



General Information & Policy Manual



**European Campus
Card Association**

FOREWORD

The European Campus Card Association (ECCA) was established in 2002, its policies and strategies are dedicated to assisting education institutions in European countries with the implementation of secure ID Credentials that will facilitate the operation of campus card programmes and enable interoperability and information exchange between institutions.

Since its foundation, the administration and management of the association is a demanding task and the association is grateful to the various board members and individuals who have taken on work duties to ensure that the association prospers.

This manual contains the policy statements formulated by the Executive Council of ECCA. It sets out a minimum plan of action that establishes limits within which freedom of judgement can be exercised on behalf of the association. It also serves as a reference tool in making decisions relating to the management and operation of the association. The policy statements are the governing principle of the association, that has an effect on the interests of all those who come under the associations authority. The Executive Council has delegated authority and responsibility for the administration of policy statements to the Executive Director.

These policy statements may be modified or discontinued from time to time subject to the approval of the Executive Council. If any part of this manual is made invalid by a legal, legislative or administrative enactment, all other parts shall remain in full effect unless and until they are amended or repealed by the Executive Council.

The contents of this manual, are an essential resource for the association and, I am sure, will make an important contribution to its on-going success and development into the future.

Rene de Koster
ECCA President

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1. MISSION STATEMENT & AIMS

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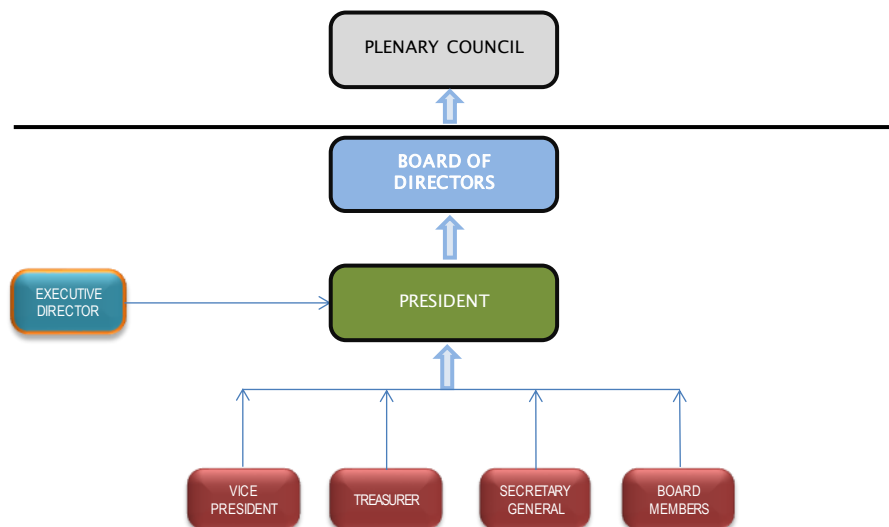
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2. ORGANISATION STRUCTURE

The European Campus Card Association organisation structure consists of the following:

- (i) The Plenary Council
- (ii) The Executive Council (Board of Directors)
- (iii) The Executive Director



2.1 Executive Director

The Executive Director is an executive position and reports to the President of the Board (or a nominated person of the Board). The person will be responsible for all daily operations and for guiding the vision and direction of ECCA as established by the Board of Directors. The main responsibilities of this role include; membership management & retention; day to day management of operations; implementing policies and procedures; delivering the strategic plan; assist with research project proposals; develop and implement research, consultancy and knowledge sharing programs; financial and budget management; develop and implement marketing and communication plans, manage the annual conference and assist with organizing regional chapters.

3. CONSTITUTION

3.1 Article 1: Name and Location

An international educational association, called the “European Campus Card Association”. It is abbreviated as: ECCA. The association shall have its office located in the home country of the Executive Director and ECCA will comply with the regulation and legislation of that country.

3.2 Article 2: Mission and Aims

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3.3 Article 3: Membership

Membership of the association is available to Education Institutions, Service Providers and other relevant groups that can contribute to supporting the mission and vision of the association.

There are currently five types of membership:

Educational Institution Members – are those representing individual Higher Education Institutions. An Educational member can participate in the plenary council and have voting rights, provided that the member is paid up and/or registered as a member of the association in the previous calendar year. Each Educational Institution has one vote.

Service Providers Members – these members represent individual agencies supplying services or goods to Campus Card programs and eID credential industry. All service provider members may participate in the Plenary council, with voting rights. Each service provider member has one vote.

Associate Members – these are former members of individual institutions of Higher Education who are deemed to have made a valuable contribution to the mission and vision of the association. Associate members may participate in the Plenary council, without voting rights.

Honorary Members – these members are those that have made a significant contribution to ECCA and are awarded honorary membership by the Executive Council. These members may participate in the Plenary Council, without voting rights.

Voluntary/Not for Profit Association Members – these members are members of similar associations to ECCA, which are either voluntary or not for profit. Unless by invitation of the Board these members cannot attend the Plenary Council.

