CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
TO SELECT MEMBERS OF THE "PLATFORM FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF C-ITS IN THE EU"

1. BACKGROUND

Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems (C-ITS) is the term used to describe technology which allows vehicles to become connected to each other and to other parts of the transport network. In addition to what drivers can immediately see around them, and what vehicle sensors can detect, all parts of the transport system will increasingly be able to share information to improve decision making. Thus, improving road safety through avoiding collisions, but also assisting in reducing congestion and improving traffic flows, and reducing environmental impacts. Once the basic technology is in place as a platform, an array of applications can be developed, some of which can't be foreseen today\(^1\).

The Directorate General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE) of the European Commission has decided to set up the informal group of experts "Platform for the Deployment of C-ITS in the EU" (C-ITS Platform).

The task of the C-ITS Platform is to assist the Commission in the development of a shared vision and a roadmap for the deployment of C-ITS in the EU. In this respect, all the relevant Commission services, such as the Directorate General for Communication Networks Content and Technology (DG CNECT), the Directorate General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD), the Directorate General for Enterprise and Industry (DG ENTR) will be associated to the Platform.

The C-ITS Platform provides an operational instrument for dialogue, exchange of technical knowledge and cooperation, between the Commission, EU Member States, and relevant C-ITS stakeholders.

In this context, the C-ITS Platform and/or its Sub-Groups will integrate inputs from relevant on-going initiatives on C-ITS in Europe supported at European, national, regional or local levels, in order to bring in the knowledge and experience into the development of the Deployment strategy in the EU.

In particular, with respect to the iMobility Forum supported by DG CNECT, both Directorates General (DG MOVE and DG CNECT) will ensure a close link and interaction between the relevant working groups of both initiatives. On the basis of strategic challenges and questions issued by the relevant working group/s of the C-ITS Platform, mirror working group/s of the iMobility Forum will elaborate technical conclusions that will notably be used to produce policy recommendations by the C-ITS Platform.

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\(^1\) Definition from "Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems. Final Policy Paper". NTC Australia, December 2013
The Platform is expected to produce deliverables on some cross-cutting issues which hamper today further progress in this area: helping to build a cost-benefit analysis, identifying enablers and suitable options to address existing barriers.

The final outcome of the Platform will then be discussed with Senior representatives of industry and relevant sectors notably in the context of the ITS Advisory Group, as well as Members States for its endorsement with the aim to support a deployment strategy in the EU.

Furthermore, the Directorate General for Mobility and Transport in close cooperation with the other Commission's services involved in the Platform, will ensure that the outcome is feed-in into the CAR2020 Initiative, the "Digital Agenda", the TEN-T policy, the future work to be undertaken within the framework of Horizon 2020, and other relevant fora.

The Commission is therefore calling for applications with a view to selecting members of the C-ITS Platform.

2. FEATURES OF THE GROUP

2.1. Composition

Members of the group shall be representatives of European Union (EU) Member States' ITS authorities and public and/or private organisations\(^2\) active in Cooperative ITS.

The group of experts shall consist of maximum 80 members and shall be chaired by a representative of the Commission.

The members of the C-ITS Platform shall be:

2.1.1. European Union (EU) Member States' ITS authorities;

2.1.2. Public and/or private organisations active in C-ITS related areas. In particular, the following are considered of capital interest:

(a) representatives of the automotive industry

(b) representatives of the telecommunication industry

(c) representatives of service providers (including navigation systems, vehicle repair companies, etc.)

(d) representatives of Tier 1 suppliers

(e) representatives of road infrastructure managers

(f) representatives of insurance companies

(g) representatives of local/regional authorities

\(^2\) Including companies, associations, Non-Governmental-Organisations, universities, research institutes.
representatives of user's (users/consumers associations, commercial fleets both for freight and passengers)

(i) representatives of European C-ITS relevant sector associations (including social representatives and environmental associations)

(j) individual experts with relevant expertise in the C-ITS field

The Commission will ensure that all the relevant sectors are represented in the Platform membership in a balanced way.

2.1.3. EU Member States' authorities referred to in point 2.1.1 shall nominate their representatives. They shall nominate one representative each and an alternate to replace the representative when absent or indisposed.

2.1.4. Members referred to in point 2.1.2 will be appointed by the Director General for Mobility and Transport following this open call for applications.

2.1.5. The Director-General for Mobility and Transport may refuse a representative or an alternate proposed by an organisation, if he or she does not meet the requirements specified in the call for application. In such cases, the organisation concerned shall be asked to nominate another representative or alternate.

