



Introduction & Overview

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Who we are

- The European Union Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Southern Africa is a member-driven, non-profit, fee-based organisation representing European business in Southern Africa, established in 2015, after 24 months of consultation.
- The voice of 80% of Foreign Direct Investments in South Africa (2,000 companies with 300, 000 employees).
- Chamber of Chambers
 - France, Germany, Spain, Austria, UK, Belgium, the Netherlands, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Portugal, Central Europe.
- The Chamber is recognised by the European Commission

Governance

- Section 14 (New Companies Act)
- Board of Directors
- Advisory Council
- Members

Our Mission and Role

- Our mission:
 - “To support EU-based companies in advocating towards an attractive investment and business climate in SA through policies which duly acknowledge the essential role of responsible foreign direct investment to the sustainable and inclusive growth of South Africa...”
- Our role:
 - “To bring together and co-ordinate EU member states, bilateral chambers, and EU companies on jointly identified topics with a view to developing a EU-wide approach and advocacy...”

Our Members

- European companies registered as „European Company“ (Latin: *societas Europaea*, SE) and legally established in South Africa, Namibia, Mozambique or Zimbabwe
- Corporations, partnerships and other entities controlled by entities headquartered in a European Union member state OR by a European Union member state passport holder including e.g.:
 - Other listed and unlisted companies (by invitation and application)
 - Chambers of Commerce and Industry
 - Development banks and ECAs

Membership Benefits



Membership Benefits (cont'd)

Advocacy – support your government affairs efforts

- Interaction with working-level and high-level officials
- White papers and policy discussions
- External communications
- Events

Business Intelligence – help you understand policy and market conditions

- Working groups
- Updates
- Training

Community – help you expand your network

- Exclusive networking
- Advertising

Achievements - examples

- Business Climate Investment Survey 2014
- White paper submissions on BBBEE, Immigration, BIT's
- Media quotes regarding sub-standard goods
- Current topics of advocacy and interaction with the government in SA (DTI/NRCS/DHA/SARS/DAFF...):
 - Immigration
 - B-BBEE
 - BIT's and investment code
 - Sub-standard goods and unfair competition (imports)
- Emerging topics dependent on current national priorities (e.g. Energy, Labour, Policy matters...)

Thank You

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the website for the European Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Southern Africa. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://euchamber.co.za/>. The website header features the organization's logo and a search bar. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for ABOUT US, BUSINESS LINKS, MEMBERSHIP, ADVOCACY, WORKING GROUPS, EVENTS, PUBLICATIONS, CAREERS, NEWS, DOCUMENT DEPT, and DIRECTORS. A large banner for the 'Official Launch 2015' is prominently displayed, featuring a green background with a map of Southern Africa and several glasses of beer. Below the banner is a row of national flags representing various European countries. The main content area includes a 'Word from the Executive Chairman' section with a photo of Stefan Sakoschek and a text block. To the right, there is an advertisement for 'ADVERTISING SPACE AVAILABLE' with a graphic of the European Union flag. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock indicating 10:00 AM on 2015/05/18.