3.3.1 Membership Application and Approval Process

All categories of new members are required to make an application to the Executive Board for membership. This requires them to provide certain information to the Board in order to assess and

approve they meet the category of membership of the Association. Application for membership must be approved by the Executive Board.

3.3.2 Membership Fees

Membership is payable on an annual basis and the fee for membership is decided by the Plenary Council. Members will be invoiced on an annual basis at the start of the calendar year.

3.3.3 Membership Entitlements

Entitlement	Educational Associate		Service Providers	Voluntary/ Honorary Not for Profit	
To elect the Executive Council	✓	x	✓	x	x
Member of Plenary Council and voting rights and other rights as per 1.3	✓	x	✓	x	x
Decide on annual membership fees	✓	x	✓	x	x
Present at annual conference	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Access to Presentations, Papers and Research Surveys	✓	x	✓	x	✓
Access to ECCA newsletters/magazines and website	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Receive discounts to our annual conference and events	✓	x	✓	✓	✓
Receive advice and expertise from ECCA on best practise for card systems and technology	✓	x	✓	x	✓
Company Profile on ECCA Website	x	x	✓	x	x
Institution Logo on ECCA Website	✓	✓	x	✓	✓
Receive discounts to exhibit at our annual conference	x	x	✓	x	x
Ad in annual conference program	x	x	✓	x	x
Promotion of Company Webinars to our members	x	x	✓	✓	x

3.4 Article 4: Structure

ECCA's structure comprises of the following management bodies:

- Plenary Council
- Executive Council (Board of Directors)

3.4.1 The Plenary Council

The Plenary Council has full powers to determine and implement the mission and aims of the association. In particular the tasks of the Plenary Council are:

Determining the policy of the association.

Elect or discharge the President and the Vice President.

Elect the President elect.

Elect the Treasurer.

Elect the ordinary members of the Executive Council.

Appoint the Secretary General

Decide the level of the subscription fee for the members.

Approve the annual budget and report of the Treasurer.

Amend the constitution.

Dissolve the association following a proposal from the Executive Board.

All important issues including appointment of key people to an office within the association must be approved by the Plenary Council.

The Plenary Council meets annually.

Meetings of the Plenary Council are called by the President. Notice of a meeting must be provided at least 4 weeks in advance in writing.

If the majority of the delegates demand so, an extraordinary meeting is called by the President within 2 months from the date of the request.

The Plenary Council consists of all members who have paid their subscriptions to the current period and/or those contained under Article "Membership".

The Plenary Council decides by a majority of the members present. The President has a casting vote. Each member has one vote. Members may vote by proxy, which must be based on a written document, submitted to the Executive Council at least 4 weeks in advance. The Plenary Council can admit a limited number of observers to its meetings. Observers have no vote.

The President will present an annual report on behalf of the Executive Council to the Plenary Council.

The Treasurer will present an annual financial report to the Plenary Council.

3.4.2 Executive Council

The Executive Council (Board of Directors) consists of the President, President Elect (appointed 1 year before term of President expires), Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary General, together with four ordinary members (HEIs) and two service provider members. The Executive Council shall have the power to co-opt up to two additional ordinary members.

The Executive Director is an ex officio member of the Executive Council, without voting rights.

A quorum of a minimum of four Board members is required for a meeting of the Executive Council.

The Executive Council determines the day-to-day policy of the association within the guidelines of the Plenary Council, which includes the following:

The Executive Council ensures that at least every second year a conference will be held in a European country.

The Executive Council appoints an organising committee, chaired by a member of the Executive Council to promote transnational cooperation and the dissemination of information through organising conferences, seminars, workshops, and other relevant events.

The Executive Council can appoint other sub committees as and when required.

The Executive Council determines the emoluments/salary of the Executive Director for his or her time and expenses.

The Executive Council admits new members and terminates membership.

3.5 Article 5: Voting Procedure

3.5.1 Executive Council

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Membership Categories

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Article 6: Election of Officers

3.6.1: President, President Elect and Vice President

The Presidency is a non-paid position (except for normal out of pocket expenses). The normal tenure of the position is three years; however this may be extended by up to a further two years on a proposal from the Executive Board.

The President will:

Preside over the Plenary Council and the Executive Council.

Represent the association.

Manage the employment procedures for the Executive Director.

All members in good standing are eligible to be elected to the position of President.

A President elect will be appointed one year before the term of the President expires. The President elect will be a member of Executive Board.

The Vice President shall assist the President in the execution of his or her office and shall deputise for the President. The President or a Vice President can be discharged before the end of their term if they are deemed not to act in the best interest of the association.

If the President is unable to complete the term of office the Executive Council will have the power to appoint the Vice President to the position of President for the remainder of the term.

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3.6.2: Secretary General

The tasks of the Secretary General are:

To prepare the meetings of the Plenary and Executive Council.

To draft the minutes of the meetings and to carry out the decisions made.

To provide the members with the necessary information.

