



Brief institutional presentation

The [European Consumers Union \(ECU\)](#) is a European consumer organisation which complies with all of the [condition established by EU Institutions](#). ECU is a non-governmental and non-for-profit organisation which is independent of industry, commercial and business or other conflicting interests. Its primary objective is the promotion and protection of the health, safety, economic and legal interests of European consumers. ECU is mandated to represent consumers' interests at Union level by organisations in at least half of the Member States and it is active at regional and national level. Member organisations are consumers' representative, in accordance with their national rules or practice.

Founded in 2009, ECU is composed by 22 National Consumer Associations coming from 16 EU Member States plus 1 extra Member EU as ratified in the Paris ECU General Assembly 2018.

Members are:

Croatia	ROZP – RAZVOJNA ORGANIZACIJA ZASTITE POTROŠACA
Cyprus	CYPRUS CONSUMERS UNION & QUALITY OF LIFE
Czech Republic	CONSUMER DEFENCE ASSOCIATION OF MORAVIA AND SILESIA
Estonia	NGO HOUSE OF CONSUMERS COOPERATION
France	INDECOSA CGT
Greece	EEKE – UNION OF WORKING CONSUMERS OF GREECE
Hungary	FEBESZ – NATIONAL FEDERATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF CONSUMERS' AND PATIENTS' RIGHTS
Italy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CITTADINANZATTIVA ONLUS• FEDERCONSUMATORI• FEDERCONSUMATORI PIEMONTE• MOVIMENTO CONSUMATORI
Latvia	IMPACT 2040
Lithuania	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CONSUMER RIGHTS PROTECTION CENTER NGO "SAUGOK SAVE"• LITHUANIAN NATIONAL CONSUMER FEDERATION• LITHUANIAN CONSUMER ASSOCIATION
Malta	ASSOCIATION FOR CONSUMER RIGHTS (ACR)
Poland	FUNDACJA KUPIJ ODPOWIEDZIALNIE
Romania	FEDERATION OF CONSUMER ASSOCIATIONS
Serbia	CONSUMERS CENTER OF SERBIA – CEPS
Slovakia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ASSOCIATION OF CONSUMER ORGANIZATIONS IN SLOVAKIA





- SLOVAK CONSUMERS PROTECTION

Spain

ADICAE – CONSUMIDORES CRITICOS, RESPONSABLES Y SOLIDARIOS

Sweden

KONSUMENT FORUM

As EU umbrella Consumer Association, ECU acts in accordance with European principles and pursues social solidarity and the protection of the rights of consumers and users at national and European level in all areas of their interest, as declared in the Statute of the Association.

In the 2017 General Assembly in Brussels were approved and voted the new ECU political Manifesto, Statute and the board. The Steering Committee voted and elected the ECU board.

The ECU board:

- President: **Sergio Veroli**, Federconsumatori, Italy.
- Two Vice-Presidents: **Bozena Stasenкова**, Association of Consumer Organizations in Slovakia, Slovakia; **Guy Beaune**, Indecosa-CGT, France.
- Secretary General: **Mariano Votta**, Cittadinanzattiva Onlus – Active Citizenship Network, Italy.
- Treasurer: **Giovanni Dei Giudici**, Federconsumatori Piemonte, Italy.
- Audit office: **Luigi Spada**, Movimento Consumatori, Italy; **Martine Sellier**, Indecosa CGT; **Paolo Pacchioni**, Movimento Consumatori, Italy.
- Honorary President: **Ugo Mattei**, Prof. Hastings College of the Law, University of California, Prof. University of Torino, Italy.
- Ethic Committee coordinator: **Alvita Armanaviciene**, Lithuanian National Consumer Federation, Lithuania.

The ECU Secretariat:

- Flavia Cavalero, Network Manager
- Fabrizio Paloni, EU Project Officer
- Tatiana Della Carità, Web Manager
- Giuseppe Perretti, Liaison Officer with European Institutions in Brussels

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