School

NEWLY ADDED MEMBERS

ANNUAL MEMBERS

- Ellora EPC Pvt. Ltd.
- EON Elevators Pvt. Ltd.
- Evellene International
- Forbes Precision Tools and Machine Parts Limited
- Gem Drytech Systems LLP
- Golden Path Trading
- Good Works Group
- Gorisco LLP
- HDFC Credila Financial Services Limited
- Heinsenbergl Fluid Handling
- HKSK & Associates
- IES's Management College and Research Centre
- Inicio Impex Private Limited
- Iscon Life Sciences Pvt Ltd.
- JR Jain & Co
- K J Somaiya Institute of Management
- Kamna Exim Pvt. Ltd.
- Karmic
- L&T Technology Services Ltd.
- Life Concepts & Generations Services and Administration Ltd.
- Linkjuris Advisors LLP
- Maitri Exim
- Malcolm & Malcolm, Advocates & Arbitrators
- Medplan Private Limited
- Mishkon Research Labs Ltd.
- National Institute of Customs and Foreign Exchange
- Navdurga Engineers
- Nucleon Research Pvt. Ltd.
- Nuwindo Pvt. Ltd.
- Paarami Digital Consulting LLP
- Phoenixnix Container Line

NEWLY ADDED MEMBERS

ANNUAL MEMBERS

- Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET) Pune
- Policybazaar Insurance Brokers Private Limited (Subsidiary of PB Fintech Ltd.
- Port of Antwerp-Bruges (Represented by Represented by Kcube Global)
- QRC Assurance and Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
- Ramdeobaba University, Nagpur
- RV Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
- Samyak (India) Private Limited
- SFE Process
- Shanthala Spherocast Private Limited
- Shetty International
- Sourab ADS Marketing And Printing Pvt. Ltd.
- Spitex Exports OPC Pvt. Ltd.
- Srisan Services
- Sumukham Enterprise LLP
- Supersonic Distribution and Services Pvt Ltd.
- Supple Pack (India) Pvt. Ltd.
- Suvaca Technologies Pvt. Ltd.
- Tarasafe International Private Limited
- TransPrice Tax Advisors LLP
- Trula Overseas Private Limited
- Umicore India Pvt. Ltd.
- Vachi Ventures LLP
- Victory Freight Services Pvt. Ltd.
- Vis Legis Law Practice
- Vishesh S Kochhar
- Vishwas Tambe
- Wendt Corporate Services Private Limited
- Worlddevcorp Technology & Business Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
- Zenitech Solutions

NEWLY ADDED MEMBERS

LIFE MEMBERS

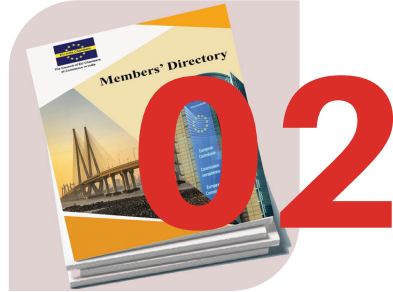
- Abhinand Ventures Pvt. Ltd. (Essar Group)
- BDO India LLP
- Bikaji Foods International Limited
- CKS Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd.
- DTDC Express Limited
- Exodus Chemtank Pvt. Ltd.
- Madhav Plastomech Pvt. Ltd.
- Martin & Harris Laboratories Ltd.
- Navio Shipping Pvt. Ltd.
- Oberoi Realty Ltd.
- Parsvnath Developers Ltd.
- Pravin Masalewale (Suhana Spices)
- RRG Engineering Technologies Pvt. Ltd.
- Skytrack Tours & Travels Pvt. Ltd.
- SRM University
- LISEGA India Pvt. Ltd.

PUBLICATIONS



Business Pulse

A Bi-Monthly Publication "Business Pulse" covers detailed report of activities, latest trends and developments on EU- India cooperation, trade & investment leads and article by experts on various issues.



Members Directory

The Members Directory contains details of the Members of the Chamber and is classified according to the sector. The directory also contains details of Embassies and Consulate in India and EU.



EU - India Business Insight

Quarterly e-Newsletter updates the members about the business opportunities from India and EU. It also covers the details about newly joined members. Also includes Legal Lexicon & Travel Bytes which cover legal matters and Travel insights.



Activity Report

The Activity Report contains the activities conducted by the Chamber over the year. It covers details of the Governing Board, Sector Committees and the overall activities of the Chamber.



Monthly Economic & Commercial Report

The Monthly Economic Reports received from Indian Embassies in EU Countries cover in-depth information about trade and investment between India & Various EU Countries & trade leads from EU.

DIGITAL COMMUNICATION

Website

A single point for all updates
Includes Activities and Events
Advertisement Opportunities
Business Opportunities / Trade Leads from India & EU
Covers Latest EU-India News
Sponsorship Opportunities



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Increase of 20%



@EUChambers
Increase of 15%



@EUChambers
Increase of 18%



@eu.chambers
Increase of 12%



@EU Chambers
Increase of 9%



Past activities

2024 - 2025

MEETING WITH MR. MARKS DEITONS, FIRST SECRETARY EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA, NEW DELHI

27TH MAY , 2024



Mr. Robin Banerjee, Mr. Ashok Barat, and Dr. Renu Shome met Mr. Marks Deitons, First Secretary at the Embassy of the Republic of Latvia, in Delhi to discuss continued collaboration. The meeting reinforced the importance of strong diplomatic engagement in advancing the Council's goals. A key outcome was the invitation extended to H.E. Mr. Juris Bone, Ambassador of Latvia, to visit Mumbai. Mr. Deitons conveyed the Ambassador's keen interest, recognizing the Chamber's impactful initiatives and engagement.

These diplomatic engagements enhance visibility, expand networks, and create new opportunities for member companies. The proposed visit of the Latvian Ambassador is poised to be a milestone event, furthering Indo-Latvian ties and offering members valuable access to key decision-makers in the European diplomatic community.

MEETING WITH MR PEEYUSH SRIVASTAVA, JOINT SECRETARY MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, NEW DELHI

27TH MAY, 2024



Mr. Peeyush Kaushik, Mr. Robin Banerjee, Mr. Ashok Barat, and Dr. Renu Shome held a productive meeting in Delhi with Mr. Peeyush Srivastava, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India. The discussion focused on enhancing collaboration between the EU Chambers and the MEA, particularly in international education, innovation, and cultural diplomacy.

Mr. Srivastava emphasized the growing importance of global academic partnerships and highlighted initiatives supporting student exchanges, joint research, and institutional collaborations to position India as a hub for quality education. He also encouraged Indian institutions to attract international students and explore overseas expansion.

In science and technology, he stressed promoting innovation-led collaborations in fields such as AI, biotechnology, and renewable energy. Cultural diplomacy was also a key focus, with support for cultural exchange programs to project India's heritage globally.

He encouraged the EU Chambers to increase its presence in Delhi, enabling stronger government engagement and alignment with national priorities.

EUROPE DAY 2024

TAJ MAHAL PALACE, MUMBAI

25TH JUNE, 2024



The Europe Day Celebration 2024, hosted by the EU Chambers, was held on 25 June 2024 at The Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai, with over 320 distinguished guests in attendance. The event celebrated the unity, cultural diversity, and growing partnership between the European Union and India.

The evening began with the National Anthems of India and the EU, followed by a welcome address by Shri Peeyush Kaushik, who emphasized shared values and strategic collaboration.

Chief Guest Shri Ramesh Bais, Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra, highlighted progress on the EU–India Free Trade Agreement and cooperation in climate action, education, and security. Smt. Manisha Mhaikar, IAS, underscored the €115 billion trade relationship and its growth potential. Filmmaker Shri Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra added cultural depth through his creative insights.

Dr. Renu Shome delivered a heartfelt vote of thanks. The event successfully fostered new partnerships, Council memberships, and reaffirmed EU–India ties across trade, culture, and innovation.

UNION BUDGET

AT DELOITTE KNOWLEDGE CENTRE, MUMBAI

25TH JULY, 2024



The Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in association with Indo Belgium Luxembourg Chambers of Commerce & Industry and Indo Netherlands Business Association (INBA) organized the session of Union Budget on 25th July 2024 at The Deloitte Knowledge Centre, Mumbai. Deloitte was the Knowledge Partner.

The session was tailored for the European corridor and aimed to provide valuable insights into how the latest policy, tax and regulatory announcements will affect the business.

The experts who shared their views were Dr Shubhada Rao, Founder Quant5Eco Research, Haresh Lalwani, Managing Director, Sun Logistics, Mr Mukesh Malhotra, managing Director, Syensquo and Mr Siladitya sarangi, Country Manager Deoleo India Pvt. Ltd.