2.2. Terms of the appointment

Members shall be appointed for a 2-year duration, and shall remain in office until that time. However organisations referred to in paragraph 2.1.2 or their representatives may be replaced or excluded for the remainder of their term of office in any of the following cases:

(a) where the organisation or its representative is no longer capable of contributing effectively to the group's deliberations;

(b) where the organisation or its representative does not comply with the condition set out in article 339 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;

(c) where the organisation or its representative resigns;

(d) where it is desirable in order to maintain a balanced representation of relevant areas of expertise and areas of interest;

(e) where the conditions set out in the call for applications to which the concerned member has responded are no longer respected.

This term may be renewed for two more years if the Directorate General for Mobility and Transport considers it appropriate.

2.3. Confidentiality

The members of the group shall comply with the obligations of professional secrecy laid down by the Treaties and their implementing rules, as well as with the Commission's rules on security regarding the protection of EU classified information, laid down in the Annex to
Commission Decision 2001/844/EC, ECSC, Euratom. Should they fail to respect these obligations, the Commission may take all appropriate measures.

2.4. Transparency

Data on members and personal data shall be treated in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 45/2001.

2.5. Attendance at meetings

Applicants should be prepared to attend meetings systematically, to contribute actively to discussions in the group, to examine and provide comments on documents under discussion and to act, as appropriate, as ‘rapporteurs’ on ad hoc basis.

Applicants should take into account that meetings generally involve preparatory work.

3. Application Procedure

Interested applicants for membership are required to submit their application to the European Commission.

An application will be deemed admissible only if it includes the documents referred to in chapter 4.2 of this call, sent at the latest by the deadline referred to thereafter. All the above mentioned documents should be duly filled in, legible, signed and numbered sequentially. All the documents mentioned above will be used in the selection procedure.

Each application must be completed in one of the official language of the European Union. However, applications in English would facilitate the evaluation procedure. If another language is used, it would be desirable to include a summary of the CV in English.

The application must also clearly specify the stakeholder category for which the application is made (see Appendix 1) and must clearly indicate the name and references of the organisation and include the necessary documentation. All applying organisations must propose their representative(s), and provide for each of them individual information. Supporting documents (e.g. publications) might be requested at a later stage.

3.1. Deadline for application

The duly signed and scanned applications must be sent not later than 15 September 2014 to the following e-mail address: MOVE-C ITS Platform@ec.europa.eu, the date of the e-mail will be the date of sending.

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3 Regulation (EC) 45/2001 of the European Parliament and the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data (OJ L 8,12.1.2001, p. 1).
4. REQUIREMENTS

4.1. Selection Criteria

The Commission will take the following criteria into account when assessing applications (points will be given during the assessment as follows):

(a) criterion 1 - representativeness, market share and socio-economic impact of the organisation in the C-ITS domain at EU level, (maximum 10 points);

(b) criterion 2 - scope of competence and experience of the organisation in C-ITS (maximum 5 points);

(c) criterion 3 - experience of the proposed representative(s) in the area of cooperative systems as well as their knowledge of the English language, (maximum 5 points);

In addition, representatives of the C-ITS Platform members must be nationals of a Member State of the European Union or the European Economic Area or, if appropriate, of an acceding country, or a country which has signed an association agreement.

4.2. Supporting evidence

Each application shall include the following supporting document:

(1) a cover letter explaining the motives for answering this call

(2) a stakeholder category declaration form (appendix 1)

(3) a selection criteria form (appendix 2) clearly documenting the professional experience and expertise as against the criteria listed in 4.1.

(4) a curriculum vitae (CV), preferably not exceeding three pages and in English, where applicants must document their professional experience and expertise in full. The CV should also contain information on the following aspects:

(a) the organisation for which the applicant is working, the length of time he/she has worked there, and the position and level of responsibility held there.

(b) other authorities/organisations, for which he/she has worked in the past.

(c) his/her specific competences, notably in relation to the C-ITS related area.

(d) the specific projects and or tasks he/she has been involved in.

(e) any work that he/she has published on C-ITS.

(f) any experience he/she has acquired at EU and international level.

(g) his/her major professional challenges foreseen in the near future.

(h) any interests that he/she has, which may prejudice his or her independence.
All CVs should be submitted in the European format (see appendix 3):
http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/europass/home/vernav/Europass+Documents/Europass+CV.csp

5. SELECTION PROCEDURE

The selection procedure will consist of an assessment of the applications against the criteria (points will be given as set out in 4.1 and added for each applicant), followed by the establishment of a list of most suitable applicants in each stakeholder category (based on total points in descending order), and concluded by the appointment of the members of the group, as well as possible alternates. In the selection process the Commission will also endeavour to strike a balance within the C-ITS Platform in terms of representativeness of applicants, gender and geographical origin⁴.

Information on the results of the call for applications will be published at least on the Internet site of DG MOVE.

6. MEETINGS EXPENSES

As a general rule, except exceptional circumstances, travel and subsistence expenses incurred by participants in the activities of the group will not be reimbursed by the Commission. In addition, members will receive no remuneration for their duties.

Working language for both documents and meetings will be English.

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