



Register of Commission expert groups and other similar entities

Commission Expert Group

Name: Consultation Forum on Access and benefit sharing (ABS) (E03396)
(Active - Group which operates on a permanent basis)

Abbreviation: ABS Consultation Forum

Policy Area: Environment

Lead DG: ENV - DG Environment

Type: Informal, Permanent

Scope: Limited

Mission: Platform for exchange of information related to the implementation of the EU ABS Regulation and its Implementing Regulation between the interested parties, the representatives of the Member States and the Commission.

Task: Other

To provide advice and expertise to the Commission (Directorate-General for Environment) in relation to the implementation of the EU ABS Regulation and its Implementing Regulation, and to facilitate coordination and cooperation with Member States and stakeholders in that regard.

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Link to Website: http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/biodiversity/international/abs/legislation_en.htm

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Additional Information

Activity Report

Second meeting of the ABS Consultation Forum on 06/03/17

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[Document 2](#)

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[Document 3](#)

(approx. 112 kb)

Activity Report

First meeting of the ABS Consultation Forum on 21/01/16

[Document 1](#)

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[Document 2](#)

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Selection Procedure (members)

Call for applications to become a member of the ABS Consultation Forum

[Document 1](#)

(approx. 107 kb)

Internal Rules of Procedure

The Rules of procedure of the ABS Consultation Forum were adopted in the first meeting of the group. Regarding membership, the total number of eligible applications significantly exceeded the number of available slots for membership and applications from some sectors were particularly numerous. In order to achieve the balanced representation required by the ABS Regulation, some organisations representing closely related interests were merged into groups. The first organisation in the attached document (Members of the Consultation Forum) has been given "Member" status while the other organisations of the groups have been given "Alternate member" status. The organisations merged in groups agree on who will represent the group in each meeting.

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/biodiversity/international/abs/legislation_en.htm

[Document 1](#)

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Members

Type C - Organisation

Name of Organisation	Category	Countries/Areas represented	Membership Status
ARCHE NOAH, Gesellschaft für die Erhaltung der Kulturpflanzenvielfalt und ihre Entwicklung (ARCHE NOAH)	NGOs	European	Member
Association of Manufacturers and Formulators of Enzyme Products (AMFEP)	Trade and business associations	European International	Member
Association of the European Self-Medication Industry (AESGP)	Trade and business associations	European	Member
Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI)	NGOs	European International	Member
CIOPORA	Trade and business associations	European International	Member
Consortium of European Taxonomic Facilities (CETAF)	Academia, Research Institute and Think Tanks	European International	Member
Cosmetics Europe	Trade and business associations	European International	Member
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH (GIZ)	Other Organisations	European International	Member
Deutscher Naturschutzring, Dachverband der deutschen Natur-, Tier- und Umweltschutzverbände (DNR e.V.) (DNR)	NGOs	European	Member
EU Association of Specialty Feed Ingredients and their Mixtures (FEFANA)	Trade and business associations	European	Member
EuropaBio	Trade and business associations	European	Member
European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA)	Trade and business associations	European	Member
European Forum of Farm Animal Breeders (EFFAB)	Trade and business associations	European	Member
European Regional Focal Point for Animal Genetic Resources (ERFP)	Trade and business associations	European	Member
European Seed Association (ESA)	Trade and business associations	European	Member
FoodDrinkEurope (FoodDrinkEurope)	Other Organisations	European	Member
International Biocontrol Manufacturers' Association (IBMA)	Trade and business associations	European International	Member
International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)	Trade and business associations	European International	Member

International Federation for Animal Health-Europe AISBL (IFAH-Europe)	Trade and business associations	European International	Member
International Fragrance Association (IFRA)	Trade and business associations	European International	Member
League of European Research Universities (LERU)	NGOs	European	Member
Science Europe (SE)	Other Organisations	European	Member
Union for Ethical BioTrade (UEBT)	NGOs	European International	Member
The European Federation for Cosmetic Ingredients AISBL (EFFCI)	Trade and business associations	European	Alternate member
BiodivSourcing	Professional Consultancies	European International	Observer
Confédération des Fabricants de Levure de l'Union Européenne (COFALEC)	Trade and business associations	European	Observer
European Flavour Association (EFFA)	Trade and business associations	European International	Observer
European Food & Feed Cultures Association (EFFCA)	Trade and business associations	European	Observer
European Organization of Cosmetic Ingredients Industries and Services (UNITIS)	Trade and business associations	European	Observer
Federation of European Specialty Food Ingredients Industries (ELC)	Trade and business associations	European	Observer
International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH)	Trade and business associations	European	Observer
MIRRI - Microbial Resource Research Infrastructure (MIRRI)	NGOs	European	Observer
World Federation for Culture Collections	Other Organisations	International	Observer

Type D - Member State Authority

Country		Membership Status
Austria	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Belgium	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Bulgaria	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Croatia	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Cyprus	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Czech Republic	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Denmark	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Estonia	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Finland	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
France	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Germany	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Greece	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member

Hungary	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Ireland	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Italy	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Latvia	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Lithuania	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Luxembourg	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Malta	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Netherlands	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Poland	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Portugal	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Romania	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Slovakia	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Slovenia	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Spain	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Sweden	0 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member

Subgroups

No Subgroups assigned to this group.

Statistics

Number of Members: 50

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0

Type C - Organisation: 23

Type D - Member State Authority: 27

Number of Alternate Members: 1

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0

Type C - Organisation: 1

Type D - Member State Authority: 0

Number of Observers: 9

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0

Type C - Organisation: 9

Type D - Member State Authority: 0