



**EUROPE INDIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

## Who benefits?

The EICC is an action oriented organization. Individuals and businesses work through the Chamber to advance economic growth. The Chamber asserts a leadership role in the areas of business retention, development of increased business opportunities through series of activities. The EICC offers the tools needed by business members to continue to grow and thrive. The EICC, with the support of its satellite offices (in Poland, Spain and France) liaises with local/bilateral chamber of commerce to promote our member's interest. By bringing "Pan-European" perspective to its activities and policies EICC ensures serving the larger interest for its members. From its headquarters in Brussels, the Chamber maintains a team of experts to help drive and to meet the challenges and goals, its pro-business agenda and the mission with which it was established. The chamber works to achieve these objectives by means of activities, services and lobbying, such as networking events, trade and investment information, business development opportunities, etc. Chamber's goal is to work diligently to ensure complete satisfaction of our stakeholders and to provide them opportunities for their business development.

## Membership

The EICC offers three types of membership; Corporate, Associate Corporate and Individual. The EICC membership is open to all business houses, small or big, in Europe and India, interested in doing business in the partner country. The EICC Membership Form can be down-loaded from the EICC website.

## Bank Details for Remitting Membership Fees

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## EICC Secretariat

The activities of the EICC are governed by the Board of Directors which represents the diversity of the EU-India business. The Secretariat of the EICC is located in Brussels (Belgium) and the Secretary General of the EICC can be contacted on the following address:

### Secretary General

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*"Harmonising Trade & Investment through Partnership"*



## European Union and India

In recent years, India has become a dominant player on the world stage and it is shaping the new world order. Also there has been a paradigm shift in the way the European Union and other countries of Europe view India. For both the EU and India, international economic relations particularly trade and investment has become the most important component of the bilateral relations. There is growing co-operation between the EU and India on a wide range of issues.

The emergence of India as a major global economic power should not be seen as a threat to Europe but as a precursor to a reliable partnership in peace and development. India and the European Union strengthened their economic relationship by entering into a "Strategic Partnership Agreement" in The Hague on 8th November 2004. This partnership adds a new dimension to the deepening economic and political ties that bind the two democracies: the one with 1.2 billion people likely to emerge as the 3rd largest economy in the world and the other with a 27-country union with 455 million people - both trying to emerge as global powerhouses. The growing partnership also represents a fundamental change in the way the two parties approach the geo-political and economic relationship.

### Introduction

Europe and India are important regional and global players. The partnership between these two large democratic entities is an important constituent in establishing global peace, stability and progress. India's image in Europe is changing. It is seen as a dynamic trailblazer leveraging a knowledge-based economy. A vibrant India is marching ahead but in order to make quantum leaps it has to forge strategies and develop new paradigms for enhancing trade and investment.

For the investors, India is now a land of a billion opportunities. In the corridors of international power the rise of India is seen as an inexorable process. This view is founded on India's nuclear capacity, democratic resilience and economic dynamism. India is becoming one of the faster growing free market economies of the world with a sustainable development model built on a solid foundation of entrepreneurial energy, youthful dynamism and creativity. Brand India is now firmly entrenched in the international psyche. It is seen as a growth engine of the global economy. Therefore the transformation of India into one of the world's leading economies with scientific and technological competence and a stable democracy is a truly phenomenal achievement.



*"Strategic Partnership Agreement"*



*"EICC strives to provide a unified voice for European and Indian industries."*

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### What is EICC and what is does?

Founded on 4 October 2004, the Europe India Chamber of Commerce (EICC) is the premier non-profit, privately funded non-governmental organization that serves as the key liaising body representing the views of both European and Indian business. These include professional communities, companies, enterprises and semi-business groups having common business interest. Its members are leading entrepreneurs and professionals who have contributed a great deal to the development of India and Europe. It is a platform for profitable interaction between the European and Indian business communities.

The vision statement of the EICC states "the EICC represents and serves the interests of member businesses while cooperatively working to create an environment and economic climate for success in the business community in EU and India". It is a forum for enhancing mutual trade and commerce. It strives to provide a unified voice for European and Indian industries. It disseminates business information including intelligence on new business opportunities, geo-political movements and important legal developments pertaining to trade and business. Its primary mission is to foster a bilateral dialogue between key business units and important decision makers, thus encouraging progressive economic policies in both Europe and India. In serving as the "platform for profitable interaction between the European and Indian business communities to enhance trade and commerce in their respective countries", the EICC directs its energies in assisting Indian inbound investments into Europe, and concentrate on outward investments into India to a lesser degree.