The subject experts were Mr Anil Talreja, Partner Tax Deloitte India, Mr Anis Chakrabarty, Partner Tax, Deloitte India, Mr Hardik Gandhi, Partner Tax Deloitte India and Mr Jatin Kanabar, subject matter expert

PHARMA & LAB EXPO 2024

HELD AT HELIPAD EXHIBITION CENTRE, GANDHINAGAR, GUJARAT

8 - 10TH AUGUST, 2024



The EU Chambers supported the 17th Pharma & Lab Expo, held from August 8–10, 2024, at the Helipad Exhibition Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Organized by PharmaTech Expo, this prominent event showcased cutting-edge innovations in pharmaceutical and laboratory technology.

As International Supporter, the EU Chambers facilitated global collaboration and engagement between European and Indian companies. The Chamber's presence at exhibition highlighted its ongoing initiatives and the strategic relevance of Gujarat for European businesses. Dr. Renu Shome represented the Chamber, engaging with key industry leaders and stakeholders.

The Expo was inaugurated by Shri Rushikesh Patel and Shri Harsh Sanghavi, underscoring Gujarat's commitment to the pharma sector.

MEETING WITH H.E. MR JURIS BONE, AMBASSADOR OF REPUBLIC OF LATVIA TO INDIA, EU CHAMBERS OFFICE, MUMBAI

30TH AUGUST 2024



The Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India hosted a Roundtable discussion at its premises with H.E. Mr. Juris Bone, Ambassador of the Republic of Latvia to India, accompanied by Mr. Marks Deitons, First Secretary at the Latvian Embassy, and Capt. Avinash Batra, Honorary Consul of Latvia. The Ambassador's first visit to Mumbai provided a timely platform to engage with Chamber leaders and member companies to explore avenues for stronger India–Latvia ties.

In his address, Ambassador Bone underlined Latvia's 20 years of EU membership, stressing the importance of promoting shared EU values while deepening bilateral

cooperation. He welcomed the imminent opening of an Indian Embassy in Riga, calling it a milestone that would significantly boost political and economic relations. The Ambassador highlighted recent Indian investments in Latvia, citing Tech Mahindra's real estate deal in Riga, and extended an invitation for EU Chambers to lead a business delegation to Latvia. He identified key sectors for collaboration including green aviation fuel, hybrid learning, consumer goods, food processing, and tourism, noting Latvia's film production subsidies as an opportunity for cultural exchange. He further emphasized the scope for cooperation in 5G training, quantum technologies, and niche innovation areas where Latvian expertise could complement India's growing needs.

Concluding the dialogue, Ambassador Bone stressed the urgency of finalizing the India–EU Free Trade Agreement, which he noted would unlock trade potential for both sides. The session ended with optimism for sustained partnerships, with EU Chambers committing to follow up on a delegation visit to Latvia and enhanced sectoral exchanges.

32ND AGM AND PANEL DISCUSSION TAJ MAHAL PALACE, MUMBAI 20TH SEPTEMBER 2024



The EU Chambers in India held its 32nd AGM on September 20, 2024, highlighting strengthened economic ties between the EU and India. President Peeyush Kaushik welcomed members, noting the absence of Chief Guest Hon'ble Shri Eknath Shinde, Chief Minister of Maharashtra, but reaffirming government support for business growth.

Mr. Kaushik reviewed the Chamber's achievements over 32 years, lauded partnerships with state governments, acknowledged past presidents, and formally handed over leadership to Rajeev Sharma, urging members to seize future opportunities. Dr. Renu Shome, Director, presented the Chamber's activities and released the annual report, outlining initiatives to bolster business relations.

Incoming President Rajeev Sharma expressed gratitude to attendees and sponsors, emphasizing continued commitment to deepening EU-India cooperation.

A panel discussion on theme: Enhancing EU-India Business & Trade with leaders from Wartsila India, Press2 Pvt Ltd., HSBC India, Thyssenkrupp India, and Guala Closures India explored strategies for economic collaboration, innovation, and sustainable growth.

The evening concluded with cocktails and dinner, fostering networking among over 300 delegates. Participants shared positive feedback, appreciating the exchange of insights and the collaborative spirit. The event reaffirmed the Chamber's role as a bridge between European and Indian enterprises, driving innovation and trade partnerships forward.

MEETING WITH H.E. VAKHTANG JAOSHVILI, AMBASSADOR OF GEORGIA TO INDIA, EU CHAMBERS OFFICE, MUMBAI

27TH SEPTEMBER, 2024



The Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India hosted a strategic meeting with H.E. Vakhtang Jaoshvili, Ambassador of Georgia to India, to explore potential collaboration between the Georgian Embassy and the EU Chamber. The meeting was attended by Mr. S.S. Ahuja, Honorary Consul of Georgia, and key Chamber members.

The session began with informal networking that highlighted Georgia's cultural and economic strengths, especially in wine exports and tourism.

Discussions focused on Georgia's Free Trade Agreement with China and its robust agricultural base. A proposal for a Georgian business delegation to visit India was well-received as a step toward enhancing bilateral trade. Opportunities in education, green energy, film, and medical tourism were also discussed, alongside the introduction of engineering programs to attract Indian students. Tourism promotion strategies emphasized Georgia's status as a safe and heritage-rich destination.

FIRST CHAIR & CO-CHAIR COMMITTEE MEETING FOR FY 2025-26

EU CHAMBERS, MUMBAI

11TH OCTOBER, 2024



The Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India held a meeting of Chairpersons and Co-Chairpersons of its Sector Committees on 11 October 2024 at the EU Chambers Office, Mumbai. Attendees included heads from BFSI, Consultancy & Services, Education, Legal & Regulatory, Manufacturing, Shipping & Logistics, and Tourism & Hospitality, along with office bearers and staff. Discussions focused on sector-specific priorities: BFSI highlighted regulatory alignment, digital transformation, fintech innovation, and green banking, proposing a “Fintech for the Future” conference.

Consultancy & Services suggested quality, compliance, and sustainability frameworks, a service provider directory, joint publications, and targeted EU-India advisory. Education proposed academic-industry linkages, an EU-India scholarship fund, and certification programs. Legal recommended seminars on arbitration, data protection, and IPR, supported by a monthly Legal Lexicon. Manufacturing suggested policy workshops, surveys, site visits, and white papers for advocacy. Shipping & Logistics planned a 24/7 helpline, quarterly meetings, and policy pain-point reviews, while Tourism proposed a Delhi summit on visa facilitation and benchmarking global policies. Committees will submit action plans and activity calendars. Vice President Siladitya Sarangi closed the meeting with thanks to participants.

MEETING WITH H.E. MR. ROBERT MAXIAN, AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVAKIA, MUMBAI

24TH OCTOBER, 2024



the Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India hosted a productive meeting with H.E. Mr. Robert Maxian, Ambassador of the Republic of Slovakia to India, to explore ways of strengthening bilateral business and trade relations. The session opened with a welcome by Mr. Robin Banerjee, Senior Vice President, followed by an overview of the Chamber's activities by Dr. Renu Shome, Director, and the formal felicitation of Ambassador Maxian and Honorary Consul Mr. Amit Choksey.

Ambassador Maxian, who has lived in India for over two decades

delivered a detailed presentation on Slovakia's economic and trade landscape. He described Slovakia as a strategically located investment destination at the heart of Europe, fully integrated within the European Union, Eurozone, and Schengen Area. He emphasized its strong credit ratings from Standard & Poor's, Moody's, and Fitch, and highlighted the country's highly open economy, with an export-to-GDP ratio of 92.4%—the highest in the EU. He noted that Slovakia leads the world in car production per capita, underlining the automotive sector's central role.

Turning to bilateral relations, the Ambassador pointed out that Indo-Slovak trade has more than doubled in the past five years and is projected to cross USD 1 billion in 2024. India exports garments, auto parts, and iron ore to Slovakia, while Slovakia exports passenger cars and machinery. He identified green hydrogen, manufacturing, and wastewater management as priority sectors for collaboration, alongside opportunities in advanced technologies and sustainability.

In response to questions from attendees, Ambassador Maxian expressed openness to exploring cooperation in aerospace, automation, film and entertainment, food processing, and technology partnerships. He reaffirmed Slovakia's commitment to expanding its share in India's trade from the current 0.5% to a more significant level, stressing the need for deeper engagement and mutual partnerships.

FIRST MEETINGS OF SEVEN SECTOR COMMITTEES EU CHAMBERS, MUMBAI (NOV–DEC 2024)



The Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India successfully held the first meetings of Seven sector committees between November–December 2024, engaging over 150 leaders from Indian and European companies.

The Shipping & Logistics Committee (18 Nov, Mumbai) focused on revitalization, proposing a 24/7 digital platform, website section, and WhatsApp group to address logistics challenges and promote India–EU collaboration.

