THE EUROPEAN GOLF ASSOCIATION GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE

The EGA Golf Course Committee (EGA GCC) was formed in November 2008 and held its first meeting in Brussels on 15 January 2009.

The purpose of the Committee is to present a single European voice to the EU, representing the game of golf, on environmental matters to build relationships with appropriate contacts in Brussels. The Committee will anticipate and recommend compliance with EU legislation which may affect golf courses in Europe, communicate when necessary and report on such legislation to relevant organisations (notably the national associations who are members of the European organisations represented on the Committee) to raise awareness and to encourage them to act at a national level. This will enable to position the Committee and its members as leaders for sustainable recreation both at European and national level.

The Committee is comprised of a Chairman proposed by the EGA Executive Committee, with member representatives from the European Golf Association (EGA), the European Golf Course Owners Association (EGCOA), the European Institute of Golf Course Architects (EIGCA), the Federation of European Golf Greenkeeper Associations (FEGGA), the PGA European Tour, the Professional Golfers’ Associations of Europe (PGAs of Europe), the Club Managers Association of Europe (CMAE) and The R&A Golf Course Committee (including secretarial support). The current representatives from each organisation are:

Tony Bozzi (EGA) - Chairman
David Gomez (EGA)
Peter Greenhough (The R&A)
Steve Isaac (The R&A) – Secretary to the Committee
Jerry Kilby (CMAE)
Lodewijk Klootwijk (EGCOA)
Stig Persson (FEGGA)
Ian Randell (PGAs of Europe)
Achim Reinmuth (EIGCA)
Jeremy Slessor (PGA European Tour)

Observers and/or temporary advisors are invited to Committee meetings and the Committee consults widely with other organisations.

Committee members are appointed for a period of two years and may be re-appointed for a further period of two years.

The R&A and the PGA European Tour provide the funding to support Committee operations.

The Committee meets as and when necessary to monitor the legislative position related to the level of EU activity. Regular contact is maintained between meetings to keep Committee members abreast of developments.