To disseminate appropriate information among the members.

To keep a record of the decisions and minutes of the meetings of the Executive and Plenary Council.

The Secretary General acts as secretary to the Executive Council. He or she is authorised to sign legally binding documents together with the President and Executive Director on behalf of the association except for all specified financial matters, which are conducted by the Treasurer according to financial criteria.

3.6.3: Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for the implementation of the financial policies of ECCA, specifically to:

Make such financial reports as appropriate.

Collect fees and subscriptions.

Manage all payments and incomes.

Ensure financial statements are prepared by a Chartered Accountant in line with regulation and policy for the preceding year and the budget for the following year, for the approval of the Plenary Council. The financial year corresponds to the calendar year.

Ensure statutory compliance and good conduct in all financial and regulatory matters.

3.7 Article 7: Finance

ECCA may set fees and levy charges for its publications and information disseminated by other means, for example, conferences and workshops.

Membership fees are set in Euro at a level decided by the Plenary Council.

ECCA may seek donations or derive income, as determined by the Plenary Council.

3.8 Article 8: Amendment of the constitution and dissolution

a) The President shall inform the Plenary Council at least two months in advance, of any proposal for amendment of the constitution or dissolution of the association, and of the date of the meeting of the Plenary Council that shall decide on such a proposal.

b) The association is not for profit. The income of the association shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the main object as set forth in this constitution. No portion of the association's income or surplus shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to members of the association.

c) No member of the Board shall be appointed to any office of the association, paid by salary or fees, or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the association. However, nothing shall prevent any payment in good faith by the association of reasonable and proper out-of-pocket expenses incurred by any Board member in connection with their attendance to any matter of the association.

d) If upon the winding up or dissolution of the association there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any surplus whatsoever, it shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the association. Instead, such surplus shall be given or transferred to some other not for profit association or associations having main objects similar to the main objects of ECCA. The association or associations to which the surplus is to be given or transferred shall prohibit the distribution of their income or surplus to its members.

e) Annual financial statements of the association shall be kept and made available to the Revenue Commissioners on request.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

4.1 Introduction

The purpose of this policy is to ensure ECCA (Board members and staff) conducts its business free of conflict and ensures integrity and accountability in the procedures and processes undertaken. ECCA will rely on the disclosure of potential conflicts of interests by its Board members and staff members to ensure the integrity of its decision-making processes.

4.2 Conflict of Interest Definition

Conflict of Interest refers to situations in which personal interests including financial interests may compromise, or have the appearance of, or potential for, compromising professional judgement and integrity. It may also impinge, or might reasonably be deemed by others to impinge, on an individual's member impartiality in decision-making.

It is the individual's responsibility to ensure that any and all potential conflicts are disclosed to ECCA Executive Board.

4.3 Conflict of Interest Policy Objectives

The objectives of the policy are:

- (i) To protect ECCA against conflicts of interests that may be detrimental to its activities, by ensuring that individuals covered by the policy make decisions free from any external influences, either personal or fiduciary.
- (ii) To protect ECCA and all individuals covered by the policy against impropriety or the appearance of impropriety, including reputational risk.
- (iii) To earn and maintain the confidence of all stakeholders in the integrity, effectiveness and impartiality of ECCA.

5. FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE

5.1 Annual Financial Statements

ECCA each year will engage a chartered Accountant to assist us to fulfil our duties under the association's constitution to produce financial statements. The accountant will compile the financial statements of the association, which comprise of the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes from the books of account and information and explanations.

The accountant will carry out this engagement in accordance with guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland, which comply with the ethical guidance laid down by the Institute relating to members undertaking the compilation of financial statements.

This report will be made available to the Board of Directors, as a body.

The financial statements will then be presented to the Plenary Council at the ECCA annual general meeting.

5.2 Purchasing Procedures & Approval of Payments Policy

Orders less than €1000 – Executive Director has authority to place the order.

Orders between €1000 and €10,000 – Executive Director can place the order which is to be authorised by a member of the Board.

Orders above €10,000 - Executive Director can place the order which is to be authorised by two members of the Board.

For all purchases every effort should be made to ensure value for money is obtained at all times.

All items purchased should have a specific business purpose.

Please be aware of any potential conflicts of interest and take appropriate action to avoid this where possible.

All payments require two authorisations. When using the credit card the monthly statement purchases must be reconciled by the Executive Director and checked and verified by a Board member. When using IBB all payments require dual authorisation to include the Executive Director and a member of the Board.

5.3 Credit Card Policy

5.3.1 Purpose

The purpose of the credit card is to reduce the costs of processing orders, invoices and cheques, where the purchases are of an ad hoc nature and where suppliers only accept credit card payments e.g. conference hotel payments, flights, train tickets, meals, hotel bookings etc.

5.3.2 Policy & Guidelines for Use

(i) The credit card limit is €10,000 to allow for sufficient credit to pay for the annual conference costs and other events.

