



Luxembourg,

Call for expressions of interest as Commission appointees to the European Union Committee of Experts on Rare Diseases – Rare Diseases Research Projects under Framework Programmes for Research and Technological Development representatives

This public call for expressions of interest relates to the appointment by the European Commission of members representing Rare Diseases Research Projects under Framework Programmes for Research and Technological Development representatives at the European Union Committee of Experts on Rare Diseases. Decision Commission C(2009)9181 final, of 30 November 2009, establishing a European Union Committee of Experts on Rare Diseases¹ lays down general rules concerning the criteria and procedure for the designation of the members of the Committee.

Article 3(1)(e) lays down that the Committee of Experts on Rare Diseases shall include " six representatives of the ongoing and/or past rare diseases projects financed by the Community Framework Programmes for Research and Technological Development". The members of the Committee shall be appointed for a term of three years, which could be renewable.

The Committee of Experts on Rare Diseases meets normally in Luxembourg or Brussels. Travel and subsistence costs for members of the Committee will be met by the European Commission. The main working language of the Committee is English.

Call for expressions of interest - how and by when?

Expressions of interest in being Commission appointees to represent ongoing and/or past rare diseases projects financed by the Community Framework Programmes for Research and Technological Development should be notified to the European Commission. Each application must be completed in one of the official languages of the European Union, clearly indicating the applicant's nationality and including the necessary documentation. Expressions of interest should provide the following information:

I. Name, job title and qualifications of proposed member.

II. Representatives of which ongoing and/or past rare diseases project(s) financed by the Community Framework Programmes for Research and Technological Development.

III. Presentation of the ongoing and/or past rare diseases projects financed by the Community Framework Programmes for Research and Technological Development including mission and objectives, focus on rare diseases, capability to represent rare diseases activities and whether

the governing body is(was) elected, how accountability and transparency of funding and activities are ensured.

IV. Experience of the proposed member including that relevant to the tasks of the Committee of Experts on Rare Diseases.

V. Outline of any conflicts of interest that could affect impartiality.

VI. Motivation as to why the proposed member considers that he/she should be chosen as member of the Committee of Experts on Rare Diseases to represent ongoing and/or past rare diseases projects financed by the Community Framework Programmes for Research and Technological Development.

VII. Curriculum Vitae of the proposed member.

Information should be sent by e-mail to arrive before **21st December 2009** to the following mailbox: laetitia.voneche@ec.europa.eu

Assessment criteria

Assessment of expressions will be based on:

- Whether the proposed member represents ongoing and/or past rare diseases projects financed by the Community Framework Programmes for Research and Technological Development at a European level.
- Membership of the Committee of Experts on Rare Diseases will be nominate between projects selected for funding by the European Commission under the Decision No 182/1999/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 December 1998 concerning the fifth framework programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities (1998 to 2002)², the Decision No 1513/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2002 concerning the sixth framework programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities, contributing to the creation of the European Research Area and to innovation (2002 to 2006)³ and the Decision No 1982/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities (2007-2013)⁴
- In general preference is given to projects covering several topics or mandated by other projects to represent them in the Committee.
- Whether the proposed member has competencies and experience relevant to the tasks of the Committee of Experts on Rare Diseases listed in Article 2(3) of the Commission Decision.

² <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp5/src/ec-en.htm>

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http://eur-lex.europa.eu/smartapi/cgi/sga_doc?smartapi!celexplus!prod!CELEXnumdoc&numdoc=32002D1513&lg=EN

⁴ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2006:412:0001:0041:EN:PDF>

- Ability and experience in representing rare diseases research projects, and the characteristics of the project (s) represented.

Appointment process

Based on the assessment criteria listed above, the European Commission will draw up a list of appointees.