The Legal & Regulatory Committee (22 Nov) emphasized surveys, newsletters, and sector-specific initiatives (Gift City, litigation funding). Key actions include fraud prevention programs, cross-border dispute sessions, and simplified compliance guides

The Education Committee (28 Nov) discussed industry–academia linkages, student mobility, scholarships, AI, sustainability, and healthcare in education. Plans include the EU–India Summit 2025, skill certification, and EU recognition of Indian professionals.

The Consultancy & Services Committee (29 Nov) identified compliance barriers and cultural integration challenges. Subgroups will draft ease-of-doing-business guidelines and organize quarterly seminars.

The Manufacturing Committee (6 Dec) discussed BIS standards, contract manufacturing, surveys, site visits, and networking events to enhance EU–India trade.

The Tourism & Hospitality Committee (10 Dec) targeted emerging EU destinations, visa facilitation, and collaboration with the European Travel Commission.

The BFSI Committee (13 Dec) addressed high GST on insurance, data privacy, trade insurance gaps, outdated valuation models, and member engagement.

These 7 committee meetings laid a strong foundation for collaborative projects and sectoral growth in 2025.

MEETING WITH THE SPAIN DELEGATION, MR. NACHO TOMÁS RUIZ AND MS. LUCÍA LÓPEZ FROM MURCIA AT EU CHAMBERS, MUMBAI

2ND DECEMBER, 2024



The EU Chambers hosted an engaging roundtable discussion with distinguished Spanish delegates, Mr. Nacho Tomás Ruiz of N7 Agencia de Publicidad, Comunicación Marketing, and Ms. Lucía López from Chambers of Commerce Murcia. The session highlighted shared commitment to advancing EU-India collaboration, fostering cross-cultural partnerships, and promoting economic growth.

Skillfully moderated by Mr. Anand Pandey, Executive Director, UCAM Mumbai Campus, the dialogue created a platform for meaningful exchange among industry leaders.

and experts. Discussions centered on innovative pathways to expand bilateral ties, new trade opportunities, and mutual growth in marketing, communications, and commerce. The deliberations emphasized the importance of leveraging common values, cultural heritage, and economic strengths to build bridges between Spain and India. Delegates explored possibilities in education, entrepreneurship, technology, and business development, underscoring the scope for sustainable cooperation.

This initiative marked a significant step towards building global partnerships rooted in inclusivity and innovation. It reaffirmed a shared vision for long-term prosperity and deeper engagement between the EU and India.

PHARMA & LAB EXPO 2025 BENGALURU INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE (BIEC), BENGALURU 8TH -10TH JANUARY, 2025



The 18th Edition of the Pharma & Lab Expo 2025, held from January 8 to 10 at the Bengaluru International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), served as a major platform to showcase growth and innovation in the pharmaceutical and laboratory sectors. Organized by PharmaTech Expo, it brought together pharmaceutical equipment manufacturers, lab technology providers, healthcare solution companies, and industry professionals from India and overseas.

The Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India was a key supporter of the Expo, underlining its commitment to strengthening EU-India collaborations in life sciences. By supporting the event, the Chamber emphasized the role of

European businesses in India's evolving pharmaceutical ecosystem while promoting opportunities for technology transfer, joint ventures, and sustainable partnerships.

The EU Chambers had a dedicated stall where Director Dr. Renu Shome welcomed industry leaders, officials, and visitors. The stall highlighted the Chamber's initiatives and positioned Gujarat as an important hub for European businesses, given its strong pharmaceutical clusters and conducive policies. The participation of EU Chambers added a distinct international dimension to the Expo, reinforcing its role as a bridge for dialogue, partnerships, and investment between Europe and India.

ROUNDTABLE WITH BENGALURU MEMBERS HOTEL RADISSON BLUE ATRIA, BENGALURU

8TH JANUARY 2025



Outreach programme with Bengaluru based members was organized from diverse sectors such as manufacturing, logistics, tourism, education, and consultancy. The primary aim was to update members on recent initiatives and gather feedback, particularly on the formation of sector-specific committees. Key discussions included the impact of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) on exports, the importance of sector-specific events, trust building, and enhancing the Chamber's digital presence. Members also proposed showcasing case studies of successful EU-India business collaborations and recommended creating a verified consultant directory. An exciting proposal to establish a physical office in Bengaluru was also introduced and will be assessed for feasibility.

Action points included circulating committee sign-up forms, launching a feedback questionnaire, planning focused virtual meets, and improving visibility for member companies through directories and case studies. The session marked a significant step in deepening engagement with southern India's business community.

SEMINAR ON EU-INDIA PHARMACEUTICAL COLLABORATION, BENGALURU

9TH JANUARY 2025



The seminar on EU-India Pharmaceutical Collaboration was a major highlight, focused on strengthening partnerships through regulatory alignment, technological innovation, and mutual growth opportunities. The inaugural session featured insights from Mr. Prashant Gokhale, Senior VP of BCIC, and Mr. Robin Banerjee, Senior VP of EU Chambers, who emphasized the strategic significance of EU-India ties. Key presentations followed, including one by Mr. Aarjav Shah, CEO of PharmaTechnologyIndex, on global GMP trends, and Mr. Dinesh Mahandale, VP at Relicare Tech Services, who explored cutting-edge pharmaceutical technologies.

A high-powered panel discussion, moderated by Mr. Banerjee, brought together leading experts Mr. Pravin Iyer, Managing Director, Relicare Tech Services Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Rajnish Agrawal, Managing Director, Emball ISO India Packaging Pvt. Ltd., Ing. Hana Onderkova, Director, Czech Trade Bengaluru, Mr. Harish K Jain, Director, Embiotic laboratories Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Jayant Nadiger, Trade & Investment Commissioner, Flanders Belgium to delve into opportunities for regulatory harmonization and strategic collaboration.

MEETING WITH H.E. MR HERVE DELPHIN, EU AMBASSADOR NEW DELHI

24TH JANUARY 2025

On 24th January 2025, a delegation from The Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India comprising Mr. Rajeev Sharma (President), Mr. Robin Banerjee (Senior Vice President), Mr. Siladitya Sarangi (Vice President), and Dr. Renu Shome (Director) met H.E. Mr. Hervé Delphin, Ambassador of the European Union to India, along with Mr. Petros Sourmelis, Head of Trade and Economic Affairs, at the EU Delegation office.

The meeting was insightful, constructive, and highly engaging, focusing on enhancing EU–India cooperation, promoting investments, encouraging innovation, and further strengthening long-term economic and business ties. Ambassador Delphin acknowledged the significant role of the EU Chambers in promoting B2B engagements, facilitating trade dialogues, and building trusted networks between European and Indian companies. He advised on formalizing a Memorandum of Understanding with FEBI, clearly defining complementary roles—FEBI concentrating on policy advocacy and representation before Indian authorities, while EU Chambers continues to spearhead B2B facilitation, trade promotion, and business collaborations.

The discussion also highlighted the importance of deepening EU–India relations through sector-specific programs, B2B matchmaking, thematic seminars, joint workshops, and promotional campaigns to showcase successful EU–India collaborations.

The delegation expressed gratitude to Ambassador Delphin for his guidance, encouragement, and continued support, and reaffirmed the Chamber's strong

MEETING WITH SHRI L. SATYA SRINIVAS, IRS, ADDL. SECRETARY EUROPE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY GOVT. OF INDIA, NEW DELHI

24TH JANUARY 2025



Mr. Robin Banerjee, Senior Vice President, Mr. Siladitya Sarangi, Vice President, and Dr. Renu Shome, Director, The EU Chambers, met Shri L. Satya Srinivas, IRS, Additional Secretary (Europe), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, to discuss opportunities for strengthening EU–India trade and business linkages. The delegation outlined the Chamber's 33-year legacy, its representation of 1,126 member companies, and its sectoral focus across BFSI, Education, Consultancy & Services, Manufacturing, Legal & Regulatory, Shipping & Logistics, and Tourism & Hospitality. They highlighted the Council's support to smaller EU countries lacking bilateral chambers, its role in hosting delegations, facilitating B2B partnerships, and extending informal dispute resolution support.

Shri Srinivas appreciated the Chamber's grassroots outreach and particularly acknowledged its relevance in assisting SMEs and businesses from lesser-represented EU countries such as Latvia, Slovenia, and Portugal. He emphasized that while larger EU economies are already represented through bilateral chambers, the Council's unique contribution lies in bridging gaps for smaller nations and providing confidence to first-time entrants to the Indian market. He welcomed the Council's readiness to collaborate with the Ministry and recognized its value in supporting state-level investor summits, engaging European SMEs, and complementing government efforts during India–EU FTA negotiations. Shri Srinivas also conveyed his openness to participate in the Council's future events and summits, reaffirming the scope for deeper cooperation in line with India's strategic priorities.