The Credit Card will be in the name of the Executive Director who will be the holder of the card.

The Credit Card must only be used where it is deemed appropriate to do so and the most effective and efficient method of purchasing. Value for Money must be demonstrated at all times.

All purchases must be for the specific business purpose of ECCA.

A receipt must be produced for each purchase.

Use of the Credit Card for cash advances is strictly prohibited, there can be no exception to this.

When using the Credit Card to purchase on line it is important to confirm the total price including VAT, delivery etc before finalising the purchase.

At the end of each month a credit card statement is received, these are generally sent on the 3rd working day of the following month. The card holder must reconcile the recorded purchases to the statement. Any unrecognised amount should be investigated immediately. This monthly statement will be checked and verified by a member of the Board of ECCA.

5.3.3 Authorisation and Responsibility

The card holder is ultimately responsible for the security of the card and the appropriateness of use. This information must be held securely and must not be disclosed to any other person. If the card is lost or stolen it must be reported and cancelled immediately.

5.4 VAT Policy

ECCA is not required to be registered for VAT in Ireland where its administrative office is currently based. Should the administrative office location change, then the VAT regulations of that country will apply.

It is a non-trading not for profit association and is not a business. Its turnover is currently under the registration limits to register for VAT in Ireland.

ECCA could register voluntarily for VAT, however it would then be obliged to charge VAT on all annual membership and conference fees and could only reclaim the VAT incurred on conference costs in Ireland. In addition, for all conferences held outside Ireland, ECCA would have to make a VAT reclaim directly to the country where the conference is held.

The turnover limit for compulsory VAT registration in the UK is £83,000. ECCA's turnover will not reach this level in the near future.

5.5 Travel Policy

5.5.1 Introduction

There are occasions when it is deemed necessary to travel in connection with official ECCA business. All claimants are required to comply with the procedures outlined within.

All claims submitted must be accurate and fully substantiated, by receipts, where applicable. All travel and subsistence claimed must be completed using the ECCA "Travel Expense Claim Form" and submitted signed by the claimant and approved by the Executive Director and/or a Board member. Expenses of the Executive Director must be approved by their supervisor. All trips undertaken must be submitted within one month of the date of travel. All claimants are encouraged, where possible, to submit expense claims on a monthly basis.

General Rules for Claiming Travel Expenses

Where Board members cannot have their expenses covered by their Institution the total allowance paid by ECCA for a Board member to attend a Board meeting (flights, accommodation) must not exceed €200. In instances where this is not possible, pre-approval must be sought.

When booking flights every effort should be made to seek the most competitively priced flight. All flights booked must be economy class.

The ECCA Credit card is available to pay for travel related expenses. Currently payments using the card will be processed by the card holder.

Reimbursement will only be made on presentation of receipts or proof of purchase.

6. DATA PROTECTION POLICY

The European Campus Card Association have created this privacy statement to demonstrate its firm commitment to safeguarding the privacy rights of individuals in relation to the processing of their personal data. The following is a full description of our information gathering and dissemination practices. It sets out the way in which any personal data that may be collected from individuals or provided to ECCA, will be processed, used and protected.

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For the purpose of the Data Protection Act, the data controller is ECCA having its principal place of business at 26 Williamstown Park, Waterford, Ireland.

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For the purpose of the Data Protection Acts 1988 to 2018, the data controller is ECCA, having its principal place of business at 26 Williamstown Park, Waterford, Ireland.

6.1.1 Purpose for Collecting Information

The purpose for which personal data is collected and used by ECCA includes:

- Personal Data; includes first name, last name, title, gender, dietary preferences.
- Contact Data; includes business address, email address and telephone number(s).
- Technical & Usage Data; includes internet protocol (IP) address, your login data, browser type and version, time zone setting and location, browser plug-in types and versions, operating system and platform and other technology on the devices you use to access our website.

	Personal & Contact Data	Technical & Usage Data
Conference/Event Management	√	
Registration Information	√	
Membership Management	√	
Surveys	√	
Marketing	√	
Newsletters	√	
Accounting & Record Keeping	√	
Website Statistics		√
Compliance with Statutory Obligations	√	√

6.1.2 Data Protection Principles

We shall perform our responsibilities under the Data Protection Acts in accordance with the following eight Data Protection principles:

- I. Obtain and process information fairly
- II. ECCA shall obtain and process your personal data fairly and in accordance with statutory and other legal obligations.
- III. Keep the information only for one or more specified, explicit and lawful purposes
- IV. ECCA shall keep your personal data for purposes that are specific, lawful and clearly stated. Your personal data will only be processed in a manner compatible with these purposes as outlined above.
- V. Use and disclose only in ways compatible with these purposes
- VI. ECCA shall use and disclose your personal data only in circumstances that are necessary for the purposes for which we collected the data.
- VII. Keep it safe and secure

- VIII. ECCA shall take appropriate security measures against unauthorised access to, or alteration, disclosure or destruction of your personal data and against its accidental loss or destruction.
- IX. Keep it accurate, complete and up-to-date
- X. ECCA adopts procedures that ensure high levels of data accuracy, completeness and that your data is up-to-date.
- XI. Ensure it is adequate, relevant and not excessive
- XII. ECCA shall only hold your personal data to the extent that it is adequate, relevant and not excessive.
- XIII. Retain for no longer than is necessary
- XIV. ECCA shall only retain the data for the time it is necessary
- XV. Give a copy of his/ her personal data to that individual, on request
- XVI. ECCA adopts procedures to ensure that data subjects can exercise their rights under the Data Protection legislation to access their data.

