Definitions

European Countries
According to the United Nations geoscheme, created by the United Nations Statistics Division, the following countries are defined as European countries:

- Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Republic of Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Vatican City.

This geographical division does not imply any assumption regarding political or other affiliations of countries, e.g. membership in the EU.

Reference: http://millenniumindicators.un.org/unsd/methods/m49/m49regh.htm#europe (August 2012)

Note: Jordan and Israel have the status of active group members as they are founding members.

Non-European countries
In these statutes, non-European countries are defined as countries outside the geographic borders of Europe.

Group members
National societies, groups or federations which represent the interests of gastroenterology and endoscopy nurses and endoscopy associate are

- Are professional / non-profit organisations recognised as official representatives for gastroenterology and endoscopy nurses and associates in the respective country
- have statutes with aims focused on nursing in Gastroenterology and Endoscopy
- have a governing board
- have defined membership categories
- hold a General Assembly annually