MEETING WITH SHRI TANMAYA LAL, SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, GOVT. OF INDIA NEW DELHI

24TH JANUARY 2025



Mr. Robin Banerjee, Senior Vice President, and Dr. Renu Shome, Director, The Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India, met Shri Tanmaya Lal, Secretary (West & Central Europe), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to discuss ways of deepening EU–India cooperation. The meeting served as a platform to brief the Ministry on the Chamber’s role while receiving valuable insights on future priorities.

Mr. Banerjee introduced the Council as a neutral, apolitical and self-funded platform representing over 1,100 member companies, facilitating trade, investment, education, and cultural exchange between India and the EU. He outlined initiatives such as the EU–India Education Summit, business delegations, dispute resolution mechanisms, and sectoral activities across BFSI, Manufacturing, Tourism & Hospitality, Consultancy & Services, Legal & Regulatory, Shipping & Logistics, and Education.

SECOND MEETING OF THE CHAIRPERSONS & CO-CHAIRPERSONS OF SECTOR COMMITTEES, DEOLEO’S OFFICE MUMBAI

3RD FEBRUARY 2025



The 2nd meeting of the Chairpersons and Co-Chairpersons of the EU Chamber’s Sector Committees was held on February 03, 2025, at Deoleo’s office in Mumbai, with hybrid participation. Mr. Rajeev Sharma, President, welcomed the members and emphasized reviewing progress and setting clear priorities for the coming months. The BFSI Committee, chaired by Mr. Amit Roy, emphasized integrating survey feedback into strategic planning, building cross-committee collaboration, and initiating two immediate action points including preparation for a Fintech-focused conference. The Consultancy & Services

Committee, led by Ms. Manasi Pandey, proposed developing a comprehensive directory of consultants, launching regular webinars, and conducting surveys to map gaps in advisory support, positioning the Chamber as a reliable knowledge and regulatory facilitator. The Education Committee, under Mr. Venkata Sastry, outlined plans for the EU–India Education Summit on March 7, 2025, focusing on joint academic programs, student mobility, sustainability practices, and exploring scholarship initiatives to strengthen bilateral education ties. The Legal & Regulatory Committee, chaired by Mr. Suhail Nathani, prioritized addressing BIS-related barriers, fraud prevention, customs valuation, and creating tailored arbitration solutions, alongside proposing a monthly legal newsletter.

The Manufacturing Committee, led by Mr. David Stevenson, stressed the need for member-driven surveys to shape white papers and policy workshops, with an aim to influence reforms. The Shipping & Logistics Committee, co-chaired by Mr. Shabbir Rangwala and Ms. Anuradha Tripathi, advanced plans to launch a 24/7 logistics helpline, schedule quarterly reviews, and address customs and taxation challenges. The Tourism & Hospitality Committee, under Ms. Sheetal Munshaw, proposed a high-profile Delhi summit, benchmarking tourism policies, and promoting EU destinations with untapped potential. In closing, Mr. Siladitya Sarangi appreciated the proactive inputs and urged committees to finalize action calendars, ensuring alignment with the Chamber’s strategic priorities.

2ND EDUCATION SECTOR COMMITTEE MEETING WELINGKAR INSTITUTE'S OFFICE, MUMBAI 10TH FEBRUARY 2025



The second meeting of the Education Committee of the EU Chambers was held on February 10, 2025, at the Welingkar Institute's office, Mumbai, chaired by Prof. Dr. Uday Salunkhe with Dr. N. Venkata Sastry as Co-Chair. The committee confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting and reviewed insights from a stakeholder survey to shape member-driven initiatives. A key focus was the forthcoming EU–India Education Summit 2025, scheduled for March 7 at the Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai. Members emphasized themes of student mobility, sustainability in curriculum, and skill development for employability. The meeting concluded with a strong commitment from members to support the summit and drive collaborative educational programs throughout 2025.

ROUNDTABLE WITH GOVT OF KARNATAKA OFFICIALS BENAGLURU PALACE, BENAGLURU

11TH - 14TH FEBRUARY 2025



The EU Chambers of Commerce in India participated actively in Invest Karnataka 2025, the Global Investors Summit held in Bengaluru from February 11–14, 2025. The Chamber contributed through policy dialogue & industry engagement, notably hosting a Roundtable on Strengthening

EU–India Partnerships with Emphasis on Karnataka on February 13 at Bangalore Palace. The session opened with Mr. Robin Banerjee, Senior Vice President, who highlighted the Chamber's initiatives in promoting trade and investment between the EU and India, especially for smaller EU member states. Dr. Renu Shome, Director, reaffirmed the Council's commitment and noted that Karnataka already hosts more than 90 EU companies, making it a natural hub for deeper collaboration. The discussion featured insights from European industry leaders and diplomats on opportunities in advanced manufacturing, renewable energy, smart city development, water treatment, agri-processing, design-led innovation, and regulatory facilitation. Policy and taxation challenges for new entrants were also highlighted, alongside proposals for greater support in dispute resolution and faster approvals. From the government's side, Mr. B.K. Shivakumar, MD, VTTC, outlined Karnataka's pro-business policies, single-window clearance system, and skilled workforce, while Mr. M.B. Patil, Hon'ble Minister for Large & Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development, emphasized Karnataka's leadership in innovation and its openness to European investment and technology partnerships. Concluding the session, Mr. Banerjee proposed establishing a dedicated EU Chambers office in Bengaluru to serve as a focal point for European businesses. The meeting strengthened dialogue on policy support, investment facilitation, and cross-border partnerships, reaffirming Karnataka's position as a strategic gateway for EU–India collaboration.

EU PAVILION AT INVEST KARNATAKA 2025 BENAGLURU PALACE, BANGALORE

11TH - 14TH FEBRUARY 2025



The EU Chambers hosted a dedicated EU Pavilion at Invest Karnataka 2025, held in Bengaluru from February 11–14, 2025. Designed as a showcase of European innovation and business excellence, the Pavilion featured three stalls representing Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, France, Spain, Slovenia, Netherlands, Denmark, and Poland. The Pavilion attracted significant attention from Indian and international stakeholders, drawing policymakers, investors, and business leaders. Delegates explored opportunities across advanced manufacturing, renewable energy, water technologies, smart cities, agri-processing, and design innovation. The Pavilion also served as an active networking hub, enabling B2B meetings and collaborative discussions that highlighted joint venture possibilities, technology transfer, and market access. With its strong presence and high engagement, the EU Pavilion reinforced the visibility of European companies in Karnataka and provided a strategic platform for fostering EU–India partnerships in priority growth sectors.

INVEST MADHYA PRADESH BHOPAL

24TH - 25TH FEBRUARY 2025



Dr. Renu Shome, Director, **The Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India**, met with Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, **Dr Mohan Yadav**, and Chief Secretary Anurag Jain for exploring opportunities in Madhya Pradesh

- EU Chambers participated in the 8th Invest MP Summit (Feb 24-25, 2025) in Bhopal, organized by Madhya Pradesh's Department of Industrial Policy and Investment Promotion.

- EU Chambers led a focused business delegation, including representatives from the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia, Forvis Mazars, Poles Luxe, and Deo Leo India Pvt. Ltd.

4TH EU-INDIA EDUCATION SUMMIT THE TAJ MAHAL PALACE, MUMBAI

7TH MARCH 2025



The 4th EU–India Education Summit, themed “Innovate, Collaborate, Educate: A New Era for a Sustainable Future”, was held on March 7, 2025, at Rendezvous, The Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai. Organized by the Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India under the aegis of its Education Committee, the summit drew over 90 distinguished participants from academia, government, industry, and the diplomatic community.

The Inaugural Session commenced with a welcome address by Mr. Robin Banerjee, Senior Vice President, EU Chambers, who highlighted the growing importance of EU–India collaboration in building sustainable learning ecosystems. Prof. Dr. Uday Salunkhe, Chairman, Education Committee, introduced the theme, emphasizing curriculum reform, industry–academic partnerships, and embedding sustainability into education. Mr. Martin Hellström, Vice-Chancellor, Mälardalen University, Sweden, called for ethical leadership and sustainability-driven curricula across disciplines. In a special video message, Smt. Sujata Saunik, Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra, stressed education’s transformative role in enabling green development. Shri Rajiv Jalota, IAS, delivered the keynote address, underlining vocational training, digital transformation, and benchmarking India’s skill models against Germany and China.