6.1.3 Company Website

In general, you can visit the site without providing personal information. However, there may be times when we will request personal information in order that you may participate in the site's activities or features. Information is typically requested when you wish to contact us or register for an event/conference. If you contact us, we may keep a record of that correspondence.

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How We Use Information

The Provider reserves a limited right to access the data in order to proactively analyse the system architecture, data models and infrastructure resources in order to offer the best possible service. This includes, for example, analysis of slow-running database queries, predicting the growth rate of data (in order to allocate resources ahead of time), and analysis of the data contents and format in order to choose the most performant and fitting data models. It is unavoidable that in order to be able to provide the best possible service, the Provider must be able to understand the data, as well as emergent trends in the data. Such analysis is done, whenever practical, in an anonymised manner and with only the above, purely technical or service-oriented purposes in mind.

Security

We take all the necessary technical and organisational measures to protect the confidentiality and security of your information from unauthorised access or against loss, misuse or alteration by third parties. We make good faith efforts to store the information collected on the Services in a secure operating environment that is not available to the public and is only accessible by authorised employees, agents or contractors and we verify the identities of registered users before they can access personal information stored about them. We store information on servers located in Portugal and may store information on servers and equipment in other countries within the European Union.

Contact Information

For data protection purposes, ECCA is the Data Controller of any personal information submitted and related to the above-mentioned Services. You can contact us at:

Email: info@ecca.eu

6.1.4 Marketing

You will receive correspondence from us on ECCA business and activities mainly through mailshots, emails and newsletters. If you do not wish to continue to receive this information please contact us and we will remove you from our mailing list.

6.1.5 Your rights to access, correct, modify and/or remove your personal information

You have the right to receive a copy of and/or access, correct, modify and/or remove the personal information that we hold about you.

If you wish to receive a copy of the personal information that we hold about you, you shall make a request in writing to the contact details set out below.

If you wish to have the personal information you provided to us removed and/or if you no longer wish for your personal information to be processed, stored and/or used, your request shall be in writing and shall be directed to the contact details as set out below. Your request shall include enough information to enable proof of your identity and to determine the personal information that you requested to be removed.

6.1.6 Disclosure to Other People

The personal information you provide to attend our conference(s) may be used by us to distribute and share as part of the conference attendance list. E.g. Name, Company/Institution, Email.

Unless required to do so by law, we will not otherwise share, sell or distribute any of the information you provide to us without your consent. We will never sell or rent your details to a third party.

6.1.7 Electronic Communications

We comply with the terms of the European Directive on Privacy and Electronic Communications (Directive 2002/58/EC)

6.1.8 Security

We use physical, electronic, and managerial procedures to help safeguard the information we collect from you. We urge you to take precautions to protect your personal information. When you are on the Internet ensure to keep any passwords safe and make sure you use a secure browser.

6.1.9 Changes to this Privacy Statement

We reserve the right to change our security and privacy policies at any time. Accordingly, if in doubt, we recommend that you check with us periodically in order to review our current policies.

6.1.10 Contact Details

You can contact us by email. info@ecca.eu

This privacy statement is subject to change without notice.

7. ECCA EMAIL USE POLICY

ECCA provides some Board members and employees with an ECCA e-mail address.

The addresses currently include:

Email Address	User	Role
info@ecca.eu	Sinead Nealon	Executive Director
snealon@ecca.eu	Sinead Nealon	Executive Director
president@ecca.eu	President	President
emckenna@ecca.eu	Eugene McKenna	Treasurer

The association's e-mail addresses provided are intended for ECCA **business-use only**.

Use of ECCA's email address is granted by the Executive Board and may be revoked at any time for inappropriate conduct or use. ECCA reserves the right to suspend or withdraw the email address at any time, without notice, for technical reasons, possible policy violations, security or other concerns.

7.1 Unacceptable Use

If you are the holder and user of an ECCA email address you must not use it to:

- (i) Send chain letters or participate in any way in the creation or transmission of unsolicited commercial e-mail ("spam") that is unrelated to legitimate ECCA purposes;
- (ii) Engage in private or personal business activities;
- (iii) Destroy, delete, erase, or conceal ECCA emails, or otherwise make such files or data unavailable or inaccessible to ECCA;
- (iv) Misrepresenting oneself or ECCA;
- (v) Engaging in unlawful or malicious activities;
- (vi) Use abusive, profane, threatening, racist, sexist, or otherwise objectionable language in an email.

