

GROUP - E04010 - Expert group on Forced Labour

Policy Area: Internal Market

Lead DG: GROW - DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

Type: Informal, Temporary

Scope: Limited

Mission:

The group would provide a structured forum in charge of advising the Commission in relation to the implementation of the Forced Labour Regulation 2024/3015

Task:

Assist the Commission in relation to the implementation of existing Union legislation, programmes and policies

Publication on the register of expert groups: 17 July 2025

Last updated: 11 December 2025

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Additional Information

Activity Report

The group will meet periodically To assist the Commission in ensuring uniformity of implementation in all Member States

Call for applications

Call for Applications Expert Group on Forced Labour

Publication: 2025-07-17

Deadline: 2025-09-15

DG: DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

[GROW - Call for Applications Expert Group on Forced Labour - Final.pdf](#)

Selection Procedure (members)

The group will ensure balanced representation between various stakeholder groups, and include the

following members:- individuals appointed in a personal capacity who shall act independently and in the public interest ('Type A' Members). This may include academics and researchers working on forced labour policy and supply chain monitoring;- individuals appointed to represent a common interest shared by stakeholders in the field of forced labour policy, who do not represent an individual stakeholder, but a policy orientation common to different stakeholder organisations ('Type B' Members);- civil society, social partners (representative organisations of workers and employers), business, and research organisations ('Type C' members). These may include EU-wide or global organisations representing industry, trade, workers' rights, human rights, and research institutes working on forced labour policy and supply chain monitoring;- public entities other than Member States' authorities, including international organisations, carrying out activities related to the issue of forced labour, including research, and/or contributing to the fight against forced labour ('Type E' Members).Organisations ('Type C' Members) and public entities ('Type E' Members) shall nominate their representatives and shall be responsible for ensuring that their representatives provide a high level of expertise. DG GROW may refuse the nomination by an organisation of a representative if it considers such nomination inappropriate in the light of the requirements specified in the call for applications. In such case, the organisation concerned shall be asked to appoint another representative. Members who are no longer capable of contributing effectively to the expert group's deliberations, who, in the opinion of DG GROW, do not comply with the conditions set out in Article 339 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union or who resign, shall no longer be invited to participate in any meetings of the group and may be replaced for the remainder of their term of office.

Internal Rules of Procedure

The Internal Rules will be decided during the first meeting.

Statistics

Number of Members: 32

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity	5	female: 4	male: 1
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type C - Organisation	26	-	-
Type D - Member State Authority	0	-	-
Type E - Other public entity	1	-	-

Number of Alternate Members: 0

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity	0	female: 0	male: 0
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Number of Alternate Members: 0

Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest	0	female: 0	male: 0
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Number of Observers: 0

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type C - Organisation	0	-	-
Type D - Member State Authority	0	-	-
Type E - Other public entity	0	-	-

Members

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity

Name	Nationality	Professional Title	Membership Status
Amy Weatherburn	United Kingdom	Academic at KU Leuven	Member
Archana Kotechka	United Kingdom	Founder of 'The Remedy Project'	Member
Hélène de Rengerve	France	Human Rights consultant	Member
Jason Judd	United States of America	Executive Director, Cornell University's Global Labour Institute	Member
Laura Murphy	United States of America	Academic, researcher, policy adviser, consultant	Member

Type C - Organisation

Name of Organisation	Category	Countries/Areas represented	Membership Status
amfori - Trade with Purpose (amfori)	Trade and business associations	European	Member
Anti-Slavery International (Anti-Slavery)	NGOs	European	Member
Association of National Organisations of Fishing Enterprises in the European Union (Europêche)	Trade and business associations	European	Member
Bayerische Motoren Werke Aktiengesellschaft (BMW Group)	Companies/Groups	European	Member
Better Cotton Initiative (BCI)	NGOs	European	Member
BUSINESSEUROPE ()	Trade and business associations	European	Member
Clean Clothes Campaign / Stichting Schone Kleren Kampagne (CCC)	NGOs	European	Member
CSR Europe, The Business Network for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR Europe)	NGOs	European	Member
EuroCommerce ()	Trade and business associations	European	Member
European Branded Clothing Association (EBCA)	Trade and business associations	European	Member
European Cocoa Association (ECA)	Trade and business associations	European	Member
European Solar Manufacturing Council (ESMC)	Trade and business associations	European	Member
EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (ETUC)	Trade Unions	European	Member
Federation of the European Sporting Goods Industry (FESI)	Trade and business associations	European	Member

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FoodDrinkEurope (FoodDrinkEurope)	Trade and business associations	European	Member
industriAll European Trade Union (industriAll Europe)	Trade Unions	European	Member
International La Strada Association (La Strada International (LSI))	NGOs	European	Member
ISEAL Alliance (ISEAL)	NGOs	European	Member
Nottingham University (UoN)	Academia, Research Institute and Think Tanks	European	Member
Polski Instytut Praw Człowieka i Biznesu (PIHRB)	Academia, Research Institute and Think Tanks	European	Member
Responsible Business Alliance (RBA)	Trade and business associations	European, United States of America	Member
Shift Project Limited (Shift)	Academia, Research Institute and Think Tanks	European	Member
SMEUnited aisbl (SMEUnited)	Trade and business associations	European	Member
The EU Vegetable Oil and Proteinmeal Industry (FEDIOL)	Trade and business associations	European	Member
Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation (VOC)	NGOs	European	Member
WACKER CHEMIE AG (WACKER)	Companies/Groups	European	Member

Type E - Other public entity

Name of Organisation	Entity type	Countries/Areas represented	Membership Status
International Labour Organization (ILO)	International/Intergovernmental Organisations	European	Member