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II

*(Information)*INFORMATION FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES
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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case M.7372 — AXA/Hammerson/The Real Estate Portfolio)****(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2014/C 373/01)

On 15 October 2014, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the internal market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾. The full text of the decision is available only in the English language and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- in the merger section of the Competition website of the Commission (<http://ec.europa.eu/competition/mergers/cases/>). This website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case number, date and sectoral indexes,
- in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html?locale=en>) under document number 32014M7372. EUR-Lex is the online access to European law.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

IV

*(Notices)*NOTICES FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES AND
AGENCIES

COUNCIL

**Notice for the attention of persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council
Decision 2011/137/CFSP and in Council Regulation (EU) No 204/2011 concerning restrictive
measures in view of the situation in Libya**

(2014/C 373/02)

The following information is brought to the attention of the persons designated in Annexes I and III to Council Decision 2011/137/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision 2014/727/CFSP ⁽¹⁾, and in Annex II to Council Regulation (EU) No 204/2011, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1103/2014 ⁽²⁾ implementing Article 16(1) of Regulation (EU) No 204/2011, concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya.

The United Nations Committee established pursuant to paragraph 24 of UNSCR 1970 (2011) updated information concerning certain individuals subject to restrictive measures.

The persons concerned may submit at any time a request to the UN Committee established pursuant to paragraph 24 of UNSCR 1970 (2011), together with any supporting documentation, for the decisions to include them in the UN list to be reconsidered. Such request should be sent to the following address:

United Nations – Focal point for delisting
Security Council Subsidiary Organs Branch
Room S-3055 E
New York, NY 10017
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

See for more information at: <http://www.un.org/sc/committees/751/comguide.shtml>

Further to the UN decision, the Council of the European Union has determined that the restrictive measures provided for in Decision 2011/137/CFSP and in Regulation (EU) No 204/2011 should continue to apply to those persons.

The attention of the persons concerned is drawn to the possibility of making an application to the competent authorities of the relevant Member State(s) as indicated on the websites in Annex IV to Regulation (EU) No 204/2011, in order to obtain an authorisation to use frozen funds for basic needs or specific payments (cf. Article 7 of the Regulation).

The persons concerned may submit a request to the Council, together with supporting documentation that the decision to include them on the above-mentioned list should be reconsidered to the following address:

Council of the European Union
General Secretariat
DG C 1C
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 175
1048 Bruxelles/Brussel
BELGIQUE/BELGIË
e-mail: sanctions@consilium.europa.eu

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 301, 21.10.2014, p. 30.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 301, 21.10.2014, p. 3.

Any observations received will be taken into account for the purpose of the Council's next review, pursuant to Article 12(2) of Decision 2011/137/CFSP and Article 16(6) of Regulation (EU) No 204/2011, of the list of designated persons and entities.

Notice for the attention of the persons to whom measures provided for in Council Decision 2010/638/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision 2014/728/CFSP and in Council Regulation (EU) No 1284/2009 concerning restrictive measures against the Republic of Guinea apply

(2014/C 373/03)

The following information is brought to the attention of the persons that appear in the Annex to Council Decision 2010/638/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision 2014/728/CFSP ⁽¹⁾, and in Annex II to Council Regulation (EU) No 1284/2009.

The Council of the European Union has determined that the persons that appear in the abovementioned Annexes continue to fulfil the criterion set out in Decision 2010/638/CFSP and in Regulation (EU) No 1284/2009 concerning restrictive measures against the Republic of Guinea and should therefore remain subject to the measures as renewed by Decision 2014/728/CFSP.

The attention of the persons concerned is drawn to the possibility of making an application to the competent authorities of the relevant Member State(s) as indicated in the web-sites in Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 1284/2009, in order to obtain an authorisation to use frozen funds for basic needs or specific payments (cf. Article 8 of the Regulation).

The persons concerned may submit a request to the Council, together with supporting documentation, that the decision to include them on the abovementioned list should be reconsidered, to the following address:

Council of the European Union
General Secretariat
DG C 1C
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 175
1048 Bruxelles/Brussel
BELGIQUE/BELGIË

E-mail: sanctions@consilium.europa.eu

The attention of the persons concerned is also drawn to the possibility of challenging the Council's decision before the General Court of the European Union, in accordance with the conditions laid down in Article 275, 2nd paragraph, and Article 263, 4th and 6th paragraphs, of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 301, 21.10.2014, p. 33.

Notice for the attention of the persons and entities to which restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2010/231/CFSP and in Council Regulation (EU) No 356/2010 apply

(2014/C 373/04)

The following information is brought to the attention of the persons and entities that appear in the Annex to Council Decision 2010/231/CFSP as implemented by Council Decision 2014/729/CFSP ⁽¹⁾ and in Annex I to Council Regulation (EU) No 356/2010 as implemented by Council Regulation (EU) No 1104/2014 ⁽²⁾.

The Sanctions Committee established pursuant to United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 751 (1992) concerning Somalia adopted on 12 April 2010 the list of persons and entities to which the provisions of paragraphs 1, 3 and 7 of UNSCR 1844 (2008) apply.

The persons and entities concerned may submit at any time a request to the UN Committee, together with any supporting documentation, for the decisions to include them in the UN list to be reconsidered. Such request should be sent to the following address:

United Nations — Focal point for delisting
Security Council Subsidiary Organs Branch
Room S-3055 E
New York, NY 10017
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

See for more information at: <http://www.un.org/sc/committees/751/comguide.shtml>

Further to the UN decision, the Council of the European Union has determined that the persons and entities that appear in the above-mentioned Annexes should be included in the lists of persons and entities which are subject to the restrictive measure set out in Council Regulation (EU) No 356/2010.

