

About the COE

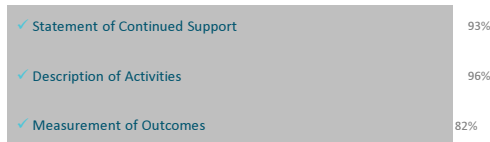
The **Communication on Engagement (COE)**, introduced in 2013, is a public disclosure by non-business participants to stakeholders on specific activities taken in support of the **UN Global Compact**.

COEs submitted must meet the following three minimum requirements:

1. A statement by the chief executive or equivalent expressing continued support for the UN Global Compact and renewing the participant's ongoing commitment to the initiative.
2. A description of the practical actions that the organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact principles and to engage with the initiative following the suggested activities.
3. A measurement of outcomes.

Non-business participants must submit a COE within two years of joining or by 31 October 2016 for existing non-business participants and every two years thereafter. Failure to submit a COE will result in a change of participant status to "non-communicating". Organizations that do not submit a COE within one year of becoming non-communicating will be expelled from the initiative.

In 2015, the COEs submitted fulfilled the following requirements:



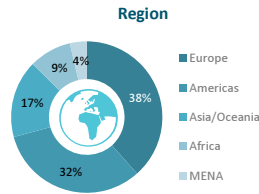
Most popular activities by type of participant:

Participant Type	% COEs	Most Popular Activity
✓ Academic	85%	Incorporate the ten principles of UN Global Compact into internal operations and communicate progress following the COP requirements
✓ Business Association	68%	Organize learning and dialogue events, workshops and training for their members on the UN Global Compact
✓ City	72%	Implementing and promoting the ten principles of the UN Global Compact in the management and administration of the city or region
✓ Labour Organization	60%	Engage with Global Compact Local Networks
✓ NGO	61%	Engage with Global Compact Local Networks
✓ Public Sector Org.	69%	Participate in global, regional, and local events

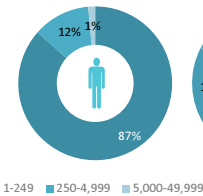
Note: COE data is self-reported

2015 at a Glance

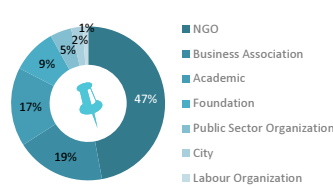
Non-business Participants



Number of Employees



Type of Organization



13,324

Total Global Compact participants (8,381 Business)

4,943

Non-business Participants

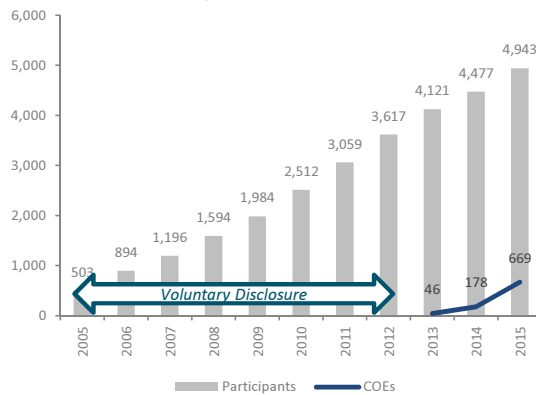
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COEs Submitted

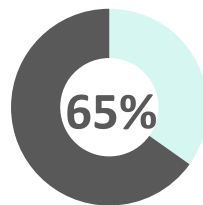
3,320

Non-communicating Non-business participants

Non-Business Participants & COEs



Non-communicating



Since there was no reporting requirement in place for non-business participants before 2013, there was no attrition among this group. Some have already submitted COEs, while others have become non-communicating. The first expulsions are due to occur in October 2016.

■ Non-communicating non-business participants

COE Highlights

NGOs

submitted the most COEs (301)

Europe

submitted the most COEs (273)

Spain

submitted the most COEs (75)

Expulsions

of non-business participants failing to submit a COE due to commence in October 2016

11

organizations voluntarily withdrew from the Global Compact

1,905

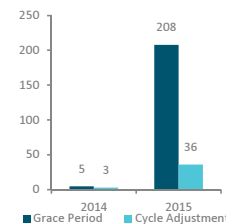
COPs were submitted voluntarily by 974 non-business participants from 2004 to 2013

Deadline Modification

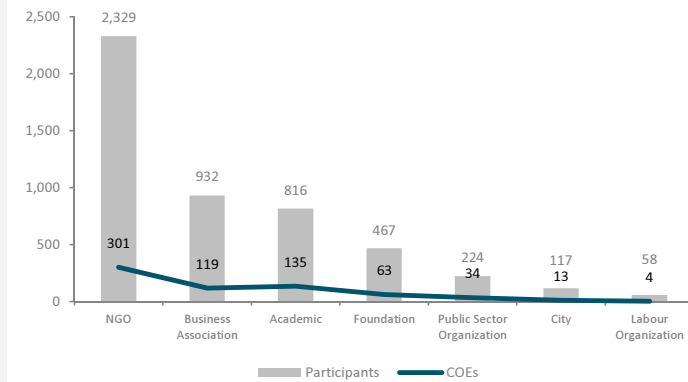
Grace Period: In case of a foreseeable delay in COE submission, participants may request a [grace period](#) of 90 days.

Cycle Adjustment:

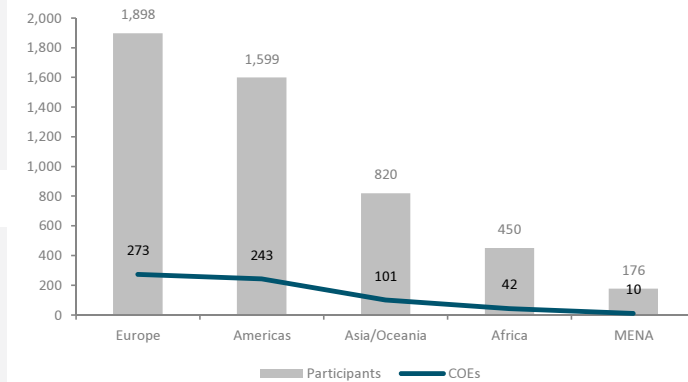
participants can adjust their COE submission deadlines to align with their internal reporting cycles. Such a request will result in a one-time deadline [deferral](#) of up to 11 months.



Types of Non-business Participants and COEs



Non-business Participants and COE Submissions by Region



Non-communicating Non-business Participants by Organization Type

