

EBA Communities of Common Interest (CCI)

The EBA has 4 CCI

- Inland waterways
- Mediterranean
- Eastern Atlantic/ North Sea
- Baltic Sea

1. Purpose

The EBA Communities of Common Interest (CCI) are network discussion groups. They provide a forum for the discussion of matters of interest within their geographical scope (including relevant conventions) and assist EBA members to identify issues which should be brought to the attention of the General Assembly for possible action.

2. Authority

CCIs have no policy forming or decision-making remit. A CCI is not authorised to represent or act on behalf of the EBA. The EBA General Assembly (or in the case of urgency between General Assemblies the Executive Committee) may, however, authorise EBA Members represented within a CCI to take specific action in relation to a particular matter.

3. Chairman

Each CCI is chaired by an EBA Vice President or the EBA President

4. Composition

An EBA Member can appoint a delegate to attend the meetings of any CCI in which it has an interest.

It may be necessary to limit participation within each CCI to one individual per country, particularly where a country has more than one EBA Member. Each CCI chairman will decide how many members their CCI should have.

The chairman will be responsible for informing the Secretariat who the members of their CCI are. A list of the members of each CCI will be available on the CCI page of the website.

5. Discussion Arrangements

The CCI will usually meet at the EBA General Assemblies. Each chairman should ensure that all members of their CCI are informed where and when CCI meetings will be taking place. Any meeting arrangements and discussion documents circulated to CCI members must also be copied to the EBA Webmaster (webmaster@eba.eu.com) for inclusion in the CCI section on the website.

6. Reporting Arrangements

Each CCI chairman is responsible for reporting to the General Assembly on their CCI's discussions.

If a CCI identifies an issue to be brought to the attention of the General Assembly for possible action, the issue should normally be proposed as an agenda item for the General Assembly. In the

case of urgency, an issue that has been identified at a CCI meeting held during a General Assembly may be raised at plenary at the same General Assembly.

When presenting an issue for consideration by the General Assembly, the CCI must address the following questions:

- what is the issue?;
- why is the issue of concern to recreational boat users?;
- what is likely to happen if the EBA does not intervene?;
- what intervention is proposed?;
- how much is that intervention expected to cost (in money and resources)?;
- what is the likely timescale?;
- what is the desired outcome?;
- how can the success / failure of the EBA's action be measured?

The General Assembly will decide what action (if any) the EBA should take and will decide who will be responsible for the action. The decisions will be recorded in the minutes of the General Assembly.