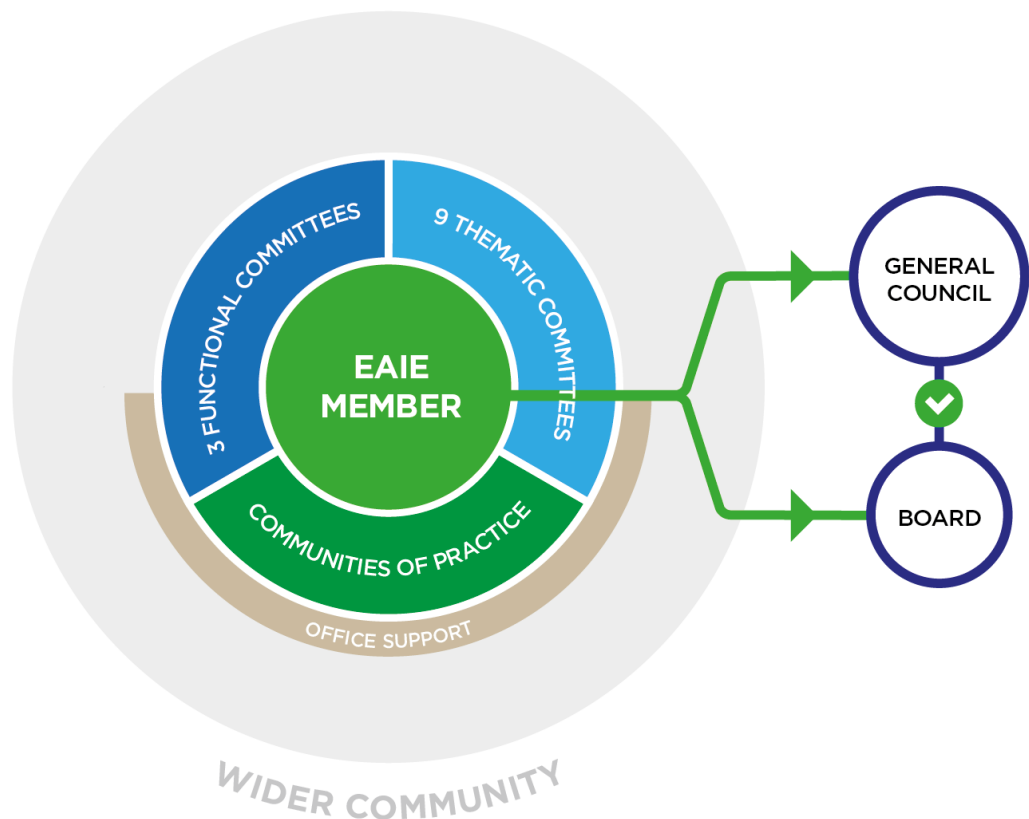


## 2024–2027 General Council member profile

The EAIE is seeking fifteen (15) General Council members with a commitment to advancing the EAIE’s mission and purpose, in accordance with the EAIE values. This is a unique opportunity to make a significant impact on both the direction of the Association and the internationalisation of higher education.



### Role and responsibilities

Consisting of 15 directly elected members, and chaired by the President of the Board, the General Council is the representation of the EAIE membership and ensures that the Association operates according to the best interests of its members. The General Council appoint the members of the Board and holds the Board accountable. General Council members focus on the big picture, and provide oversight for the long-term vision, budget and accounts of the Association. The main role of the General Council is to support the organisation’s vision, mission and values.

Together with the General Council members, you will be responsible for:

- Approving the budget, and making certain that it adequately reflects the Association’s programme, priorities and strategic plan
- Appointing, suspending and dismissing Board members

- Determining the level of the membership fee
- Approving the annual financial report, consisting of the balance sheet, statement of income, expenditure and auditor's opinion
- Ensuring the longevity and sustainability of the Association
- Staying ahead of the curve and continually seeking to be at the forefront of developments in the field.

It is a substantial commitment that does require a considerable investment of time. General Council members are expected to attend, prepare for and actively participate in all scheduled General Council meetings (at least two per year, often three to four).

### Benefits of having a Governance role

- **Strategic influence:** Help guide the Association's strategy and direction, contributing directly to its goals and mission
- **Impact:** Create a lasting impact in the sector and champion international education, making a significant contribution to the wider field
- **Develop leadership skills:** Cultivate and demonstrate effective leadership skills, enhancing your own capabilities, and learning from other seasoned professionals in the group, while contributing to the growth of the Association
- **Extra perks:** Reduced conference registration fees and annual meetings around Europe

### Reimbursement

Travel (economy class) and accommodation costs for attending General Council meetings and any other necessary preparatory meetings are covered by the EAIE budget.

### Required skills and attributes

#### Sound judgment and integrity

General Council members are involved in decisions that affect the EAIE's strategy and finances directly, therefore an understanding of the bigger picture and ability to subordinate special interests for the greater good of the Association are central to the role.

#### Understanding of teamwork

General Council members will work closely together towards realising the EAIE's goals and objectives. Well-developed interpersonal and intercultural communication skills will help members to collaborate in an effective way.

#### Proven performance in international higher education

Experience working in a leadership role as well as knowledge of the international higher education field and the Association are key attributes of a General Council member.

#### Commitment

A demonstrated commitment to the EAIE and its values, mission and goals is essential to the role, in addition to dedicating the time to serve. Each member of the General Council will be

expected to keep abreast of any developments and aspects that be relevant to the Association and also be competent and equipped for their duties and remain so.

### **Length of term**

General Council members are elected for a period of three years and may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms of three years. After expiry of their second term, a General Council member will not be eligible for re-election to the General Council, until after expiry of a three-year period.

### **Process**

General Council members will be elected by the members, by means of a vote. The elections will be supervised by an Electoral Committee. The Electoral Committee will oversee the collection, classification, counting and verification of the validity of the votes and produce a report of the results. All candidates will be notified of the result and the results announced on the website via a blog.

### **Onboarding**

Once elected, General Council members will follow an introductory programme covering the relevant aspects of the position.

### **Eligibility criteria**

The following criteria applies to all nominations for the General Council:

- Nominees must be members of the Association.
- Nominees may only apply for one open role with the EAIE.
- Members may only nominate themselves.
- Nominees must not hold any other role within the EAIE once their term commences.
- The nomination must be supported by two other members in writing.
- Nominees must sign the EAIE Commitment statement.
- Nominees must hand in an election statement to be published during the elections.

This statement should include:

- Information on their background experience
- Details about their suitability for the role
- Outline of their vision for the EAIE