Session I: Innovative Ways for Encouraging Student Mobility Between India and Europe, moderated by Mr. Nilesh Gaikwad, Co-Chairman, Education Committee, featured insights from Prof. Dr. René Rüttimann on leveraging diaspora mentorship and easing visa frameworks; Ms. Maud Le Bars on expanding Erasmus+ and alumni support; Mr. Damir Iovic on interdisciplinary learning linked to climate and technology; Mr. Chintan Joshi on cultural orientation and digital pre-departure modules; and Mr. Sabir Kumar Samad on collaborative funding models and scholarships. The session emphasized digital/hybrid models and inclusivity in mobility programmes.

Session II: Developing a Sustainable, Green and Well-Governed Ecosystem, moderated by Dr. Venkata Sastry, Co-Chairman, Education Committee, included Mr. Kartikeya Anand on Andhra Pradesh’s renewable energy and AI-driven green skills; Dr. Samir Karkhanis on ESG-linked ROI and industry-led sustainability narratives; Mr. Siladitya Sarangi, Vice President, EU Chambers, on integrating green education into NEP frameworks; and Mr. Kedar Rele on AI’s role in sustainable manufacturing. Audience interventions, such as innovations in cool roof coatings, reinforced practical adoption of green technologies.

The summit concluded with Dr. David Esow summarizing takeaways: stronger EU–India academic partnerships, enhanced student and faculty mobility, sustainability-focused research, and embedding climate literacy in education. The event closed with a networking lunch, supported by Platinum Sponsors WeSchool and Yangpo, Gold Sponsor Hindustan Group of Institutions, and other valued partners.

MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF FRONIUS INDIA PVT. LTD. PUNE

21ST MARCH 2025



Dr. Renu Shome, Director, The Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India met with Mr. Mitesh Shukla, Head of Sales, Fronius India, in Pune

Discussions focused on their sustainability practices, skill development initiatives, and collaboration with educational institutions. The visit reinforced the Council's commitment to supporting EU member companies and enhancing EU-India industrial cooperation through strategic engagement and outreach.

VISIT OF DR. RENU SHOME AT THE TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, NESS WADIA COLLEGE, PUNE

21ST - 22ND MARCH 2025



The Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India was invited to the 26th Late Principal Dr. B. S. Bhanghe Memorial International Multidisciplinary Conference, hosted by Modern Education Society's Ness Wadia College of Commerce, Pune, on March 21–22, 2025. Dr. Renu Shome, Director, EU Chambers, inaugurated the conference and delivered the keynote address.

In her remarks, Dr. Shome emphasized the intersection of digital transformation and sustainability, stressing how these forces are shaping the future of global business and education. She underlined the importance of vocational training, cultural orientation, and global awareness as critical skills for India's youth to succeed in international markets. Highlighting the role of intercultural understanding, multilingualism, and academic exchange programs, she noted these as vital tools for fostering both personal and professional growth among students and faculty.

Her address set the tone for the two-day event, encouraging academia and industry to collaborate more closely in preparing globally competitive talent.

33 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE, GROWTH AND TOGETHERNESS

27TH MARCH 2025



The Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India celebrated its 33rd anniversary, marking more than three decades of excellence, service, and partnership. The day began with a Satyanarayana Pooja, invoking blessings for continued growth, harmony, and prosperity. The ceremony also coincided with the formal inauguration of the Council's newly renovated office premises, reflecting its evolving identity as a dynamic and collaborative institution. The celebrations continued with a ribbon-cutting ceremony led by senior office bearers and special guests, symbolically opening the upgraded workspace. A cake-cutting ceremony followed, commemorating 33 years of service and reinforcing the values of unity, continuity, and progress. The gathering created an atmosphere of camaraderie and reflection, as members and guests shared in the joy of this milestone. Looking ahead, the Council reaffirmed its commitment to deepening partnerships, enabling meaningful engagement, and embracing new opportunities for EU-India collaboration.

NETWORKING MEETING INDO SPANISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, PUNE

2ND APRIL 2025



The Indo Spanish Chamber of Commerce (ISCC) hosted a Networking High Tea on April 2, 2025, at Hotel Blue Diamond, Pune, with participation from chambers, business associations, government bodies, Spanish companies, and the Economic & Commercial Office of Spain. On this occasion, ISCC signed an MoU with the Manufacturers Association of Satara (MAS) to promote bilateral cooperation. Dr. Renu Shome, Director, EU Chambers, delivered a presentation outlining the Chamber's role in supporting smaller EU countries, engaging with EU diplomacy, facilitating business linkages, and participating in state-level summits. She also clarified EU Chambers' distinct role vis-à-vis FEBI and welcomed collaboration with ISCC.

MEETING WITH H.E. MATEJA VODEB GHOSH, AMBASSADOR & MS. TEA PIRIH ECONOMIC COUNSELLOR, EMBASSY OF SLOVENIA TO INDIA

4TH APRIL 2025



The EU Chambers hosted a roundtable meeting with H.E. Ms. Mateja Vodeb Ghosh, Ambassador of Slovenia to India, and Ms. Tea Pirih, Economic Counsellor, to strengthen India–Slovenia trade and economic relations. The session opened with Mr. Robin Banerjee, Senior Vice President, who emphasized the Chamber's role in facilitating EU–India cooperation. Dr. Renu Shome, Director, presented the Chamber's mission & initiatives through a video and presentation, underlining its

support for B2B facilitation, sectoral expertise, and bilateral networking. Both dignitaries were felicitated by Mr. Banerjee, Mr. Siladitya Sarangi, and Dr. Shome. Ambassador Ghosh provided an insightful overview of Slovenia's economic strengths, noting its strategic location as a gateway to the EU and Balkan markets, a robust economy with low inflation and unemployment, and strong industrial clusters in pharmaceuticals, machinery, automotive components, and electrical equipment. She highlighted the Port of Koper as a vital logistics hub and emphasized Slovenia's membership in the EU, Eurozone, Schengen Area, and OECD, along with its reputation for sustainability and innovation.

Ms. Tea Pirih elaborated on practical areas of cooperation and support mechanisms, including partner due diligence, visa advisory for students and professionals, navigation of Indian regulatory frameworks, and Slovenia's transparent FDI ecosystem.

Both stressed high-potential sectors for collaboration: automotive and e-mobility, pharmaceuticals and R&D, green technologies, AI and robotics, ICT and gaming, logistics, and smart cities. Ambassador Ghosh also announced forthcoming Slovenian delegations across logistics, ICT, food, sustainability, hydrogen, and medtech, led by senior ministers.

The discussion concluded with a shared commitment to deepen bilateral ties, with EU Chambers pledging facilitation support and Slovenia reaffirming its enthusiasm for enhanced cooperation in innovation, trade, and sustainability.

MEETING WITH SECRETARY GENERAL FEBI JIO CENTER, MUMBAI

10TH APRIL 2025



Dr. Renu Shome, Director, The Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India, met Ms. Sonia Parashar, Secretary General, Federation of European Business in India (FEBI), over a luncheon meeting at Jio Center. The meeting was a follow-up to earlier discussions with the EU Delegation, including the suggestion of Ambassador H.E. Mr. Hervé Delphin, encouraging closer coordination between EU Chambers and FEBI. Both sides agreed that while their roles are distinct, they are complementary—FEBI focusing on policy advocacy and regulatory

representation, and EU Chambers on B2B facilitation, trade promotion, and networking. Key takeaways included maintaining open dialogue, exploring an MoU, and planning a proposed office bearers' meeting to build trust and identify areas of synergy.

The meeting concluded on a constructive note, with both organizations expressing mutual respect and a shared intent to collaborate pragmatically where opportunities align.

MEETING WITH SHRI JAYKUMAR RAWAL, HON'BLE MINISTER OF PROTOCOL, MARKETING & AGRICULTURE, GOVT OF MAHARASHTRA

16TH APRIL 2025



The Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India held a high-level meeting with Shri Jaykumar Rawal, Hon'ble Minister of Protocol, Marketing & Agriculture, Government of Maharashtra, at Sahyadri Guest House, Mumbai. The objective was to strengthen bilateral cooperation between Maharashtra and the European Union in agriculture, technology, education, and sustainable development.

Dr. Renu Shome, Director, EU Chambers, presented the Chamber's role in bridging EU-India business ties,

sectoral expertise, and government collaborations. Mr. Robin Banerjee, Senior Vice President, emphasized Maharashtra's strategic importance, calling for a structured roadmap for EU engagement across agriculture, technology, and education.

The Hon'ble Minister welcomed the Chamber's proposals and outlined opportunities for EU investments in agri-infrastructure, precision farming, post-harvest management, and R&D collaborations, particularly in Nashik, Amravati, and Nagpur. He encouraged the Chamber to facilitate global market access for Maharashtra's MSMEs and FPOs while promoting joint research and training with European universities. Key outcomes included the decision to establish a Maharashtra-EU Trade Desk at EU Chambers' Mumbai office, shortlisting five EU focus countries for sectoral engagement, and organizing an Agri-focused seminar and delegation visits to Europe. A joint review meeting will be held within three months.

