

About the Council of Taiwanese Chambers of Commerce in Europe

The primary impetus of the Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce is to provide a hub for information, networking, and advocacy services, specifically for Taiwanese entrepreneurs overseas. Under the instruction of the Overseas Community Affairs Council (OCAC) Republic of China, the Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce has six regional divisions, that is Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, Latin America, and Oceania. Under each regional division are country specific chamber, and collectively forming a World Taiwanese Chambers of Commerce (WTCC). Members of the Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce are all Taiwanese nationals.

Preliminary meeting for the establishment of the Taiwanese Chambers of Commerce in Europe (ETCC) was held in Belgium as result of the combined efforts of OCAC and senior members of ETCC. In July 1994, The Council Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce in Europe held the inauguration meeting (The Annual Convention for Overseas Chinese in Europe) in the Netherlands with representatives from Germany, France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, Italy, Austria and Norway. Mr. Wilfred Sing from the United Kingdom was elected Chairman.

In September 1994, the first Annual Meeting of WTCC was held in Taipei following the establishment of the Europe and Africa regional Chambers. Later the Latin American regional Chamber and Oceania Chamber were established in August 1995 and in 1997, respectively. In 25 years of ETCC, through the dedications of all ETCC chairman, memberships have increased and its economic-social influence grow, making the ETCC has become one of the most influential Taiwanese overseas non-government organization in Europe. ETCC today has expanded to 21 members countries, including France, Germany, United Kingdom, Netherlands, Spain, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic, Russia, Portugal, Turkey, Greece, Monaco and Jordan, with hundreds of commercial enterprises affiliated under its arms. And The Council of Taiwanese Chambers of Commerce in Europe-Junior Chapter (ETCC-JC) was established at the 17th annual meeting in Edinburgh Scotland in May 2011.

The ETCC annual meeting record is showed in the table below.

Edition	Country	Chairman	Year	Annual meeting
1st	United Kingdom	Wilfred Sing	1995	London
2nd	Germany	Dong-Ping Jeng	1996	Munich
3rd	The Netherlands	Hsu Jui-Lin	1997	Amsterdam
4th	Germany	Tony Liu	1998	Frankfurt
5th	France	Tsai Kuo-Tai	1999	Deauville
6th	United Kingdom	Jason Tsai	2000	London
7th	Germany	Sun Yu-Shun	2001	Budapest
8th	The Netherlands	Billy Kao	2002	Nijmegen
9th	Spain	Lee Wang-Tang	2003	Madrid
10th	Belgium	Eric Shaw	2004	Geneva
11th	Switzerland	Joy Chou	2005	Geneva
12th	France	James Huang	2006	Paris
13th	United Kingdom	Q.C. Huang	2007	London
14th	Germany	Yang Mei-Fank	2008	Munich
15th	France	Sabine Chen	2009	Paris
16th	Spain	Lee Yao-Hsiung	2010	Madrid
17th	United Kingdom	Jack Lin	2011	Edinburgh
18th	Germany	Luis Chang	2012	Hamburg
19th	Belgium	Chi Kong Chang	2013	Brussels
20th	France	Li Yung-Ching	2014	Paris
21st	United Kingdom	Susan Tung	2015	London
22nd	Austria	Alfred H.C. Wu	2016	Graz
23rd	Turkey	Sharon Chang	2017	Antalya
24th	Luxembourg	Diana Liu	2018	Luxembourg
25th	Sweden	Yu-Ying Lee	2019	Stockholm

Majority of ETCC Chairmen were based in Western Europe and so are memberships. Recently, the participants from Eastern Europe including Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary and Russia have increased, but engagement from other Eastern European countries with ETCC is urgently need. Finland and Denmark have yet to establish their branch of Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce, initiating meetings with Taiwanese entrepreneurs in Finland and Denmark is crucial. We would like to see ETCC getting more active and growing the near future.