7.2 Privacy & Ownership

The Email address is provided as a tool for ECCA business. All such information, content, and files sent and received from this email address are the property of ECCA. You should have no expectation of privacy regarding them.

The following disclaimer must accompany all emails sent using the ECCA email:

The European Campus Card Association (ECCA) accepts no liability for the contents of this mail, or for the consequences of any action taken on the basis of the information provided unless that information is subsequently confirmed in writing. If you are not the intended recipient you are notified that disclosing, copying, distributing, or taking any action in reliance on the contents of this information is strictly prohibited. Although ECCA has taken reasonable precautions to ensure no viruses are present in this email, ECCA cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage arising from the use of this email or attachment.

8. CONFERENCES, EVENTS & EXHIBITION POLICY

The Executive Council of ECCA ensures that at least every second year a conference is held in a European country. The Executive Council appoints an organising committee, which is chaired by a member of the association and managed by the Executive Director. In addition to promote transnational cooperation and the dissemination of information the Executive Council can organise other seminars, workshops and meetings. The conference fee and charges will be decided by the Committee and Executive Director.

The purpose of the conference (and seminars/workshops) is to provide information, networking opportunities and resources to education institutions, business partners and other agencies with an interest in the campus card and eID credential industry. At the conference, presentations and workshops will be presented by expert speakers from across the world, in particular Europe and the US, covering a wide range of issues relating to campus cards and services. The conference may also include an opportunity for companies to exhibit to provide an insight into the current and future technology hardware and software systems.

Attendees can include those from the various categories of membership i.e. education members and non-members (staff, students, researchers) and service providers and non-members (service providers of campus card/technology systems). All attendees are required to register for the event and pay the appropriate fee in advance. ECCA reserves the right to exercise its sole discretion in the acceptance or refusal of registrations. All attendees are required to comply with the terms and conditions as outlined in the registration process.

8.1 Exhibiting Rules

- (i) Companies exhibiting will be required to pay the appropriate fee. Priority is given to the service provider members along with special discounted rates.
- (ii) The space and equipment provided will depend on the venue and will be confirmed in advance.
- (iii) The exhibit program is intended to provide a showcase for products and services either specifically designed for or used in higher education institutes. The exhibition is provided strictly as a means of information exchange.
- (iv) No part of an exhibit shall be dismantled nor materials removed before the official closing of the conference, without special permission from ECCA. All equipment must be removed the same day.
- (v) Participants may not assign or sublet any space allotted to them, and may not advertise or display goods, other than those manufactured, distributed or sold by them in the regular course of business, without authorisation by ECCA.
- (vi) Space may not be "shared" with another company.
- (vii) ECCA shall have the final decision and enforcement of all rules, regulations and conditions.

9 APPENDIX 1 – STRATEGIC PLAN 2021 – 2026

ECCA Strategic Plan 2021-2026

Foreword

We are delighted to present to you our Strategic Plan 2021-2026 on behalf of the European Campus Card Association (ECCA). This plan entitled “Shaping the Future of Student Identification in Europe” demonstrates our commitment to ensuring collaboration with our membership and that our resources will continue to be aligned with the changing priorities of student identification in Europe. It sets out the mission, vision, goals, values, and strategic priorities of ECCA that charts the significant work programme to be undertaken by the association over the next five years.

This plan will continue to build on the success and achievements of the previous strategy and as we look towards the future it sets out an ambitious and challenging vision for the strategic development of the association.

A significant challenge for our association and our membership over the lifetime of the strategic plan will be the implementation of the European Student eCard. This new initiative, which is part of the EU Digital Education Action Plan, will enable every student to easily register electronically at the host educational institution and thus have access to cross-border online student services when moving abroad.

The strategic plan vision will be at the forefront in supporting this initiative, as ECCA has developed an excellent reputation in providing a platform that enables both national and cross-border collaboration throughout Europe between relevant stakeholders on eID innovation and research initiatives. While taking stock of our many accomplishments since ECCA was founded in 2002, we are grateful for the leadership, commitment, and dedication of our educational and service provider members, and also our colleagues. The ECCA vision must be focused on innovation and scaling new heights. It is our hope that we can together build on the inspiration and insight gained from the past 20 years to grow in success and magnitude. We would like to acknowledge and offer our sincere gratitude to all those involved in contributing, shaping, and developing this Strategic Plan. We look forward to the continued support of the HEI and service provider community to make this plan a success.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The European Campus Card Association (ECCA) was founded in 2002 as the designated authoritative organisation for the collection and dissemination of information that supports innovation and development in student eID credentials and campus card programmes. Its primary focus is based on serving the needs of its membership through the promotion of best practice, collaboration, and knowledge transfer, in a continuously changing environment. ECCA is a not-for-profit association.

