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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY

Call for expressions of interest for the position of member of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority

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Applications are invited for the positions of 7 out of 14 members of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority established by Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety ⁽¹⁾. The Authority is located in Parma, Italy.

THE EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) is the keystone of European Union risk assessment regarding food and feed safety. The Authority was established to provide scientific advice and support for Community legislation and policies in all fields that may have a direct or indirect impact on food and feed safety, as well as closely associated questions in the field of animal health and welfare and plant health. It provides independent information on these matters and communicates on risks. Its mission also includes provision of scientific advice on nutrition, particularly in relation to Community legislation, and GMOs, including also new food technologies. The Authority has rapidly earned a reputation with its stakeholders as the accepted point of reference by virtue of its independence, the scientific quality of its opinions and public information, the transparency of its procedures and its diligence in performing its tasks. In addition to having its own specialist personnel, the Authority is supported by networks of competent organisations in the EU.

Legal background

In accordance with Article 25 of the above-mentioned Regulation, 'the members of the Board shall be appointed in such a way as to secure the highest standards of competence, a broad range of relevant expertise and, consistent with these, the broadest possible geographic distribution within the Union'. In addition, four of the members of the Management Board 'shall have their background in organisations representing consumers and other interests in the food chain'.

Furthermore, Recital 40 of the aforementioned Regulation stipulates that 'Cooperation with Member States is also indispensable' and Recital 41 states that 'the Management Board should be appointed in such a way as to secure the highest standard of competence, a broad range of relevant expertise, for instance in management and in public administration, and the broadest possible geographic distribution within the Union. This should be facilitated by a rotation of the different countries of origin of the members of the Management Board without any post being reserved for nationals of any specific Member State.'

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 1.

Role and operation of the Management Board

The responsibilities of the Management Board include, in particular:

- general monitoring of the work of the Authority to ensure that it carries out its mission and performs the tasks assigned to it in accordance with its mandate and within a culture of independence and transparency,
- the appointment of the Executive Director on the basis of the list drawn up by the Commission, and, if necessary, his or her dismissal,
- the appointment of the members of the Scientific Committee and Panels which are responsible for providing the scientific opinions of the Authority,
- the adoption of annual and multi-annual programmes of work of the Authority and the general report of annual activities,
- the adoption of the Authority's internal rules and financial regulation.

The Board operates by formal meetings, private sessions, informal contacts between members and correspondence. EFSA papers, Board correspondence and private or informal sessions are held in English. Formal sessions include interpretation where Members need this. The Board meets four to six times per year, predominantly in Parma but also in other EU locations where appropriate.

Composition of the Management Board

The Management Board is composed of 14 members appointed by the Council in consultation with the European Parliament, plus a representative of the Commission, as stated in Article 25 (1) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 ⁽¹⁾. The term of office for seven members of the current Management Board expires on 30 June 2010, in accordance with Council Decision 2006/478/EC of 19 June 2006 ⁽²⁾. The term of office of the other seven members will end on 30 June 2012.

Current membership of the Board can be seen on EFSA's website http://www.efsa.europa.eu/EFSA/AboutEfsa/WhoWeAre/ManagementBoard/efsa_locale-1178620753812_Members.htm

This publication concerns applications for the positions of those seven members of the Management Board whose term expires on 30 June 2010.

Qualifications for the position

The members of the Management Board need the competence and collective expertise necessary to guide the Authority on matters relating to its mission, particularly to ensure:

1. efficient delivery of scientific advice and support to meet the European Community's needs in relation to its legislation and policies and its work in the public interest;
2. application of sound principles of management and public administration (including financial aspects);
3. its functioning is guided by the principles of integrity, independence, transparency, ethical practices and high scientific quality while maintaining the indispensable cooperation with Member States;
4. communication and information to the public on scientific issues;
5. the creation and maintenance of a reputation for a high level of excellence, objectivity and reliability with its stakeholders;
6. promotion of the necessary coherence between risk assessment, risk management and risk communication functions.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 31, 1.2.2002, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 189, 12.7.2006, p. 7.

Candidates will need to demonstrate that they can contribute effectively to one or more of the areas listed above. They must have had at least 15 years of experience in one or more of these areas, including at least five years at a senior level. Candidates shall have at least five years of experience gained from work in connection with food and feed safety or other areas related to the Authority's mission, notably in the field of animal health and welfare, protection of the environment ⁽¹⁾, plant health and nutrition. On the basis of their experience, candidates shall demonstrate their ability to operate in a multilingual, multicultural and multidisciplinary environment. Candidates will be selected on the basis of comparative merits in relation to the above-mentioned criteria and, consistent with these, of the broadest possible geographic distribution within the Union.

