



Governance of the IFRRO European Group¹

1. Mandate

The mandate of the European Group is to:

- a. provide a forum for the members of the European Group to be informed about, debate and decide upon non-binding lobbying objectives, in relation to the Intellectual Property framework in Europe,
- b. for IFRRO members to be informed about and contribute to debate on Intellectual Property matters in Europe.²

The activities of and the statements made by the European Group and its Executive Committee must be consistent with and support IFRRO policies and statements as established by the IFRRO General Assembly and the IFRRO Board. Wherever possible, the Board's approval of the position should be sought in advance, or if this is not possible, for example due to the urgency of the matter, approval must be sought from the IFRRO Presidency through the IFRRO President or the Chief Executive.

When the European Group Executive Committee engages in an information event, lobbying or similar activity or makes a submission, it will, to the extent possible, involve the European Group membership in the development of the position. Any IFRRO or European Group member may reserve itself from the European Group position.

2. Members

IFRRO member organisations from countries whose governments are members of the Council of Europe.

3. Voting

In matters specific to the European Union, only European Group members from countries whose governments are members of the EU or EEA or Switzerland may vote. Other members of the European Group, and observers may express their opinions without voting.

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² The European Group is established in accordance with Article 10 of the IFRRO Internal Rules. Article 10 states that it is an "advisory" structure which does "not affect the competences of the General Assembly, the Board of Directors or the Secretariat.



4. Attendance at Meetings

Members of the European Group. Other IFRRO members may attend as observers, as may external organisations invited by the IFRRO Board or Secretariat. Group members will be advised of the presence of observers from external organisations in advance.

5. Executive Committee

A Chair and two Vice Chairs to be elected from amongst the European Group RRO Members for a term of three years.

The Chair and one Vice Chair must represent RROs from countries whose governments are members of the EU, or EEA or Switzerland, The IFRRO Secretary General attends meetings of the Executive Committee.

In the event of a casual vacancy in the Executive Committee, the IFRRO Board may appoint a replacement Executive Committee member, who qualifies with the above criteria.

6. Voting for Executive Committee

European Group Members, votes weighted as set out in Article 9 of the IFRRO Statutes, and Internal Rules.

7. Nomination for Executive Committee

All European Group Members shall have the right to nominate candidates for the European Group's Executive Committee.