

Call for applications

regarding Commission Decision of 30/04/2008 setting up an

Expert Group on Financial Education (EGFE)

for the selection of experts appointed in a personal capacity

By decision of 30 April 2008¹, the Commission has set up the Expert Group on Financial Education. The main objective of the group is to share and promote best practices on financial education and to advise the Commission on various issues in relation to financial education in the EU. This non-binding advice will assist the Commission in proper implementation of the policy presented in the Communication on financial education.

The Commission is therefore calling for applications with a view to listing candidates to make up the group of experts. The group shall consist of maximum 25 members appointed in a personal capacity in accordance with Article 3 of the above Decision.

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

- 1) Proven knowledge and expertise in current financial literacy issues;
- 2) Recent practical experience, including at European or international level, in the area of financial education;
- 3) The ability of the individual expert to define and shape the views of various stakeholder communities in respect of the matters covered by the mandate;
- 4) The need to strike a balance within the group of experts in terms of representativeness of applicants, gender and geographical origin²,

Members of the group of experts must be nationals of a Member State of the European Union.

The duly signed applications must be sent by **13 June 2008** at the latest by e-mail to the European Commission, DG Internal Market and Services, Financial Services Policy, at the following e-mail address: MARKT-EGFE@ec.europa.eu

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. All applicants should submit the following documents:

- Cover letter explaining their motivation to participate in the Expert Group on Financial Education activities,
- Curriculum vitae summarizing their academic record and professional experience,

¹ Decision 2008/365/EC

² Commission Decision of 19 June 2000 relating to gender balance within the committees and expert groups established by it (OJ L 154 of 27.6.2000, p.34).

- Material allowing the Commission to assess suitability of the candidate having reference to the criteria 1-3 set out above (however in reasonable volumes),
- Letter(s) in support of their application (if applicable).

Applications should in particular include the following information:

- For which authority/organisation has the applicant been working? How long?
- What are his/her specific competences?
- In which specific projects and or tasks has he/she been involved?
- Has he/she published any works on financial education?
- Has he/she acquired experience at EU and international level?
- What will be his/her major professional challenges in the near future?

The Commission shall select members in a personal capacity for a three-year renewable mandate. Experts shall give the Commission an independent opinion free from outside influence and shall respect the conditions of confidentiality mentioned in Article 4 of the Commission Decision establishing the group of experts.

The Commission will reimburse travel and subsistence expenses in connection with the activities of the group of experts in accordance with the provisions in force at the Commission. Members will receive no remuneration for their duties.

The list of members of the Expert Group on Financial Education will be published on the Internet site of the DG. The members' names will be collected, processed and published in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 45/2001.³

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³ Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data (OJ L 8 of 12.1.2001, p. 1).