

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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

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

Organization Name:	Association for Consumer Rights, Malta (ACR)
Consumer area:	See info below
Year Established:	2012
Number of Staff:	9 voluntary members Executive Committee
Number of Volunteers:	127 individual members
General Email Address:	Associationforconsumerrights@gmail.com
Website:	www.acrmalta.com
Postal Address:	c/oNCW, Pope Pius XII Flats, Mouintbatten St, Blatal-Baida Malta, Hamrun Malta
Telephone Number:	356 21248881, 356 21246982

Aims/Mission of your organization.

1. To act as a pressure group

2. To create consumer awareness with regards to products, services and methods of production supplied both by the private and public sector.

3. To assist consumers in seeking adequate redress and compensation resulting from the purchase of goods and services.

4. To ensure quality services including product safety, adequate standards and the protection of the environment.

5. To ensure that decisions taken and criteria adopted by the respective authorities at national, European and global level are accessible to the consumers

6. To monitor market practices with the aim of curbing any unfair commercial practice.

Website: <u>www.acrmalta.com;</u> email:associationforconsmerrights@gmail.com

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If your organization is a umbrella organizations, how many members do you have?	n/a

b. Contact details

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Position:	General Secretary
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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: <u>http://europeanconsumersunion.eu</u>

Please tick which type of membership you are applying for:

- □ Xi. 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:

 \blacktriangleright XMust be legally recognized as a consumer organization at national level.

 \blacktriangleright XMust be legally recognized as non-profit and non-governmental organization.

 \blacktriangleright XMust 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.

 \blacktriangleright **X**The organization should state how it can assist ECU in achieving its aims.

 \blacktriangleright **X**The organization is citizens and consumer based.

XMust 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:

 \blacktriangleright 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).

 \blacktriangleright 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
- \blacktriangleright 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:	Grace Attard

Date: 21.07.2017

Name	Grace Attard

Position <u>General Secretary</u>