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*(Notices)*

## COMMISSION

**Call for applications with a view to setting up advisory groups for the key actions of the specific programmes for research (fifth framework programme)**

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1. In the explanatory memorandum to the proposals for Council Decisions concerning the specific programmes implementing, on the one hand, the fifth framework programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities <sup>(1)</sup> and, on the other hand, the fifth framework programme of the Atomic Energy Community for research and training activities <sup>(2)</sup>, the Commission indicated its intention of setting up advisory groups to advise it on the implementation of the key actions or groups of key actions.

To this end, it hereby invites applications for inclusion on its list of candidates for the advisory groups.

The applicants selected will help the Commission by contributing, through their comments, to the definition of the research policy guidelines for the key actions.

2. The Member States, European Parliament, professional bodies of scientists or engineers, industrial or consumer associations and any other organisation concerned with the scientific, technological and socioeconomic objectives of the key actions are invited to inform all eminent persons with the required qualifications about this call for applications.

The Commission will also accept applications coming from scientific, professional, industrial or general organisations on condition that they have the agreement of the person proposed.

3. The work of the advisory groups will address in particular the guidelines for the work programmes (including, whenever possible, the definition of quantified or testable scientific and technical/economic objectives for attaining the aims of the key action, the programming of calls for proposals and the criteria for evaluating proposals for indirect RTD actions), the strategic nature of the work to be carried out in the context of the key actions and its exploitation, and the analysis of the results obtained, with a view to a possible reorientation of the work programmes.

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<sup>(1)</sup> COM(1998) 305/6 and 7, 305/9 and 10.

<sup>(2)</sup> COM(1998) 306/3.

## 4. Applications will concern one of the following key actions or groups of key actions:

Programme	Key action or group of key actions to be covered by an advisory group
Living resources	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Health, food and environmental factors</li> <li>2. Control of infectious diseases</li> <li>3. The cell factory</li> <li>4. The ageing population</li> <li>5. Sustainable agriculture, fisheries, etc.</li> </ol>
Information society	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Information society (comprising the following key actions: Systems and services for the citizen; New methods of work and electronic commerce; Multimedia content and tools; Essential technologies and infrastructures)</li> </ol>
Competitive growth	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Innovative products, processes and organisation</li> <li>2. Sustainable mobility and intermodality</li> <li>3. New perspectives for aeronautics</li> <li>4. Land transport and marine technologies</li> </ol>
Preserving the ecosystem	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sustainable management and quality of water and Sustainable marine ecosystems</li> <li>2. Global change, climate and biodiversity</li> <li>3. The city of tomorrow and cultural heritage</li> <li>4. Cleaner energy systems and Economic and efficient energy</li> </ol>
Human potential	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improving the socioeconomic knowledge base</li> </ol>
Preserving the ecosystem (Euratom)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Controlled thermonuclear fusion</li> <li>2. Nuclear fission</li> </ol>

## 5. Applications for appointment as members of the advisory groups must be sent, duly signed, no later than 3 July 1998.

After that date, the Commission intends to make appointments on a regular basis in order to ensure the smooth functioning of the advisory groups.

Applications must be submitted:

- either by registered letter, as confirmed by the postmark, to the following address: European Commission, Secretariat for Advisory Groups, SDME 2/108, rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200, B-1049 Brussels;
- or by private courier service to the following address: European Commission, Secretariat for Advisory Groups, SDME 2/108, rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200, B-1049 Brussels;
- or by hand to the following address, as confirmed by the acknowledgement of receipt: European Commission, Secretariat for Advisory Groups, Office 2/108, Square de Meeûs 8, B-1040 Brussels.

Each application must mention the key action or group of key actions (see point 4) to which it relates.

Applications must be submitted in one of the official languages of the European Union. They may be sent by the applicant or by his or her employing organisation.

6. All applicants must be recognised as having a very high level of competence in one or more of the areas concerned, as being able to consider scientific and technological prospects and assess them in the light of Community policies and for their strongly-developed professional ethics.

They must provide evidence of their professional experience and a high level of ability (e.g. a detailed CV).

If appointed, they must also be able to provide evidence at any time that they will not derive direct personal benefit from the work of the advisory group to which they are appointed.

7. Applications received in this way will supplement applications in accordance with the conditions referred to in point 6 already registered by the Commission in the context of other procedures or proposed by the Member States or Associated States.

Applications will be valid for all the appointment exercises referred to in point 5 for members of the advisory groups.

On completion of each of those exercises, the Commission will adopt the list of members of the advisory groups, which will subsequently be made public. It will endeavour to ensure that the groups have a balanced composition. To this end, it will take account of the geographical origin and sector of origin (industry and services, research and innovation, users and public regulatory bodies, and socioeconomic circles) of the applicants in question. The Commission will also endeavour to ensure a balanced participation of women and men.

New applications, or updates of applications already submitted, may be introduced in the context of subsequent exercises after 3 July 1998 in accordance with point 5.

8. The applicants selected will be appointed by the Commission in a personal capacity. Their travelling and subsistence expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with the provisions in force within the Commission.
  9. The relevant documents concerning the key actions or groups of key actions can be obtained on request from the address given in point 5, third paragraph, third indent.
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