

The European Commission launches a call for applications for candidates to become members of the panel selecting adjudicators for EU trade and investment agreements

On 16 December 2020 the Commission adopted a [decision](#) establishing a panel of independent experts in charge of assisting the Commission in selecting candidates for the roles of trade arbitrators, investment adjudicators and sustainable development experts for dispute settlement mechanisms under EU trade and investment agreements. This is part of an effort to establish objective and high quality selection procedures that will step up the enforcement of EU agreements by establishing gender-balanced lists of highly qualified adjudicators (see [here](#)).

The selection panel is a standing body composed of 4 members appointed by the Commission, one of which is nominated by the Commission (see [here](#) for information on the selection panel), the others being nominated by the Council of the European Union, the Member States and the European Parliament, respectively.

The Commission is now seeking candidates to exercise the role of the Commission's nominee to the selection panel.

Interested individuals who wish to be considered for this role are invited to submit their applications by 23:00 (Brussels time) on 19 February 2021.

What criteria should the candidates fulfil?

Candidates should be individuals of recognised competence. They should have the nationality of an EU Member State and fall under one of the following categories:

- former judges, including former members of international tribunals set up pursuant to bilateral or multilateral treaties to which the Union is a party,
- current or former members of national or international courts and tribunals,
- jurisconsults or academics of high standing.

Candidates should be independent, impartial and not take instructions from any organisation or government. They should be able to work in English.

How to apply?

Candidates should submit their applications directly to the Commission's mailbox: TRADE-F-CANDIDATES-PANELS@ec.europa.eu

All applications have to consist of:

- a cover letter indicating the candidate's motivations for applying to the role of member of the selection panel;
- a curriculum vitae (indicating the EU nationality of the candidate and any other nationalities)

Candidates are also required to fill in a [conflicts of interest declaration](#). Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Assessment procedure

All timely and complete applications will be assessed by a selection board composed of EU officials from the Directorate-General for Trade and the Legal Service of the European Commission. The board will conduct its assessment based on the candidates' curricula vitae, cover letters and declarations of potential conflicts of interest. The board may conduct interviews with shortlisted candidates.

Please note that the European Commission will not reimburse the candidates' travel expenses for attending a possible interview with the selection panel should such interviews take place in person.

Any questions concerning the assessment procedure can be addressed to TRADE-F-CANDIDATES-PANELS@ec.europa.eu

Appointment

The successful Commission nominee, as well as the nominees of the Council, the European Parliament and the EU Member States, will be appointed to the selection panel by the Commission and their names will be announced on the Commission's website.

Members of the panel will be appointed for a non-renewable period of six years. However, the terms of two of the first four members to be determined by lot by the Commission will be appointed for a non-renewable period of nine years.

Members of the panel will be appointed in their personal capacity and act independently and in the public interest.

In appointing members of the panel, the Commission will ensure gender balance.

Members of the selection panel will receive reimbursement for travel and subsistence expenses during the exercise of their functions, and will be entitled to a daily allowances for the work performed.

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