Independence and declarations of commitment and interest

Board members will be nominated in a personal capacity. They will be required to make a declaration of commitment to act independently in the public interest and to make a declaration in relation to interests which might be considered prejudicial to their independence. Therefore, in line with the principle of independence in the functioning of the Board, applicants are asked to indicate in the application form any direct or indirect relationship they consider to be relevant to the mission of the Authority.

Participation in the Board meetings

Members will need to make a high level of commitment to participate in the meetings of the Management Board. They are asked to indicate in the application form their availability to actively participate in the Management Board. It is estimated that the Management Board will meet four to six times per year. Members of the Board are not remunerated, but will be reimbursed for their normal travel and subsistence costs. They will also receive indemnities for each day spent at meetings in accordance with Article 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the Management Board of EFSA, which states that 'members of the Management Board other than the Commission representative and those employed by a national public body or institution will receive a daily indemnity of EUR 300 for each meeting of the Board at which he/she is present'.

Members of the Management Board having a background in organisations representing consumers and other interests in the food chain

Candidates are asked to indicate if their application should be considered as an expression of interest in the context of such Board Members and, if so, to provide details of their background in organisations representing consumers and other interests in the food chain.

Appointment and term of mandate

With the exception of the Commission representative, who is appointed by the Commission, members of the Management Board are appointed by the Council, in consultation with the European Parliament, from the list drawn up by the Commission on the basis of this call for expressions of interest. The term of office shall be four years and can be renewed once. Applicants should note that the Commission's list will be made public. Individuals on the Commission's list who are not appointed may be invited to constitute a reserve list to be used in the event of the need to replace members who are unable to complete their mandate.

Nationality

In this call, the Commission will seek to establish a short-list that, consistent with appointments securing the highest standards of competence and a broad range of expertise, will enable the appointments also to meet the objective of 'the broadest possible geographical distribution' to be facilitated by 'a rotation of the different countries of origin of the Members'. It should be noted that members whose term of office ends on 30 June 2012 already include nationals of Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Finland, Italy, Slovenia and United Kingdom. Outgoing members (who may reapply unless they have completed the maximum two terms of office) include nationals of Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Hungary, Netherlands and Sweden. To date, the Board has not included nationals of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Romania and Slovakia.

⁽¹⁾ Ecology, protection of the biodiversity.

This Call is open to nationals of any EU Member State. Applicants must be nationals of an EU Member State.

Equal opportunities

The European Union takes great care to avoid any form of discrimination and actively encourages applications from women.

Application procedure and closing date

Applications shall comply with the requirements set out below; otherwise they will not be taken into consideration:

1. Interested persons *must* use the attached form, which can also be downloaded from the Health and Consumers Directorate-General's website at: http://ec.europa.eu/food/efsa/efsa_management_board_en.htm
2. The application must be complete. It must include the application, as referred to in paragraph 3 below in one original printed version and three copies;
3. The application must include:
 - (a) a letter of motivation (signed);
 - (b) a completed application form (signed);
 - (c) a CV of minimum 1,5 pages and maximum 3 pages.
4. The letter of motivation, the application form, the CV, and the supporting documents have to be written in an official language of the European Community. It would, however, be desirable to include a summary of experience and other pertinent information in English in order to facilitate the selection procedure. All applications will be treated as confidential. Supporting documents must be submitted at a later stage, if requested.
5. The **final deadline** for submission of applications is **30 September 2009**.
6. The complete application must be sent:
 - (a) either by post or by courier service not later than 30 September 2009, in which case the evidence of the date of dispatch shall be constituted by the postmark or the date of the deposit slip, to the following address:

European Commission
Health and Consumers Directorate-General
Unit 03 — Science and Stakeholder Relations
For the attention of Mr R. Vanhoorde (Application for the Management Board)
Office F-101 (Tour) 04/168
1049 Bruxelles/Brussel
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- (b) or delivered by hand to the following address:

European Commission
Health and Consumers Directorate-General
Unit 03 — Science and Stakeholder Relations
For the attention of Mr R. Vanhoorde (Application for the Management Board)
Avenue du Bourget 1-3
1140 Brussels (Evere)
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not later than 16.00 on 30 September 2009. In this case, a receipt must be obtained as proof of submission, signed and dated by the official in the Commission's central mail department who took delivery. The department is open from 8.00 to 17.00 Monday to Thursday, and from 8.00 to 16.00 on Fridays. It is closed on Saturdays, Sundays and Commission holidays.

