

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

In order to ensure direct communication between the banking industry, consumers and the European Commission, a Group of Experts in Banking Issues (GEBI) will be set up with the following mandate:

- 1. To give advice and opinions on the policies and possible legislative measures of the EC in the field of banking (including capital requirements, supervision, conglomerates, bank accounting, crisis management, and deposit guarantee schemes);**
- 2. To provide information, forecasts and analysis concerning the background, and possible impact of banking policies and legislative proposals on various stakeholders.**

The tasks are described in more detail in the mandate of the Group. The Group is expected to meet in plenary three times a year, and the Commission will schedule and organise those meetings.

With a view to selecting candidates for this new expert group, the Commission is calling for applications.

The group of experts shall consist of members appointed in a personal capacity. They will be qualified high-level individuals selected by the Commission on the basis of their proven knowledge and capabilities in banking regulation, in particular related to issues covered by Directives 2006/48/EC and 2006/49/EC (collectively, the Capital Requirements Directive). It is planned that the Group will consist of around 40 experts.

The Commission will take the following criteria into account when assessing applications:

- proven knowledge, competence and experience, including at European or international level, in the field of banking regulation.
- commitment to European issues and the internal market in financial services, ability to talk to relevant industry and public entities, willingness to commit time, neutrality and fair judgement;
- interest in formulating policies in banking regulation to respond to the challenges created by the financial crisis;
- good knowledge of written and spoken English;

In view of the need to strike an appropriate balance of expertise and interests represented within the group, the gender, type of business, experience, interest group represented and geographical origin will also be taken into account.

The applications must be submitted **by 28 February 2010 at the latest:**

- either by letter (date as postmarked) to the following address:

**European Commission
DG Internal Market and Services
Unit MARKT/H1 Secretariat
SPA2 04/13
B-1049 Brussels**

- or by e-mail to the following address:

MARKT-H1@ec.europa.eu

Applications must be signed and must include including a full curriculum vitae and the necessary supporting documentation (for example on professional experience and publications etc.). The following information should also be included:

- current employer and period of employment;
- previous employment and periods of employment;
- specific relevant competences;
- involvement in relevant projects and tasks;
- publications on banking and regulatory issues;
- experience at EU and international level;

Members will be appointed in a **personal capacity** and will remain members until the group's mandate is fulfilled. Members are expected to participate actively in the group's meetings. Members shall give the Commission an independent opinion free from outside influence, and may not divulge information obtained through participation in the deliberations of the group if the Commission classifies that information as confidential. Members may designate an alternate participant if they are unable to attend a meeting.

Members who are no longer able to contribute effectively to the work of the group or who resign may be replaced by the Commission. The general selection criteria will apply when selecting new members.

Members will receive no remuneration for their duties in connection with the activities of the expert group, nor will they receive reimbursement of travel and subsistence expenses in connection with their attendance at meetings of the group.

The list of members of the group of experts will be published on the Internet site of DG MARKT. The members' names will be collected, processed and published in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) no. 45/2001.

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