



EASE Presidency and Executive Board Elections 2020 – Procedure and Guidance

1. Introduction

At the end of 2020, the mandate for seven Executive Board seats will expire, as will the term of the EASE President (Eva Chamizo Llatas, Iberdrola), Vice Presidents (Michael Lippert, Saft; David Post, Enel; Jillis Raadschelders, DNVGL), and Treasurer (Etienne Briere, EDF).

At the General Assembly meeting on Wednesday, 18.11.2020, all EASE Regular members will therefore be invited to elect seven new Executive Board members for a 2-year mandate (2021–2022).

Following this vote, the 7 continuing Executive Board members and 7 newly elected members will be invited to vote on a President, 3 Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer from among their number for a 3-year mandate (2021–2023).

The following seats are up for election in November 2020: CEA, DNV GL (Vice-President), EDF (Treasurer), Enel (Vice-President), Iberdrola (President), LG Chem, and Saft.

2020 EASE Executive Board

Mandate	Mandate	Mandate
 2019–2020 R&D Centre	 2020–2021 Supplier	 2020–2021 TSO
 2018–2020 R&D Centre	 2018–2020 Utility	 2020–2021 TSO
 2018–2020 Utility	 2019–2020 Supplier	 2018–2020 Supplier
 2018–2020 Utility	 2020–2021 Supplier	 2020–2021 R&D Centre
 2020–2021 Utility		 2020–2021 Supplier

The members marked in **red** are up for election. The members with the **blue circles** are Presidency members (President, Vice-President, Treasurer).



2. Role and Responsibilities of Presidency and Executive Board members

The Executive Board meets three times per year and plays an important role in defining the vision and strategy of EASE, while also supporting the practical management of the association.

As explained out in Article 20 of the EASE Statutes, the Executive Board is tasked with implementing the policy and work programme of the Association, determining working procedures for EASE committees and working groups, proposing amendments to the EASE statutes, advising the General Assembly on EASE membership applications, overseeing the financial management of the association, and other responsibilities pertinent to the functioning of EASE.

The President of EASE chairs the Executive Board and General Assembly, guiding the implementation of their decisions. The President also represents the Association externally, and strives to increase the Association's visibility and impact. The Vice-Presidents support the President in carrying out these duties. The Presidency members hold monthly calls with the EASE Secretariat to advise on various issues and take decisions that cannot wait until the following General Assembly meeting. Finally, the Treasurer oversees the preparation of EASE's yearly budget and advises the Secretariat on budgetary issues.

3. Candidature Procedure

Candidatures for the Presidency and Executive Board positions shall be submitted to the Secretariat by e-mail (addressed to p.clerens@ease-storage.eu and b.elzarej@ease-storage.eu) **by Monday, 2 November 2020 (EOB)**. Applications should include the following:

- ✓ A motivation letter (no specific format required);
- ✓ The candidate's full contact details, including his or her position/title.
- ✓ Indication of whether the candidature is for an Executive Board seat only, or an Executive Board seat and a Presidency position.

4. Election Procedure

- ✓ By Friday, 6 November 2020 (EOB), the Secretariat will communicate the candidates to the General Assembly by email.
- ✓ Since the General Assembly meeting will be held remotely, the Secretariat will organise a virtual election procedure. All eligible EASE members (that is, all members with the exception of start-up members and associate members) will be contacted prior to the meeting with instructions on the voting process. The vote itself will take place during the General Assembly meeting. The Secretariat will also propose a voting option for those unable to participate in the meeting.



- ✓ The General Assembly will first vote on the Executive Board seats. Once the new Executive Board has been confirmed, the General Assembly meeting will take a recess so that the Executive Board can elect the President, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer.
- ✓ When voting for the Executive Board and Presidency seats, the member should bear in mind the fair representation of all constituencies within EASE.

5. Background

According to the EASE Statutes:

Article 7.1:

- Regular Members have the right to attend and participate in General Assemblies with voting rights.

Article 7.2:

- Associate Members have the right to attend and participate in General Assemblies, but do not have any voting rights.

Article 15.1:

- A Member is validly represented at the General Assembly by its legal representative or by a proxy holder. A Member wishing to be represented at the General Assembly may only give such a proxy to another Member or to its legal representative.
- A Member may not have more than 3 proxies, except the President of the Executive Board, who can have five. The Member duly represented by a proxy shall be considered present at such a General Assembly.

Article 17.1:

- The Members of the Executive Board are individuals who represent Regular Members. They act bindingly on behalf of their company.

Article 17.2:

- The Executive Board's composition should include in particular representatives of utilities, manufacturers, research organisations and potentially network operators.

Article 17.4:

- The Members of the Executive Board are appointed by the General Assembly for a period of two years.
 - These two-year mandates are renewable without any limitation in the number of possible mandates.
 - Half of the Executive Board will be renewed each year, but this shall only be the case when there are more regular members than members of the Executive Board.



- Associate and Honorary Members cannot be appointed as Member of the Executive Board.

Article 17.5:

- The Executive Board shall agree among itself on the following candidates, which will be suggested to the General Assembly for approval:
 - The President of the Executive Board, who will be called the “President of EASE” and who leads the Association.
 - Three Vice–Presidents of the Executive Board, who will also be Vice–Presidents of the Association and who assist the President.

Article 21.1:

- The President and Vice–presidents are elected individually by the Executive Board for a three years mandate.

Article 24.1:

- The Executive Board may elect a Treasurer in the same manner pursuant to Article 21 for a three years mandate.