



# Register of Commission expert groups and other similar entities

## Commission Expert Group

Name: Group of experts on licensing and valuation of standard essential patents (E03600)  
(Active - Group which operates on a permanent basis)

Abbreviation: SEPs Group

Policy Area:	Enterprise
	Internal Market
Lead DG:	GROW - DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs
Associated DG:	COMP - DG Competition
	RTD - DG Research and Innovation
	JRC - Joint Research Centre
	TRADE - DG Trade
	SG - Secretariat-General
	CNECT - DG Communications Networks, Content and Technology

Type: Formal, Permanent

Scope: Limited

Mission: Deepen the expertise on evolving industry practices related to the licensing of standard essential patents in the context of the digitalisation of the economy, the sound valuation of intellectual property and the determination of fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory ("FRAND") licensing terms

Task: (a) to facilitate an exchange of experience and good practice in the field of licensing and valuation of Standard Essential Patents ("SEPs"); (b) to provide the Commission with the necessary economic, legal and technical expertise regarding evolving industry practices related to the licensing of SEPs, the sound valuation of intellectual property, and the determination of FRAND licensing terms; (c) to assist the Commission in the monitoring of SEP licensing markets to inform any policy measures that may be required for ensuring a balanced framework for smooth, efficient and effective licensing of SEPs; and (d) to assist the Commission in obtaining information on licensing and valuation practices in accordance with the Communication from the Commission on Setting out the EU approach to Standard Essential Patents.

Other

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Creating Act: Commission Decision C(2018) 4161 of 5th July 2018 setting up a group of experts on licensing and valuation of standard essential patents

Link to Website: [http://ec.europa.eu/growth/industry/intellectual-property/patents/standards\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/industry/intellectual-property/patents/standards_en)

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## Additional Information

### Selection Procedure (members)

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The Members of the Group were selected after a Call for applications with deadline 20/08/2018 (see link) and appointed by the Director-General of DG GROW pursuant to Article 5(6) of Commission Decision C(2018) 4161 final of 5.7.2018.

[http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/index.cfm?do=calls.calls\\_for\\_app](http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/index.cfm?do=calls.calls_for_app)

### Internal Rules of Procedure

The rules of procedures were adopted during the first meeting of the group.

[Document 1](#)

(approx. 23 kb)

### Other

Commission Decision of 5.7.2018 setting up a group of experts on licensing and valuation of standard essential patents

[Document 1](#)

(approx. 251 kb)

## Members

### Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity

Name	Nationality	Professional Title	Membership Status
Aleksandra Kuznicka-Cholewa	Poland		Member
Bowman Heiden	United States of America		Member
Damien Geradin	Belgium		Member
Fabian Hoffmann	Germany		Member
Jorge Padilla	Spain		Member
Justus Baron	Germany		Member
Marie Courboulay	France		Member
Martin Heinebrodt	Germany		Member
Matthias Schneider	Germany		Member
Monica Magnusson	Sweden		Member
Roya Ghafele	Austria		Member
Ruud Peters	Netherlands		Member
Sam Granata	Belgium		Member
Taraneh Maghame	Canada		Member

### Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest

Name	Nationality	Professional Title	Membership Status
Sebastiano Tofaletti	Italy		Member

## Subgroups

No Subgroups assigned to this group.

## Statistics

### Number of Members: 15

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	14	female: 5	male: 9
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	1	female: 0	male: 1

Type C - Organisation: 0

Type D - Member State Authority: 0

### Number of Alternate Members: 0

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0

Type C - Organisation: 0

Type D - Member State Authority: 0

### Number of Observers: 0

Type A - Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Type B - Individual expert appointed as representative of a common interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0

Type C - Organisation: 0

Type D - Member State Authority: 0