In 2016, the Association's Strategic Plan "2020 Vision" provided a five-year roadmap that enabled a range of strategic initiatives to be developed and implemented. The implementation of these initiatives has resulted in the establishment of important supports, services and organisational structures that will facilitate continued growth of the association.

The Strategic Plan "2021-2026", provides the opportunity to maintain and build on the "2020 Vision", together with making the envisioned future of the student eID become a reality. ECCA has established a five-year programme of initiatives that are focused on brand, collaboration, knowledge transfer and innovation, which will be of infinite assistance to its membership. It will maintain its strategic focus on serving the needs and requirements of its membership by providing vision and leadership in research programmes, innovation foundation, knowledge transfer activities and information dissemination. In addition, it will continue to grow its membership and encourage diversity throughout all sectors of education and other relevant institutions and by also creating synergies to achieve common solutions either through initiatives, pilots and/or research. These aspirations, which will provide the foundation of this new Strategic Plan, are reflected throughout the document.

This Strategic Plan sets out a framework of strategic priorities that have been devised after broad consultation and guidance from the ECCA Board. In submitting this plan, the Strategic Planning Committee is confident that it will provide the association with a strategic route map for the next five-years that will facilitate the on-going development of supports, services and organisation development initiatives.

OUR MISSION

Support and advance the needs of our members through the provision of networking opportunities, leadership in research programmes, innovation foundation and stakeholder collaboration in a continuously changing student eID and campus card environment.

OUR VISION

Inspire and advance the position of student identification and authentication through the provision of a European eID, which provides interoperability, connectivity and mobility that will enhance the student experience.

OUR GOALS

The essential requirement in the development of our Strategic Route Map for European Student identification is to ensure that the association is focused on being a European hub encompassing the whole HEI community as well as service providers, government, and relevant institutions. ECCA will continue to review and analyse the core requirements and priorities deemed necessary for the association to deliver high quality resources and services for the needs of its membership.

For our Association's strategic goals to be realised the Strategic Route Map will focus on five over-arching strategic priorities.

Promotion of the ECCA Brand
Governance, Financial and Management Structures
Marketing and Communications
Conferences, Programmes and Knowledge Transfer Activities
Research, Standards, Innovation and Sustainability

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1: PROMOTION OF THE ECCA BRAND

Promote the ECCA brand recognition as the primary provider of information, networking opportunities, resources to education institutions, business partners and other agencies with an interest in the campus card and eID credential industry. ECCA will continue to develop and expand its knowledge transfer and innovation expertise with the aim to ensure the communities needs and values are recognised and delivered.

No.	Action	Status	Assessment Measures
1	Establish and foster strong connections with education institutions and embrace a wide range of government and business partners, together with agencies in Europe and beyond.	Ongoing	Continuous interaction through attendance at conferences and workshops (Europe & US) with education and government institutions, business partners and agencies. Providing continuous support and advice for our community requirements.
2	At institutional executive management level, promote the ECCA ethos of facilitating knowledge transfer activities to exchange information and ideas between educational institutions with the aim of developing best practice and promoting innovation in the campus card and eID credential programmes.	Ongoing	Annual Conference Regional Workshops Facilitate webinars for service providers and educational institutions Newsletters eID Stakeholder Consultation Surveys will be carried out Dedicated chat channel with bots spreading news and information on matters related to ECCA ecosystem
3	Maintain and expand partnerships with similar or complementary organisations.	Ongoing	Current: NACCU, EUNIS, eID Forum, EMREX
4	Attract, develop, and retain membership – implement various levels of membership	Ongoing	Review to be undertaken by sub-committee of Board Recommendations to be agreed by Board Implementation of actions and targets as agreed

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2: GOVERNANCE, FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT STRUCTURES

ECCA will ensure the necessary systems are in place to ensure good governance, financial and management structures that will enable the Board to manage its workload at both strategic and operational level. It will also maintain a sound financial management structure involving long-term strategic planning and short-term operations in order to ensure that sufficient funds are available to the association to carry out its activities in an effective manner.

No.	Action	Status	Assessment Measures
1	Review annually the governance, financial and management structures, and systems to ensure that they are meeting the obligations, responsibilities, and the strategic vision of the Association.	Ongoing	Policy Manual including governance, financial and management structures and systems reviewed by Board and at AGM Annual review and financial audit each year
2	Review of employment requirements to take place annually by Board	Ongoing	Ongoing review of staffing based on business needs and requirements. Annual report to be submitted by Executive Director and reviewed by Board
3	Facilitate a process of change management at Board level to promote organisational stability and growth.	Ongoing	Appointment of Board members at AGM in line with constitution
4	Continue the Association's practice of conducting daily business operations in a manner that achieves the greatest benefit and adhere to generally accepted accounting principles and standards.	Ongoing	Conducted in line with the policies of ECCA and best practice
5	Adhere to a practice of maintaining and protecting the Association's financial assets and adopt a reserve policy.	Ongoing	Annual Financial Statements & Report produced. Budget presented to Board.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3: MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Develop and implement a communication and dissemination strategy that will deliver up to-date information to our community and provide a resource that will enable them to transfer knowledge, collaborate and provide feedback through various mechanisms.

