

Call for expressions of interest regarding Commission Decision of 13 June 2008 setting up an Expert Group on Credit Histories

By Decision of 13 June 2008¹, the Commission has set up an expert group on credit histories. The task of the group of experts is to:

- Identify all legal, regulatory, administrative and other obstacles to the access to and the exchange of credit data. In particular, the group shall analyse the possible impacts of the coexistence of different approaches to the organisation and working of credit registers in the Community and identify the consequences thereof from an economic point of view. It will also analyse the existing situation from the consumer protection (including data protection) point of view.
- Present proposals as to how the identified obstacles could be addressed. To this end, the group shall aim at identifying solutions which maximise credit data circulation whilst ensuring a high level of consumer protection.

The Commission is therefore calling for applications with a view to listing candidates to make up the group of experts.

The group of experts shall consist of 20 members appointed in accordance with Article 3 of the above Decision, will be qualified individuals selected by the Commission on the basis of their expertise in the area of credit data. The Commission shall assess the eligibility of individual experts against the following criteria:

- relevant demonstrable knowledge or competence in relation to the area covered by the mandate of the group;
- recent practical expertise or experience;
- proficiency in a language which is customary in the sphere of finance, at a level which allows the expert to participate in discussions and draft reports in that language.

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

- the need to represent the interests of all stakeholders
- the need to strike a balance within the group of experts in terms of gender and geographical origin²,

Interested applicants are invited to apply for membership by writing to:

MARKT-EGCH@ec.europa.eu

Applications must be received **no later than 14 July 2008**.

¹ Commission Decision of 13 June 2008.

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).

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 must document their professional experience and expertise in full by means of:

- a curriculum vitae summarizing their academic record and professional experience;
- material allowing the Commission to assess suitability of the candidate (however in reasonable volumes); and
- a letter in support of their application (if appropriate).

The application should be signed by a senior office holder or, in the case of individual applications, by the expert him/herself. It must state why the proposed expert(s) should be a member of the Expert Group and how the criteria set out in Article 3 of the Decision are fulfilled.

The Commission will publish a list of the members of the expert group on the webpage of Internal Market and Services Directorate-General. 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).