

// NOTE ON CED BOARD ELECTION PROCEDURE

A. Introduction

Four positions become available on the CED Board in November 2025:

- 1 position of Treasurer
- 3 positions of Director

This note explains the election procedure, which is defined fully in Article 23 of CED Statutes.

B. Election procedure during the General Meeting

A) Preliminary points

When the corresponding agenda item is reached during the General Meeting, representatives of CED Brussels Office will explain the procedure.

All valid applications will be available to CED members on the CED website 10 days before the General Meeting and there will be no possibility for oral presentations of candidates during the General Meeting.

The President will appoint an Electoral Committee composed of three election assistants. Their task is to count the votes and to validate the election results with their signatures. Election assistants will be asked to sit at a special table in the front of the room.

Candidates will be asked to sit at a dedicated table in the front of the room. Please note that in line with article 23.3. of CED Statutes, candidates are permitted to vote for themselves.

B) Method of voting

The position of Treasurer will first be filled, followed by each of the three positions of Director in turn.

Elections will take place by secret ballot. Member delegates and Affiliate Member delegates (those entitled to vote) will receive ballot papers for each position to be filled, on which they must write down the name of the candidate for whom they wish to vote. The election assistants will collect the votes in a ballot box and count them. They will exclude empty ballots (abstentions) and invalid ballots, in line with Article 23.5.1 of the Statutes.

For each position, the candidate with the highest number of valid votes will be elected. If two or more candidates obtain the highest number of valid votes, another round of voting will take place and delegates will be asked to choose between only the candidates with the highest number of valid votes. If this results in a tie, each candidate who obtained the highest number of valid votes in the second round will be asked, in alphabetical order, to pick a piece of folded paper from the table. The candidate who picks the paper inscribed with "Elected" will be elected.

The President shall announce the result after each position has been filled and call on the candidates to declare whether they accept election or not.

C) New CED Board of Directors

The new CED Board of Directors will start its mandate on 15th November 2025.