

YEAR REVIEW

2022-2023



Members help GAMBICA grow

By Steve Brambley, GAMBICA Chief Executive

The last 12 months have been slightly less turbulent than the period beforehand, where the impacts of leaving the EU, a global pandemic and the war in Ukraine caused disruption and uncertainty in supply chains. However, some of those underlying causes remain a source of friction even now and this year a hike in energy costs and inflation far above target levels caused a commotion. Despite this, our industries have been resilient, meeting the challenge and adapting to the changing conditions.

Our goal at GAMBICA is to support our members through that journey by mitigating risks and obstacles, highlighting opportunities and driving change that enables our sectors to prosper. We influence policy, regulation and standards, we access market data and we advocate for our members promoting the benefits, technology and services they offer.

We are the facilitators, the coordinators, the catalyst, the enablers of change – but the most important ingredients are the ones that our members bring. Your expertise, your experience, your data, your view, your case study, your story – these are the vital elements that make compelling messages and insightful reports. Thank you for your contribution to the growth and success of our community.

YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

6 ministerial engagements



25 policy updates



40 webinars



97% member retention rate



10 new members



One of our most successful campaigns this year has been in the area of CE & UKCA marking. It resulted in the indefinite extension to CE Marking for the 18 regulations within Department for Business and Trade. Since the UK announced leaving the EU, we have helped shape and inform policy around UKCA marking. Using letters to

ministers, feedback to officials, personal consultations and regional round-tables, we have been one of the leading organisations in communicating clear and data-oriented information to government. As members, you have played a key role in supplying evidence – your experience helped us to form a credible case.



Future focus on sustainability

Looking ahead, we will continue to focus on the topic of environmental sustainability. There is no escaping the importance of mitigating climate change and GAMBICA has a role to play in supporting our members on their continuous improvement path.

We are launching the Environmental Impact Survey from September 2023, as a way for members to be able to analyse their CO2 emissions across different aspects of their business. It will help members to demonstrate their sustainability activities to customers and tenders, providing an individual annual trend and a benchmark of industry averages.

We are always looking to grow our community and reach new people within it. The last few years have seen the creation and expansion of two groups – The GAMBICA University/Industry Collaboration (GUIC) and the GAMBICA Young Council (GYC).

The GUIC brings together members from industry and academia, looking at ways to collaborate in the areas of teaching, placements, careers, STEM advocacy, research and policy.

The GYC assembles early-career professionals from our member companies, so we may seek strategy and outreach from a new generation. Not only do we benefit from the diversity of ideas, but it is a development opportunity for young ambassadors enabling them to have some early influence on our industries.

