

## Call for experts to assist the European Commission and other EU bodies with tasks in connection with pilot projects and preparatory actions

1. The European Commission is launching a **call for experts** for the Funding & Tenders Portal expert database, for assignments in connection with EU **pilot projects and preparatory actions (PPs & PAs)** for grants:
  - (a) evaluation of proposals in response to calls for proposals
  - (b) monitoring of the implementation of actions carried out under the PPs & PAs

Pilot projects and preparatory actions are initiatives to test new funding schemes. Pilot projects are of experimental nature and designed to test the feasibility of a funding scheme and its usefulness (duration of normally around two years). Preparatory actions are normally the follow-up to a successful pilot project and designed to test and prepare the scheme in view of turning it into a standing EU funding programme (duration of normally around three years).

Pilot projects and preparatory actions may be managed by various services (Commission or other EU bodies) and may cover any EU policy area. They are formally self-standing and not part of existing EU funding programmes.

2. The Commission and other EU bodies managing pilot projects and preparatory actions are looking for experts with a high level of **expertise** and **professional experience** in all fields of EU policy.


Appropriate language skills (in particular in English) are mandatory.

3. **Registrations** must be submitted via the following address:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/work-as-an-expert>

The call for expression of interest is permanently open (no **deadline**).

Experts who are **already registered** in the Funding & Tenders Portal database are invited to access the following website, to declare their interest in PP & PA assignments (and update their area of expertise): <https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/experts/web/dashboard>.

 If you have ticked the box [Other programmes], you are automatically registered also for PPs & PAs, but you can opt out by explicitly unselecting PPs & PAs (just like any other programme).

4. The **selection** will be done from the database, on the basis of professional capacity and selection criteria that ensure good quality expertise, language skills, geographical and business-sector balance, gender balance, regular rotation, absence of conflict of interest. The procedure will be objective and fully compliant with the principles of non-discrimination and equal treatment.

If needed and duly justified, experts may exceptionally also be selected from outside the database.

The Commission and other EU bodies may call upon the advice of advisory bodies for the selection of experts.

5.  **Important:**

All sections of the online application form must be completed (and kept up-to-date). Areas of expertise and professional experience must be adequately detailed and documented. The registration will be considered complete only once marked as valid.

The remuneration for EU experts assignments are published on the [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#).

Registration via the online application form does not automatically mean that you will be selected for task assignments.

If selected for assignments involving classified information, you will need to get appropriate security clearance before starting on the assignment and be validated by the national security authority (NSA) of your Member State.

Selected experts will be managed via the [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#). By submitting this application, you agree to accept to use the electronic exchange system in accordance with the [Funding & Tenders Portal Terms & Conditions](#).

Personal data collected in the context of this call will be processed in accordance with Regulation No 2018/1725<sup>1</sup> and the [Funding & Tenders Portal privacy statements](#).

Your name may be published in accordance with Article 237 of the EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046<sup>2</sup>.

You will be required to agree to a code of conduct (including confidentiality aspects) and to confirm that there is no conflict of interest for each assignment.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39).

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).