This engagement marked an important step in aligning Maharashtra's strengths with EU priorities, reinforcing a shared commitment to deeper trade and investment partnerships.

VISIT OF DR. RENU SHOME AT THE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION SIGMA UNIVERSITY VADODARA, GUJARAT

20TH APRIL 2025



Sigma University hosted a roundtable discussion on "Industry 5.0 & Role of Universities" from April 18–20, 2025, in Vadodara. Dr. Renu Shome joined global leaders to discuss AI, ethics, and academia-industry collaboration. An MoU was signed between The Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India and Sigma University to deepen cooperation.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH H.E. SHRI MANISH, INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TO THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, EU CHAMBERS, MUMBAI

23RD APRIL 2025



The EU Chambers hosted an interactive session in Mumbai with H.E. Shri Manish, High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Cyprus, to explore new avenues of collaboration between India and Cyprus. The meeting opened with remarks by Mr. Robin Banerjee, Senior Vice President, followed by a presentation from Dr. Renu Shome, Director, highlighting the Chamber's initiatives and its role in bridging EU–India trade, investment, and cultural ties. The High Commissioner outlined the strong

potential of the India–Cyprus corridor, noting Cyprus's strategic location as a gateway to the EU, Middle East, and North Africa, a stable macroeconomic outlook, and a business-friendly ecosystem with 12.5% corporate tax, robust IP protection, and an innovation-driven economy. He emphasized opportunities in shipping, logistics, renewable energy, education, ICT, fintech, pharmaceuticals, and legal services. Cyprus's Vision 2035, with goals in digital transformation, green energy, and upskilling, aligns well with India's growth roadmap towards 2047.

The Chamber recognized Cyprus as a focus country and committed to supporting business linkages through delegations, B2B meetings, information exchange, and sectoral forums. It was proposed to facilitate Cyprus–India networking platforms, promote state-level engagement in Maharashtra and other regions, and collaborate with the Cyprus India Business Association for long-term partnerships. The discussion concluded with a shared resolve to leverage complementary strengths and position Cyprus as a key partner in the EU–India economic journey.

FIRST CHAIR & CO-CHAIR COMMITTEE MEETING FOR FY 2025-26 EU CHAMBERS, MUMBAI

29TH MAY 2025



The first Chair and Co-Chair Committee Meeting of the Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India for FY 2025–26 was held on 29 May 2025 in a hybrid format, bringing together representatives from various sectoral committees. The meeting, led by senior leadership and committee heads, focused on aligning the Chamber's annual strategic priorities through collaborative planning and cross-sector engagement.

Each committee shared outcomes from their internal discussions and outlined key areas of focus for the year, emphasizing thought leadership, policy engagement, knowledge-sharing, and member-centric initiatives.

A strong commitment to inter-committee collaboration was affirmed, emphasizing joint initiatives, streamlined communication, and resource optimization, culminating in a unified annual calendar to enhance the Chamber's impact and outreach.

SEMINAR ON BREAKING THE BARRIERS & BUILDING THE BRIDGES, MUMBAI

11TH JUNE 2025



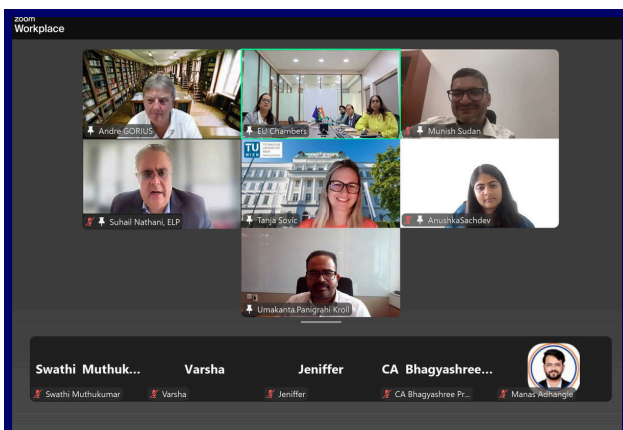
Dr. Renu Shome had the privilege of participating as a panelist at the thought-provoking event hosted by Rhenus Logistics, titled “Breaking the Barriers & Building the Bridges.” The event served as a dynamic platform to explore themes of equity, inclusion, and authentic leadership, fostering meaningful dialogue around dismantling structural and social barriers in the professional landscape. The event was curated by Mr. Vivek Arya and a dedicated team including Anjali Gupta and Namrata Sharma, whose efforts contributed to creating a powerful, insightful experience.

As a moderator, Dr. Shome led one of the panel discussions, guiding an inspiring exchange of personal stories, challenges, and triumphs from a diverse group of panelists. Her engagement emphasized that breaking barriers is not merely about individual accomplishment but about creating pathways for others, building inclusive bridges, and leading with purpose.

The session underlined Rhenus Logistics’ commitment to values that matter — diversity, inclusion, and courageous leadership — and demonstrated how real conversations can drive real change.

WEBINAR ON IP & TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER BETWEEN EU & INDIA

4TH JULY, 2025



The Legal & Regulatory Committee of the EU Chambers, in partnership with K. Singhania & Co., organized its first webinar of 2025 on July 4 on the theme of IP Valuation and Technology Transfer. The session, attended by over sixty professionals from industry, academia, consulting, and the legal sector, was opened by Dr. Renu Shome, Director of the Chamber, who emphasized the Chamber’s legacy in fostering EU–India trade and cultural ties and its commitment to addressing members’ evolving needs through knowledge-sharing initiatives. The keynote address was delivered by Mr. Suhail Nathani, Chairman of the Committee who

highlighted the role of intellectual property valuation as the foundation for fair commercialization, technology transfer, and cross-border collaboration, particularly in fast-growing areas such as AI, semiconductors, and green technologies. A panel discussion moderated by Ms. Srishti Singhania featured insights from experts including Dr. Tanja Sovic from TU Wien on university-led technology transfer, Mr. Munish Sudan from Tata Steel on protecting industrial know-how, Ms. Anushka Sachdev from Timelex on EU competition law compliance, Dr. Andre Gorius from AMAVI on building trust in collaborations, and Mr. Umakanta Panigrahi from Kroll on the financialization of IP. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Krishan Singhania, noting that the webinar offered actionable guidance for Indian businesses engaging with EU partners.

SEMINAR ON UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITIES IN EU-INDIA LIFE SCIENCES & PHARMA ECOSYSTEM, GANDHINAGAR, GUJARAT

6TH AUGUST 2025



The EU Chambers of Commerce in India, in partnership with PharmaTech & LabTech Expo 2025, organized a seminar on Unlocking Opportunities in EU-India Life Sciences and Pharma Ecosystem, moderated by Mr. Robin Banerjee, Senior Vice President, EU Chambers.

Speakers shared key insights: Mr. Parag Swadia (Otsuka) emphasized India's manufacturing strengths alongside the need for R&D and co-innovation. Dr. Abhigyan Upadhyay (Nucleon Research) highlighted joint clinical trials, data harmonization, and startup mentoring. Mr. Jean-Christian Hartemann (SFE Process, France) presented eco-friendly supercritical CO₂ technology. Mr. Devang Vyas (Glenmark) stressed logistics innovations like slip sheets, while Dr. Manish Rachchh (Accuprec Labs) addressed regulatory and IPR challenges for Indian innovators entering EU markets.

The panel called for regulatory harmonization, technology transfer, sustainable supply chains, and academia-industry collaboration.

OUTREACH PROGRAMME WITH MEMBERS HOTEL NOVOTEL, AHMEDABAD

6TH AUGUST 2025



EU Chambers organized a special outreach programme at Novotel, Ahmedabad, bringing together member companies and invited guests. Mr. Robin Banerjee, Senior Vice President, Mr. Siladitya Sarangi, Vice President, and Dr. Renu Shome, Director, outlined the Chamber's mission of representing all 27 EU member states, facilitating trade and business networking, supporting delegations, and offering sector-specific engagement through its committees. They also highlighted the Chamber's contributions in publications government and embassy linkages, consultancy support, and cultural promotion.

The interaction provided members with an opportunity to better understand how the Chamber bridges India and Europe. Discussions touched on the possibility of establishing a Chamber office in Gujarat, given the state's strong FDI inflows and pro-business environment. Members also raised practical questions on building trust in cross-border transactions, accessing European interns and retired professionals, and understanding cultural nuances in doing business with Europe. The leadership emphasized that the Chamber plays a key role in facilitating introductions, supporting delegation-led partnerships, and promoting cultural understanding alongside business linkages.

