



## European Union Chamber of Commerce in China

### Role of Local Board Members and Local Chair

Each chapter of the European Chamber has a local board, elected annually in the same way as the Executive Committee of the Chamber, but by vote of the locally resident members only.

Beijing Chapter does not have a local board, as this function is also fulfilled by ExCo.

Local members may stand for election as members or Chair of the Local Board, and may re-elected twice as member and twice as Chair.

The European Chamber is a devolved organisation, operating within national polices and budget set by ExCo. Within the limits of these polices and budgets, to role of the Local Board is:

- to support and supervise the local General Manager in developing plans and budgets for the local Chapter
- to provide ideas for events to the General Manager
- to assist the General Manager in identifying potential new local members
- to provide feedback on the performance of the local chapter to the General Manager and to the Secretary General
- to co-approve, with the Secretary General and General Manager, appointment and dismissal of local staff In the case of the General manager's appointment or dismissal, to co-approve this with the Secretary General)
- occasionally to represent the Chamber externally.

The Local Board meets every month and members are normally expected to attend.

The Chair of the Local Board leads the Board in the above duties, chairs the meetings of the Board, and more frequently represents the Chamber externally, a responsibility shared with the General Manager.

In the case of a Chapter with over 200 members, the Local Chair is also a co-opted member of ExCo.