

Election of EWC members

Representatives are selected in accordance with national legislation and practice. Contact your Union and ask for guidance.

The selection of EWC representatives and the composition of the Select Committee should take note of equal representation of men and women, regional representation and to reflect equal treatment of all the different personnel groups and trade unions.

The term of EWC member usually only lasts the time that has been agreed on nationally, irrespective of a possible definition of the length of the mandate in the agreement. This means that if the EWC representative in a particular country were to lose his/her national mandate – i.e. s/he is not elected for another term – s/he no longer has the possibility to continue as an EWC representative. EWC representatives often also act as local employee representatives (shop stewards or occupational health and safety officers) and it is through this activity that they receive their mandate as EWC representatives. If they lose this mandate, they often also lose their position as EWC representatives. The length of the term of office varies from one country to another.