SEMINAR ON GLOBAL DEALS, LOCAL RULES: NAVIGATING CROSS-BORDER M&A AND FEMA HOTEL NOVOTEL, AHMEDABAD

6TH AUGUST 2025



A Panel Discussion at Novotel, Ahmedabad on “Global Deals, Local Rules: Navigating Cross-Border M&A and FEMA in the Indian Business Context.” It was moderated by Mr. Robin Banerjee (Sr. Vice President, EU Chambers & Chairman, Nucleon Research Pvt. Ltd.).

Panelists included Mr. K. Bharathy (Windar Renewable Energy Pvt. Ltd.), Mr. Praveen Kamat (IFSCA), Mr. Nirav Sheth (iCasperCapFin Advisors LLP & Co-Chair, Consultancy & Services Committee), Mr. Sonal Sinha (IDFC First Bank), Mr. Dharm Veer Singh Krishnawat (Roedl & Partner), and Mr. Santosh Bohra (Forvis Mazars India).

Discussions covered FEMA compliance, financing, valuation, cybersecurity, and cultural sensitivities. Speakers stressed due diligence, structured funding, FEMA-aligned pricing, and integration planning. SMEs were advised to leverage chambers, export financing, and professional networks. Dr. Renu Shome closed the session, thanking IDFC First Bank (sponsor), welcoming Madhav Plastomech Pvt. Ltd. as Life Member, and reaffirming EU–India engagement in Gujarat.

MEETING WITH CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF GUJARAT GANDHINAGAR

6TH AUGUST 2025



A high-level meeting was held at Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, between EU Chambers of Commerce in India and senior officials of the Government of Gujarat, led by Shri Pankaj Joshi, Chief Secretary, along with Shri Swaroop P., Industries Commissioner, and Shri K.C. Sampat, MD, iNDEXTb. Representing the Chamber were Mr. Robin Banerjee, Senior VP, Mr. Siladitya Sarangi, VP, Dr. Renu Shome, Director, and Mr. Rajiv Gupta, Co-Chair BFSI Committee.

The Chamber emphasized its 33-year track record in facilitating EU–India business relations and proposed establishing a permanent presence in Gujarat, with Ahmedabad as a suggested hub. It positioned itself as a bridge for European companies exploring Gujarat and requested government support in terms of space, facilitation, and institutional collaboration. The Chamber also recalled its role as an official partner at Vibrant Gujarat 2024

Government officials welcomed the proposal and acknowledged the Chamber’s role in promoting Gujarat in Europe. They suggested exploring Sanand and Dholera for opportunities in semiconductors and smart cities, and GIFT City for financial sector engagement. The Chamber was encouraged to submit a formal letter of intent for office setup and to actively participate in upcoming regional Vibrant Gujarat summits, with focus on agro-processing, startups, renewable energy, and GIDC-led initiatives.

This dialogue reaffirmed mutual commitment, with Gujarat promising facilitation support.

MEETING WITH MR. K. C. SAMPAT, IAS, MD, INDEXTB GANDHINAGAR, GUJARAT

6TH AUGUST 2025



A delegation of the Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India met Mr. K. C. Sampat, IAS, Managing Director, Industrial Extension Bureau (iNDEXTb), at Gandhinagar to discuss the Chamber's proposal for a permanent presence in Gujarat. Represented by Mr. Robin Banerjee, Senior Vice President, Mr. Siladitya Sarangi, Vice President, Dr. Renu Shome, Director, and Mr. Rajiv Gupta, Co-chair BFSI Committee, the Chamber emphasized its role in representing all 27 EU member states and expressed the need for an office in Gujarat to support European businesses entering the state.

Mr. Sampat welcomed the idea and suggested collaboration with existing chambers such as GCCI and KCCI, either through space-sharing or joint initiatives, while ensuring EU Chambers' independent identity remained intact. He also highlighted the importance of combining business promotion with cultural linkages, encouraging EU Chambers to build on its track record of EU Day celebrations and cultural exchanges.

Outlining Gujarat's strengths, Mr. Sampat showcased projects like Dholera SIR, Sanand, Dahej PCPIR, and Mandal-Becharaji SIR, alongside growth in auto-components, engineering, pharmaceuticals, agro-processing, and renewable energy. He invited EU Chambers to actively partner in the upcoming regional Vibrant Summits across Vadodara, Rajkot, Surat, and Mehsana, offering opportunities for dedicated seminars and B2B networking.

Both sides agreed that a Gujarat office would serve as a focal point for EU businesses, with iNDEXTb assuring facilitation support and encouraging MoUs with local chambers to formalize collaboration.

PARTICIPATION AT PHARMATECH & LABTECH EXPO HELIPAD EXHIBITION CENTRE, GANDHINAGAR, GUJARAT

5-7TH AUGUST 2025



(EU Chambers) participated in the 20th Edition of Pharmatech & Labtech Expo, held from August 5-7, 2025, at the Helipad Exhibition Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. EU Chambers was present at Hall 12.2, Stall No. D87, where it showcased its initiatives, services, and commitment to promoting EU-India collaboration in pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, and laboratory technologies.

The stall served as a hub for engaging with MSMEs, startups, industry professionals, and business leaders.

It highlighted the Chamber's role in supporting bilateral trade, investment, innovation, and technology transfer. Visitors actively explored opportunities for partnerships, regulatory cooperation, and long-term business engagement.

The participation reaffirmed EU Chambers' role as a trusted facilitator of cross-border collaboration, while enhancing visibility, providing networking opportunities, and strengthening ties between the EU and India in the healthcare and life sciences sectors.

PARTICIPATION AT MAHA WORLD EXPO 2025 BOMBAY EXHIBITION CENTRE, MUMBAI

11-13TH AUGUST 2025



The Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India (EU Chambers) actively participated in the Maha World Expo 2025, held from August 11–13, 2025, at the Bombay Exhibition Centre (NESCO), Goregaon (East), Mumbai. Organized by Trinity Ventures, a valued EU Chambers member since 2018, the expo served as a comprehensive platform showcasing opportunities in Solar & Energy, Home & Natural Products, Processed Food, Interiors-Exteriors, Hotel & Catering Supplies, and Premium Consumer Products.

The EU Chambers hosted a dedicated stall that highlighted its initiatives, services, and commitment

to fostering EU–India trade and investment. The stall facilitated meaningful interactions with MSMEs, startups, industry professionals, and business delegates, while promoting membership benefits and cross-border collaboration opportunities.

The participation reaffirmed EU Chambers' role as a trusted facilitator of bilateral cooperation, providing members and stakeholders with enhanced visibility, valuable networking opportunities, and avenues for long-term partnerships.

PARTICIPATION AT ANUGA FOODTECH & ANUGA SELECT EXPO 2025 BOMBAY EXHIBITION CENTRE, MUMBAI

20-22ND AUGUST 2025



EU Chambers participated in Anuga FoodTec India 2025, held from August 20–22 at the Bombay Exhibition Centre (BEC), Mumbai. Organized by Koelnmesse India, a Chamber member, the event served as a premier platform for the food and beverage industry, showcasing advanced technologies, processing, automation, and sustainable packaging solutions. EU Chambers participated with a dedicated stall at Q105, Hall 5, highlighting its services, initiatives, and role in strengthening EU–India business linkages. The stall facilitated active engagement with industry delegates, offering insights into Chamber functions, initiatives, and membership benefits while fostering collaboration opportunities.

The participation generated strong visibility and reinforced EU Chambers' role as a trusted facilitator of cross-border partnerships, underlining its commitment to sustainable solutions, innovation, and an India–EU future-ready food ecosystem.

MEETING WITH MR RAKESH KUMAR, CHAIRMAN, IEML & DIRECTOR GENERAL EPCH, NEW DELHI

1ST SEPTEMBER 2025



Mr. Robin Banerjee (Sr. Vice President), Mr. Siladitya Sarangi (Vice President), and Dr. Renu Shome (Director) of EU Chambers met with Mr. Rakesh Kumar Sharma, Chairman of India Exposition Mart Ltd (IEML)/India Expo Centre & Mart, Chairman of Expo Digital India Pvt. Ltd., and Chief Mentor in the role of Director General, Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH), along with Mr. R. K. Verma, Executive Director, EPCH.

The meeting focused on the new Scheme for International Market Access for Household Textiles, which aims to strengthen exporters' competitiveness in textiles, handicrafts, carpets, handlooms, and lifestyle products. Mr. Sharma explained that the scheme provides financial incentives, international warehousing, showrooms, exhibitions, and e-commerce access, while emphasizing sustainability and inclusivity for artisans, craftsmen, designers, and women entrepreneurs.

He also offered EU Chambers the possibility of using space at IEML for visibility. Both sides expressed intent for collaboration.

