

DESCRIPTION OF CANDIDATE'S PROFILE AND CRITERIA TO BE CONSIDERED

1. PROFILE OF CANDIDATES, PURPOSE, SUBMISSIONS AND PROCESSING

The purpose of the 2017-2018 call for nominations is (1) to fill a vacancy in the membership of the High Level Group of Scientific Advisors ('HLG') and (2) to establish a short list of up to 50 eligible candidate-members who can be called upon to fill future vacancies.

Candidates should be individuals who, in the opinion of nominating organisations:

- have the highest eminence as scientific leaders and the qualifications and experience reflecting the criteria set out above;
- are available and willing to work as a member of the SAM HLG independently and in the public interest, and
- are expected to have the trust and confidence of the scientific community and of policy makers.

The Committee will treat the names and all personal data concerning candidates as confidential.

To allow the Identification Committee to make an informed assessment, it will only consider nominations that are accompanied by a short statement signed by the nominating organisation regarding the qualifications and broader profile of each candidate.

Self-nominations are not allowed.

The statement should include:

1. A synopsis of the candidate's background and curriculum vitae;
2. Relevant professional experience (e.g. universities, scientific institutions, business, government, etc., indicating also any administrative or scientific advice-to-policy experience);
3. Major publications and other significant works as well as prizes;
4. Broader aspects of the candidate as appropriate (e.g. country of residence, experience abroad, nationality).

It is recommended to use the attached template *Statement on Qualifications and profile of the candidate* to provide information about the qualifications of the proposed candidates (see annex).

An Identification Committee will be aware that the availability of a candidate will be affected by several factors such as the duties of the latter, and the moment the candidate will be requested to consider taking up a membership position which can be in the forthcoming years.

The SAM HLG is expected to meet at least six times per year for one or two day meetings that are held usually in Brussels but can also take place in other European cities. Meetings are conducted in the English language. Members will furthermore be requested to play an active role in the preparation of scientific opinions. The maximum number of days per year which HLG Members are expected to devote to these tasks is up to 40 working days which include meetings and remote work for ordinary members and up to 60 working days for the chair and deputy-chair person.

While nominations of candidates do not give any guarantee of selection, nominating bodies are expected to establish the willingness of candidates to serve as HLG member before their names are forwarded.

2. CRITERIA TO BE CONSIDERED

The selection process of potential candidate HLG members will take into account the criteria and conditions for identification that are set out in Article 3, paragraph 7 of the Commission Decision of 2015 setting up the HLG¹. In addition, the ability to communicate science well is important.

Pursuant to article 3.7 the following elements will be considered.

The composition of the HLG shall ensure that authoritative and independent scientific advice can be provided, combining wisdom and experience with vision and imagination. The credibility of the group shall be built on the balance of qualities amongst the women and men who make it up, and they shall collectively reflect the breadth of the research community across Europe. Consideration shall also be given to younger, next-generation leaders.

HLG Members shall individually have an undisputed reputation as research leaders and for their independence and commitment to research. They shall both have a track record of research practice and experience of scientific or policy leadership at the European or global level.

Members shall reflect the broad disciplinary scope of research, embracing the natural sciences, medicine and engineering, as well as the social sciences, economics, and the humanities. However, they shall not perceive themselves as representatives of a discipline or of a particular line of research; they shall have a broad vision which collectively reflects an understanding of important developments in research, including inter- and multi-disciplinary research, and the needs for scientific advice for policy at European level.

Beyond their proven reputation as scientists and researchers, the membership shall collectively bring experience in providing scientific advice to policy makers, acquired across a broad range of Member States, and at European and international levels. That shall include experience in areas such as the public communication of science, data analytics and visualisation, involvement in legislative processes, studies of scientific advisory systems, and the wider political context in which the group is situated.

The group shall include members with experience in bodies such as advisory councils and committees, government scientific advisors, academies of science and learned societies, universities and research institutes. It may be valuable to the group to include members who have gained experience in more than one country and members from outside the European Union.

The list will serve as basis for the selection of candidates by the Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation.

¹ http://ec.europa.eu/research/sam/pdf/c_2015_6946_f1_commission_decision_en_827417.pdf#view=fit&-pagemode=none