Neither applications sent by electronic mail or fax, nor those sent directly to the European Food Safety Authority will be accepted.

7. In submitting an application, applicants accept the procedures and conditions as described in this call and in the documents to which it refers. In compiling their application, applicants may under no circumstances refer to any documents of any type submitted in prior applications (example: photocopies of previous applications will not be accepted). Any misrepresentation in supplying the required information may lead to the exclusion from the present Call.

EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

(all relevant fields must be duly completed (in capital letters using BLACK INK, even when additional documents are attached. Sign and date the completed form))

Candidates should complete the form in all its parts.

1. Surname ⁽¹⁾: Forenames:
 Title:

2. Address for correspondence ⁽²⁾: No:
 Postal Code: Town: Country:
 Telephone No E-mail address:

3. Date of birth: Day: Month: Year:

4. Gender: Male Female

5. Nationality ⁽³⁾:

AT	BE	BG	CY	CZ	DE	DK	EE	ES	FI	FR	GB	GR	HU	IE

IT	LT	LU	LV	MT	NL	PL	PT	RO	SE	SI	SK

6. Languages ⁽⁴⁾:

Place the following numbers (1, 2 or 3) in the appropriate box or boxes:

1 for your mother tongue or main language;

2 for the second language(s);

3 for any other languages you know.

BG	CS	DA	DE	EL	EN	ES	ET	FI	FR	GA	HU	IT	LT	LV

MT	NL	PL	PT	RO	SK	SL	SV	Other language(s)

⁽¹⁾ IMPORTANT: Your expression of interest will be registered under this name. Please use it in all correspondence. Any other name (e.g. maiden name) appearing on diplomas or certificates accompanying this expression of interest should be indicated below:

⁽²⁾ The Commission services should be informed of any change of address.

⁽³⁾ Abbreviations based on the ISO 3166 country code.

⁽⁴⁾ Abbreviations based on the ISO 639 language code.

7. The organisation that is currently employing you is: (Indicate if you are self-employed or unemployed).

Name:	
Address:	

8. Please describe in a few key words the major areas of competence that you consider you could bring to the Board

(1)
(2)
(3)
Other:

- 8a. Indicate briefly your experience in relation to food and feed safety, or other areas related to the work of the Authority

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9. Indicate if your application should be considered as an expression of interest in the context of the four Board Members with a background in organisations representing consumers or other interests in the food chain.

- YES
- NO

If Yes:

(a) Consumers: Specify name(s) and address(es) of the organisation(s):

(b) Other interest in the food chain: Specify name(s) and address(es) of the organisation(s):

10. Indicate if you are available to actively participate in the Management Board:

- YES
- NO

11. Information on direct or indirect interest of relevance to the mission of the Authority (It is not necessary to indicate, at this stage, the amount of any financial interests or the names of the family members)

(1) Direct interest (financial benefits arising from, for example, employment, contracted work, investments, fees etc.):

(2) Indirect interests (indirect financial, e.g. grants, sponsorships, or other kind of benefits):

(3) Interests deriving from the professional activities of the applicant or his/her close family members:

(4) Any membership role or affiliation that you have in organisations/bodies/clubs with an interest in the work of the Authority:

[Empty rectangular box for response to question 4]

(5) Other interests or facts that the applicant considers pertinent:

[Empty rectangular box for response to question 5]

12. Declaration:

- 1. I declare on my word of honour that the information provided above is true and complete. I understand that any misrepresentation in supplying this information may lead to my exclusion from the present Call;
- 2. I further declare on my word of honour that I am a national of one of the Member States of the European Union and enjoy my full rights as a citizen;
- 3. I undertake to produce on request documents to support my expression of interest and accept that failure to do so may invalidate my expression of interest;
- 4. I confirm that I am willing to make a commitment to act independently of any external influence and to make an annual written declaration of interests and to declare at each meeting of the Management Board any interest which might be considered prejudicial to my independence in relations to the items on the agenda;

Done at (place) on (date)

Signature:

Candidates must also submit:

- A signed letter of motivation;
- A CV of minimum 1.5 pages and maximum 3 pages.
