

CHAIRMAN OF THE PERFORMANCE REVIEW BODY

CALL FOR INTEREST

The European Commission is selecting a Chairman for the Performance Review Body of the Single European Sky.

The performance scheme

The performance scheme is the keystone of the single European sky II, resulting from the amendment of the basic SES regulations adopted on 21 October 2009.

Article 11 of the amended Framework Regulation No 549/2004 defining the principles of the scheme will be completed by:

- a European Commission Regulation laying down a performance scheme for air navigation services and network functions ('performance regulation')
- the amended Commission Regulation No 1794/2006 laying down a common charging scheme for air navigation services
- a Commission Decision on the designation of the 'performance review body' of the single European sky ('designation decision')

The legislator has set 2012 as the start of the first (3-years) reference period. In order to allow the preparation of the national performance plans, the EU-wide targets have to be adopted before the end of 2010.

From 1 January 2015 onwards, the following reference periods will last five years.

The performance review body

As a result of these deadlines, the performance review body should start its work as soon as possible.

The performance review body ('PRB') will assist the Commission in the tasks and under the conditions defined in the above mentioned legal acts, and in particular in Articles 3, 6 and 19 of the performance regulation. It will also assist on request the national supervisory authorities.

Eurocontrol, acting through its performance review commission ('PRC') will be designated as the PRB for the first reference period (i.e. Summer 2010 – 30 June 2015). While it appears necessary to align as much as possible the processes of the PRC and the PRB, the PRB must remain independent and report exclusively to the Commission.

As a consequence the members of the current PRC will compose the first PRB, but the future members will be selected jointly by Eurocontrol and the European Commission.

Furthermore, the Commission will select the Chairman of the PRB, who does not necessarily need to be a member of the PRC.

The PRB will be technically supported by the Eurocontrol performance review unit ("PRU"), which will administratively report to the Director General of Eurocontrol.

Mandate of the PRB Chairman

The Chairman will be nominated by the European Commission for the duration of the PRB designation, i.e. from Summer 2010 (expected date of entry into force of the designation decision) until end of June 2015.

His/her responsibilities will notably include:

- Chair the PRB
- Ensure, with the support of the PRU, the regular and timely implementation of the performance scheme
- Ensure appropriate coordination with the PRC
- Liaise with and report to the European Commission
- Ensure appropriate relations with the national supervisory authorities, including for the provision of assistance, with EASA and with other stakeholders concerned.
- Promote the performance scheme of the single European sky
- Perform any other task required for the successful implementation of the scheme

The workload is estimated at +/- 75 days/year for the PRB assistance to the European Commission and will be remunerated by the European Commission, through a contract with Eurocontrol (+/- 825 €per day). Meetings of the PRB will take place in Brussels and mission expenses may be reimbursed if required.

Additional workload may be required for support by the PRB to national supervisory authorities under conditions to be further defined.

The nomination is due to take effect as soon as the European Commission's Decision on the designation of the performance review body will enter into force, i.e. probably at the end of Summer 2010.

Required profile

The selection shall be based on the assessment of the candidates' following competences and experience:

- Sound knowledge and experience of the aviation sector, in particular of air traffic management, at the regulatory and political decision-making levels; capacity to demonstrate a strategic vision on its evolution;
- Excellent knowledge and experience of the airlines industry;
- Experience in economic regulation, if possible applied to aviation; experience of the current Eurocontrol performance mechanism would be an asset;
- Political and diplomatic skills, including ability to build and maintain effective and high-level relations with States, airspace users, air navigation service providers, EASA and other stakeholders concerned;
- Experience in planning, managing and monitoring implementation work programmes;
- Good knowledge of the institutions of the European Union and ability to work in a multinational and multicultural environment;
- Leadership qualities as well as strong communication and interpersonal skills;
- For this particular mandate, candidates must have an excellent command of English.

The candidates will also have to demonstrate that they are not committed to other obligations that would prevent them from exercising these tasks in an independent and impartial manner and will have to sign a statement declaring the absence of conflict of interests.

Selection procedure

Candidates are invited to express their interest by sending a motivation letter and a curriculum-vitae by **30 June 2010** to the European Commission:

European Commission
Directorate General for Mobility and Transport
Directorate Air Transport
Unit E2 – Single Sky and Modernisation of air traffic control
DM 24 – 5/65
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An electronic copy can be sent by e-mail to Luc.Tytgat@ec.europa.eu and further information can be obtained with Mr Tytgat +32.2.296.84.30.

A selection panel will meet early July 2010. Candidates may be invited for an interview if required and will be informed of the outcome of the procedure by end of July 2010.