



# **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

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**We are delighted that you are interested in joining European Consumer Union (ECU).**

**Becoming a ECU Member means that you will be invited to participate in activities related to improving the consumer's conditions across Europe. Membership will enable you to network with other organizations sharing similar objectives. As a ECU member, you will have the opportunity to contribute to ECU policy making at a European level.**

**We look forward to receiving your application form.**

**For further details about how to apply, please see below:**

## **Guide to application process**

Please complete the form below in Word and email it with supporting documents to [europa.consumatori@gmail.com](mailto:europa.consumatori@gmail.com) (MEGLIO SAREBBE AVERE UN ACCOUNT MAIL IN INGLESE).

ECU will confirm receipt of your application. Please enclose supporting documents.

Following receipt of all documents your application will be sent to the ECU Board, and assessed according to the ECU's Statutes & Bylaws.

### **a. Details of your Organization**

<b>Organization Name:</b>	VšĮ „Saugok save“ /NGO „Protect yourself“
<b>Consumer area:</b>	Not specified/all areas
<b>Year Established:</b>	2011
<b>Number of Staff:</b>	1 on payroll, other volunteer or project based
<b>Number of Volunteers:</b>	3 permanent and 7 project based
<b>General Email Address:</b>	<a href="mailto:info@saugoksave.lt">info@saugoksave.lt</a>
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.saugoksave.lt">www.saugoksave.lt</a>
<b>Postal Address:</b>	Didlaukio 76-4, Vilnius 08326, Lithuania
<b>Telephone Number:</b>	+370 603 47851



**Aims/Mission of your organization.** Please let us know in no more than 100 words, about the work of your organization. (Please ensure that you include either a web address or an email contact, if you would like to share this information via the web.)

Aims of our organization:

- Inform consumers about their rights, activate them and provide consultations in case of disputes
- Consult businesses and industries about best consumer rights practices
- Advise state institutions about development of consumer rights problematic of national and EU level

[www.saugoksave.lt](http://www.saugoksave.lt)

Is your organization recognized at...please state which level	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Local level</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National level <input type="checkbox"/> European level
If your organization is a umbrella organizations, how many members do you have?	No

## b. Contact details

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## c. Type of Membership for your Organization

ECU has two categories of membership: Ordinary Members and Affiliate Members.

- Ordinary Members are involved in the voting process in any General Assembly.
- Affiliate members have no voting right.

For further information, please see the website: <http://europeanconsumersunion.eu>

**Please tick which type of membership you are applying for:**

- i. Ordinary Member
- ii. **Affiliate Member**

**If you are applying for Ordinary Membership, please complete section c i. If you are applying for Affiliate Membership, please go to section c ii.**

## i. Ordinary Membership

To become an ordinary member your organization must fulfill the criteria below.

**Please tick all boxes that apply** to show that your organization is eligible to be an ordinary member.

An ordinary member:

- Must be legally recognized as a consumer organization at national level.
- Must be legally recognized as non-profit and non-governmental organization.
- Must have a legal status appropriate to its country of origin, with a written constitution.

**Please send a copy of your governing document and your legal registration certificate with your completed application form.**

- The organization should state how it can assist ECU in achieving its aims.
- The organization is citizens and consumer based.
- Must be independent from political parties and private groups, as well as from public institutions.



## ii. Associate Membership

- ECU Associate Members must be consumer-related organizations who are not eligible to become ECU Ordinary Members, yet who meet the criteria below. For instance, the Associate Member is legally recognized as a consumer organization just at local level, or it is focus just in a policy, such as mobility, food, energy, etc.

**Please tick all boxes that apply** to show that your organization is eligible to be an Associate Member:

- **Must be non-profit and non-governmental.**
- **Must have a legal status appropriate to its country of origin, with a written constitution and/or by-laws.**

**Please send a copy of your governing document and your legal registration certificate your completed application form (see checklist below).**

- The organization should state how it can assist ECU in achieving its aims.
- The organization may be a multi-stakeholder umbrella coalition or alliance.

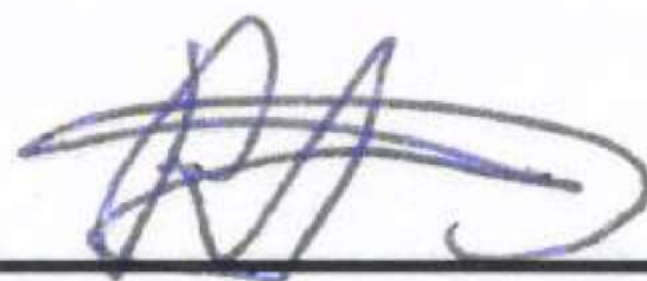
## D. Check list

**We would be grateful if you could ensure that you include the following supporting documents in your application.**

- Your Legal registration certificate
- Your written constitution. Please include a summary in English of how your governing board is elected
- For umbrella organizations or networks, a full list of member organizations

***I confirm that the information above is accurate, and that my organization is eligible to be an Ordinary or Associate Member as defined above, and is committed to furthering the work of European Consumer Union to achieve improvement the consumer's conditions across Europe.***

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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