MEETING WITH MS. TEA PIRIH, ECONOMIC COUNSELLOR EMBASSY OF SLOVENIA, NEW DELHI

1ST SEPTEMBER 2025



A meeting with Ms. Tea Pirih, Economic Counsellor, Embassy of Slovenia, was held at the Embassy in New Delhi, attended by Mr. Robin Banerjee (Sr. Vice President), Mr. Siladitya Sarangi (Vice President), and Dr. Renu Shome (Director) of EU Chambers.

Ms. Pirih highlighted Slovenia's focus on new technologies, space and defence, and logistics as potential areas for bilateral cooperation. She also shared diplomatic updates, noting that a new Ambassador will assume charge in September 2025, and assured support in facilitating the Ambassador's visit to Mumbai to strengthen ties with industry and EU Chamber stakeholders.

She further announced a Slovenian business delegation visit to India, mainly targeting Delhi, while offering to extend it to Mumbai based on company profiles shared by EU Chambers. The meeting ended with goodwill and agreement on next steps.

MEETING WITH MS. INGA SKRUZMANE, HEAD OF MISSION OF THE EMBASSY OF LATVIA, NEW DELHI

1ST SEPTEMBER 2025



A meeting with Ms. Inga Skruzmane, Head of Mission of the Embassy of Latvia, was held at the Embassy in New Delhi, attended by Mr. Robin Banerjee, Sr. Vice President, Mr. Siladitya Sarangi, Vice President, and Dr. Renu Shome, Director of The Council of EU Chambers of Commerce in India. The objective was to apprise the newly appointed Head of Mission about the Chamber's activities and to discuss areas of future collaboration.

The Chamber delegation highlighted the long-standing and cordial relations between EU Chambers and Latvia. It was recalled that the Chamber has hosted several important delegations from Latvia in the past, including one led by the Prime Minister of Latvia. Equally, the Chamber has facilitated visits of Indian companies to Latvia, thereby strengthening bilateral business linkages and fostering cultural exchange.

The delegation informed Ms. Skruzmane about the forthcoming 33rd Annual General Meeting of the Council, to be held on 17th September 2025 at The Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai, and extended an invitation to her to attend the event as Guest of Honour. They underlined that her participation would not only add value to the occasion but would also reaffirm Latvia's growing engagement with Indian industry through the platform of EU Chambers.

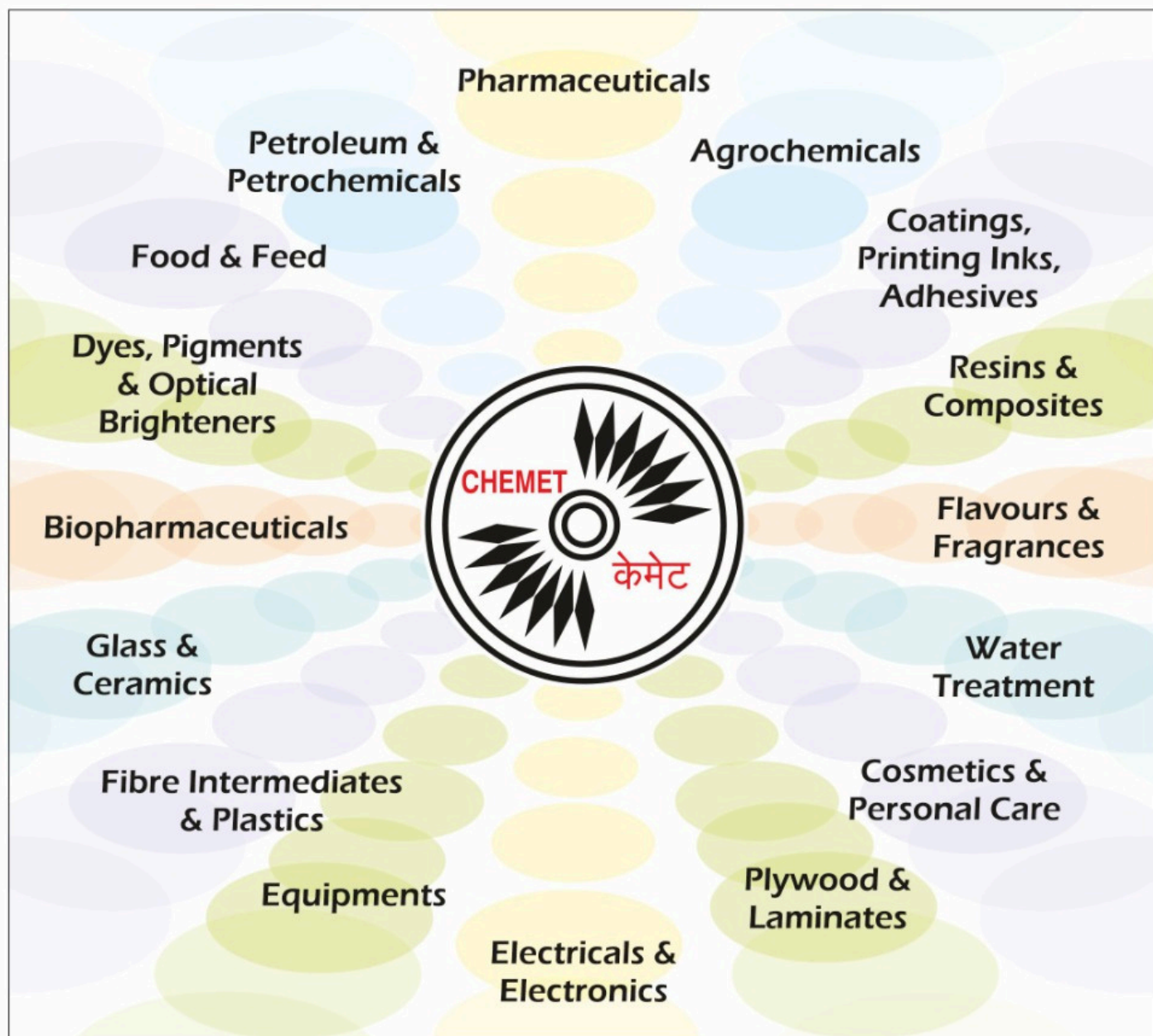
Discussions also centred around the Chamber's proposed business delegation of Indian companies to Latvia in October 2025. The initiative aims to deepen cooperation in trade and investment and to create opportunities for business partnerships across sectors of mutual interest. Ms. Skruzmane welcomed the proposal and expressed the Embassy's willingness to work closely with EU Chambers to ensure the success of this visit.

The meeting concluded on a positive note with both sides agreeing to build on the Chamber's existing relationship with Latvia and to explore new opportunities for collaboration. The Chamber looks forward to Ms. Skruzmane's participation at the upcoming AGM and to partnering with the Embassy in facilitating the October business delegation to Latvia.



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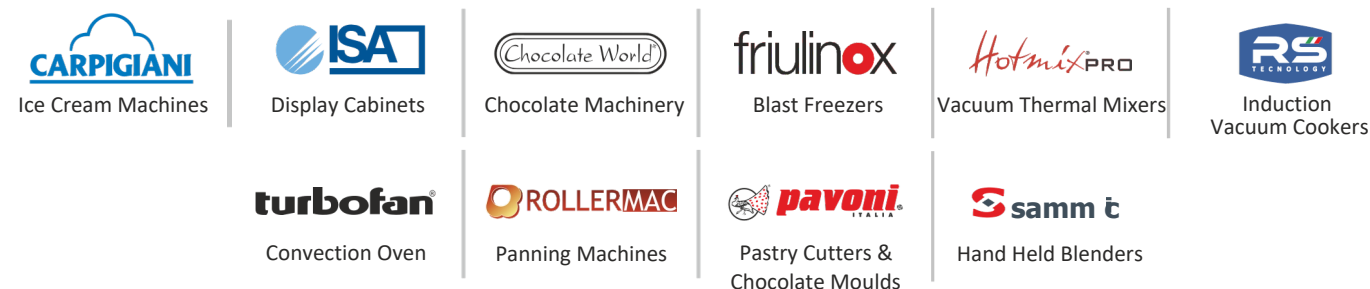
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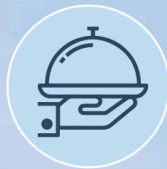
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Gymnasium | Day Spa | Restaurants | Children's Play Area | Cards Room, Reading Lounge | Banquets
& Conferences | Outdoor Catering | 150 Cars Parking | More...

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Location

- Architectural Significance: Modern design, prominent landmark in Nariman Point Hosts
- Cultural and Educational Hub: seminars, workshops, and cultural events
- State-of-the-Art Facilities: Includes auditoriums, conference halls, and meeting rooms
- Prime Real Estate: It features some of the city's most extravagant offices



Facilities

- Air Conditioned Room
- Video Conferencing Facility
- High Speed Internet and WiFi Facilities
- Parking Facility at office premise
- Accommodate 25 pax
- Prime Location in Mumbai



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