

What is the European Parliament Beer Club?

Established in 1995, the European Parliament (EP) Beer Club is a cross party, transnational forum for discussion and information exchange amongst MEPs about issues that affect the brewing sector within the European Union. The Club believes that Beer is part of Europe's heritage and tradition, and aims to support the responsible growth and stability of the brewing sector in the European Union.



WHO ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE EP BEER CLUB?

The EP Beer Club is one of the biggest groupings of its kind in the European Parliament. In the last legislature it brought together around 100 MEPs from across the EU and the different political parties. It is not an official Intergroup of the Parliament, but a more informal grouping of MEPs who support a healthy brewing sector and recognise the contribution of beer and brewing to European culture, tradition and the economy.

The current President of the EP Beer Club is MEP Renate Sommer, who is supported by Vice-Presidents. Together, the President and Vice-Presidents are in charge of coordinating and hosting the various activities of the Club, with support from the Club's Secretariat.

MEPs can sign up to the Club through its website: www.epbeerclub.eu.

WHAT DOES THE EP BEER CLUB DO?

The EP Beer Club offers a unique opportunity for MEPs to stay informed about beer-related issues such as:

- The contribution made by beer to Europe's socio-economic landscape and cultural patrimony;
- The work of Europe's 5000+ breweries, crafting the different beers as quality products for the enjoyment of Europe's responsible consumers; and
- How beer and the brewing sector can be affected (or enhanced) by policy developments across the EU.

To this end, a number of activities are arranged throughout the year, including briefings, events at the Parliament, beer tastings, brewery visits or report launches. A number of information tools are also shared with members such as newsletters and background briefings that allow MEPs to stay informed of developments within and affecting the sector.

THE SECRETARIAT OF THE EP BEER CLUB

The Brewers of Europe, an international not-for-profit association under Belgian law (Transparency Register: Nr 81610896372-23), promoting the interests of Europe's brewers, provides technical support to the EP Beer Club. Whilst brewers may encourage MEPs to join the Club, membership is a decision that belongs to the MEPs themselves. The views expressed by the Club do not necessarily represent the views of The Brewers of Europe, and vice versa.

EP BEER CLUB OBJECTIVES

The EP Beer Club recognises the positive contribution made by beer to Europe's society, culture, economy and image.

EP Beer Club Members believes that Europe should retain a strong brewing sector and supports a policy framework that nurtures this.

EP Beer Club Members supports the positive role of beer in Europe's culture - reflected in the brewing traditions in all Member States.

The EP Beer Club seeks to foster a greater understanding of the brewing sector within the European Institutions, and particularly the European Parliament.

The EP Beer Club encourages the brewing sector to pursue its work as a responsible stakeholder.

Read more and sign up at www.epbeerclub.eu

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