

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MISSION EVOLUTION ADVISORY GROUP**

The Commission has the intention to set up a consultative group of GNSS¹ experts called the Mission Evolution Advisory Group [MEAG].

The primary task of this group of experts is to provide recommendations on potential evolutions of the mission objectives and the service definitions for the European satellite navigation programmes Galileo and EGNOS; to perform this task the group shall assess changes of both user needs and scope of space-based navigation, positioning and timing services, both on European and international scale, in due consideration of the existing global framework of satellite navigation services and systems. The group shall further analyse the impacts of such changes on the mission and service requirements for the Galileo and EGNOS programme and develop and propose suitable updates of the mission and service baseline.

The Commission is therefore calling for applications with a view to selecting members of this group of experts.

The MEAG shall be composed of 25 members representing expertise from GNSS user communities, GNSS industry sectors, academia, national space agencies and other recognized experts from Member States.

The MEAG shall meet on a regular basis with an indicative number of three meetings per year. The expert group may establish on an ad-hoc basis Working Groups to provide specialist support as required to carry out its activities. The MEAG shall further record and report its work results and recommendations on a yearly basis to the Commission.

The Commission shall select members in a personal capacity for a period of 4 years which can be renewed. Members shall give the Commission an independent opinion free from outside influence and shall respect the conditions of confidentiality. The Commission Decision establishing this expert group, due to be adopted by the end of September 2010 will elaborate further on these requirements. Moreover, experts shall commit to act independently and in the public interest.

¹ Global Navigation Satellite System

The Commission will take the following criteria into account when assessing applications:

- proven competence and experience, including at European and/or international level, in areas relevant to GNSS missions, systems and user technologies and/or GNSS services and applications,
- the need to strike a balance within the group of experts in terms of representativeness of applicants, gender and geographical origin²,
- members of the group of experts should be nationals of a Member State of the European Union, Norway or Switzerland. Applications from nationals of third countries may also be considered in view of their particular expertise. The duly signed applications must be sent by October 15th, 2010 at the latest:

- either by letter, private courier, or hand-delivered (in return of a receipt), to the following address:

European Commission,
DG Enterprise and Industry,
Unit GP/1 secretariat,
Rue de Mot 28, 04/100,
B-1049 Brussels,

- or by e-mail to:

ENTR-GNSS-INFRASTRUCTURE@ec.europa.eu
With the mention "MEAG Application" in the subject line.

Each application must be completed in one of the official languages of the European Union, clearly indicating the applicant's nationality and including the necessary documentation. All applicants must document their professional experience and expertise in full [by means of a curriculum vitae³ and, if appropriate, a letter in support of their application]. The following information should also be included:

- The authority/organisation for which the applicant has been working and the length of time he/she has worked there.
- Other authorities/organisations, for which he/she has been working for in the past.
- His/her specific competences.
- The specific projects and or tasks he/she has been involved in.

² Commission Decision of 19 June 2000 relating to gender balance within the committees and expert groups established by it (OJ L 154 of 27.6.2000, p.34).

³ All curricula vitae should be submitted in the European format: www.cedefop.eu.int/transparency/cv.asp

- Any works that he/she has published on GNSS matters,
- Any experience he/she has acquired at EU and international level.
- His/her major professional challenges foreseen in the near future.
- Any interests that he/she has, which may prejudice his or her independence.

Travel and subsistence expenses incurred by participants in the activities of the group shall be reimbursed by the Commission in accordance with the provisions in force at the Commission within the limits of the available budgetary appropriations. **Members will receive no remuneration for their duties.**

The list of members of the MEAG shall be published in the Register of expert groups.⁴

Personal data will be collected, processed and published in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 45/2001.⁵

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⁴ Members who do not wish to have their names disclosed may apply for derogation from this rule. The request not to disclose the name of a member of an expert group shall be considered justified whenever publication could endanger his or her security or integrity or unduly prejudice his or her privacy.

⁵ Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of 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 of 12.1.2001, p. 1).