No.	Action	Status	Assessment Measures
1	Develop and implement a marketing and communication strategy to include social media, annual conference, workshops, publications, website, and links with suitable journals. Create and promote the development of a specific ECCA portfolio of tools and guides in collaboration with its members.	Ongoing	Newsletters per year Regional Workshops Annual Conference Partnership/Links with organisations Link with CR80 News Websites – ensure ECCA website(s) are up to date and current. Ongoing reviews of information and design including redesign of ECCA main website in 2021 Portfolio of technical tutorials, developments in Github repository, demonstrations of latest trend technologies and solutions, etc. Social Networks (e.g. LinkedIn)
2	Communicate with our members through various forums and surveys	Ongoing	Annual Conference, Regional Workshops, Webinars Online surveys Newsletters Dedicated chat channel with bots spreading news and information on matters related to ECCA ecosystem
3	Develop and promote membership awards and certificate for achieving innovation and excellence.	Ongoing In progress	Current: Distinguished Service Award Other awards to be reviewed
4	Develop and implement an Information and Communication Structure Work Group that will collaborate and share its expertise, knowledge, and capabilities in communication and dissemination.		Establish new Terms of Reference for an Information and Communication Work Group. Appointment of the Information and Communication Work Group.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4: CONFERENCES, PROGRAMMES AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER ACTIVITIES

Enhance the recognition of ECCA as the primary provider in Europe of high-quality information exchange and networking in the campus card and eID credential industry to education institutions, business partners and other agencies through its annual conference, regional workshops and chapters.

No.	Action	Status	Assessment Measures
1	Host the best-in class annual conference that will provide members with opportunities for formal and informal networking opportunities. Explore and develop new methods of conference organisation and delivery. Partnering/combining conferences with other association both within and outside the education area.	In Progress	2021: Host University confirmed and plans in progress 2022: Host University confirmed 2023 – 2026: To be confirmed 15 months in advance each year Live demonstrations and hands-on workshops Specific conference track on eID innovative solutions
2	Develop and present papers and presentations at seminars and conferences.	Ongoing	ECCA Annual Conference EUNIS, NACCU each year Others – will be done in line with the dissemination of results from research projects
3	Develop a Regional Chapter/ Online Workshop planning template and support programme that will assist in the establishment and effective operation of the Chapters/Workshops. Provide opportunities for service provider members to participate in these events.	In Progress	2021 – 2026: 3 Regional/Online workshops to be arranged each year
4	Promote workshops and webinars for ECCA partners	Ongoing	Create a channel where partners can promote these activities to ECCA the community

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 5: RESEARCH, STANDARDS, AND INNOVATION

ECCA will collaborate and share its expertise, knowledge, and capabilities to provide leadership in the innovation and development of sustainable future technologies for campus card and eID credential programmes.

No.	Action	Status	Assessment Measures
1	Research the current and potential European Campus eID market to establish the current state of the art and the possible future requirements.	Ongoing	2019 – 2022: Jean Monnet Project
2	Evaluate and implement a process to create proposals for our different research projects under the European Commission calls i.e., CEF, Erasmus+. Create a hub to interconnect service providers and HEI towards the creation of new and innovative project proposals, both public and private.	Ongoing	Director of Innovation & Research Division was appointed by Board. 2021: Establish a workgroup to lead and deliver consortium to initiate and develop grant application(s). 2019 – 2022: Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Support to Associations 2020 – 2022: Erasmus+ - European Student card extension and adoption (ECCA partner) 2021 – 2022: CEF - eSignForStudy project (ECCA Project Manager & Partner) 2022 - 2026: Ongoing review of suitable projects and submission of applications Collaboration projects between HEIs, public and private entities on the design, implementation or testing of different products.
3	Expand and restructure the Innovation and Research Group to facilitate collaboration and sharing of expertise and knowledge that will provide strategic direction and leadership in the development of sustainable technologies for student identification and eID credential programmes.		Implement new Terms of Reference and core objectives for the Work Group. Identify and recruit external members with expertise and knowledge in student eID requirements. Workgroup to have three meetings per year. Specific Research and Innovation track at the annual conference.



OUR VALUES

ECCA is committed to protecting and promoting the values of its members. Our work will be guided and informed by our beliefs and commitment to our five core values.

- ❖ Inclusiveness – we respect people, value diversity and are committed to equality.
- ❖ Participation – we value and recognise the contribution of volunteers within ECCA.
- ❖ Integrity – we will demonstrate a consistent and uncompromising adherence to strong values, morals, and ethical principles.
- ❖ Quality – we strive for excellence through continuous improvement and maintaining rigorous standards in all our work.
- ❖ Openness - we are committed to a culture of teamwork and collaboration:
 - provide a common sense of purpose and identity.
 - provide long-term direction.
 - internal and external communication on the purpose of ECCA.