The attention of the persons and entities concerned is drawn to the possibility of making an application to the competent authorities of the relevant Member State(s) as indicated in the web-sites in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 356/2010, in order to obtain an authorisation to use frozen funds for basic needs or specific payments (cf. Article 5 of the Regulation).

The persons and entities concerned may submit a request to obtain the statement of reasons for listing provided by the UN Sanctions Committee, to the following address:

Council of the European Union
General Secretariat
DG C 1C
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 175
1048 Bruxelles/Brussel
BELGIQUE/BELGIË
E-mail: sanctions@consilium.europa.eu

The persons and entities concerned may submit a request to the Council, together with supporting documentation, that the decision to include them on the above-mentioned lists should be reconsidered, to the address provided above.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 301, 21.10.2014, p. 34.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 301, 21.10.2014, p. 5.

The attention of the persons and entities concerned is also drawn to the possibility of challenging the Council's decision before the General Court of the European Union, in accordance with the conditions laid down in Article 275, second paragraph, and Article 263, fourth and sixth paragraphs, of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Notice for the attention of the persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP and in Council Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria

(2014/C 373/05)

The following information is brought to the attention of the persons and entities designated in Annex I to Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP, as implemented by Council Implementing Decision 2014/730/CFSP ⁽¹⁾, and in Annex II to Council Regulation (EU) No 36/2012, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1105/2014 ⁽²⁾, concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria.

The Council of the European Union has decided that the persons and entities that appear in the above mentioned Annexes should be included in the list of persons and entities in Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP and Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012. The grounds for designation of those persons and entities appear in the relevant entries in those Annexes.

The attention of the persons and entities concerned is drawn to the possibility of making an application to the competent authorities of the relevant Member State(s) as indicated on the websites in Annex Ila to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012, in order to obtain an authorisation to use frozen funds for basic needs or specific payments (cf. Article 16 of the Regulation).

The persons and entities concerned may submit a request to the Council before 31 March 2015, together with supporting documentation that the decision to include them on the above-mentioned list should be reconsidered to the following address:

Council of the European Union
General Secretariat
DG C 1C
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 175
1048 Bruxelles/Brussel
BELGIQUE/BELGIË

e-mail: sanctions@consilium.europa.eu

The attention of the persons and entities concerned is also drawn to the possibility of challenging the Council's decision before the General Court of the European Union, in accordance with the conditions laid down in Article 275, 2nd paragraph, and Article 263, 4th and 6th paragraphs, of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 301, 21.10.2014, p. 36.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 301, 21.10.2014, p. 7.

The following information is brought to the attention of Dr Emad Abul-Ghani Sabouni (a.k.a. Imad Abdul Ghani Al Sabuni; Egn. Bassam Hanna; Dr Mahmoud Ibraheem (a.k.a. Ibrahim) Sa'iid (a.k.a. Said, Sa'eed, Saeed); Dr Lubana (a.k.a. Lubanah) Mushaweh (a.k.a. Mshaweh, Mshawweh, Mushawweh); Dr Abdul-Salam Al Nayef; Hassan Hijazi; Dr Khodr Orfali (a.k.a. Khudr Urfaali/Orphaly); Samir Izzat Qadi Amin; Dr Malek Ali to whom restrictive measures provided for in for in Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP and in Council Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria apply

(2014/C 373/06)

The Council intends to amend the statements of reasons for the listing of the above-mentioned persons, as set out below:

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
114	Dr Emad (عماد) Abdul-Ghani (عبدالغني) Sabouni (صباوني) (a.k.a.: Imad Abdul Ghani Al Sabuni)	Date of birth: 1964; Place of birth: Damascus	Former minister of Telecommunications and Technology. As former Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	27.2.2012
157	Eng. Bassam (بسام) Hanna (حنا)		Former minister of Water Resources. As former Government Minister shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	16.10.2012
162	Dr Mahmoud (محمود) Ibraheem (إبراهيم) (a.k.a. Ibrahim) Sa'iid (سعيد) (a.k.a. Said, Sa'eed, Saeed)		Former Minister of Transport. As a former Government Minister shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	16.10.2012
166	Dr Lubana (لبانة) (a.k.a. Lubanah) Mushaweh (مشوح) (a.k.a. Mshaweh, Mshawweh, Mushawweh)	Date of birth: 1955 Place of birth: Damascus	Former Minister of Culture. As former Government Minister shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	16.10.2012
171	Dr Abdul-Salam (عبدالسلام) Al Nayef (النيايف)		Former Minister of Health. As a former Government Minister shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	16.10.2012
184	Hassan Hijazi	Date of birth: 1964	Former Labour Minister. As a former Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	24.6.2014

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
186	Dr Khodr Orfali (a.k.a. Khudr/Khudr Urfali/ Orphaly)	Date of birth: 1956	Former Economy and Foreign Trade Minister. As a former Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	24.6.2014
187	Samir Izzat Qadi Amin	Date of birth: 1966	Former Internal Trade and Consumer Protection Minister. As a former Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	24.6.2014
189	Dr Malek Ali (a.k.a. Malik)	Date of birth: 1956	Former Minister of Higher Education. As a Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population.	24.6.2014

Observations by the persons concerned should be submitted within 3 weeks from the date of publication of this notice to the following address:

Council of the European Union
General Secretariat
DG C 1C
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 175
1048 Bruxelles/Brussel
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e-mail: sanctions@consilium.europa.eu

The persons concerned may submit at any time a request to the Council, together with any supporting documentation, that the decision to include and maintain them on the list should be reconsidered to the above-mentioned address.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾

20 October 2014

(2014/C 373/07)

1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate		
USD	US dollar	1,2773	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,4381
JPY	Japanese yen	136,62	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	9,9090
DKK	Danish krone	7,4470	NZD	New Zealand dollar	1,6053
GBP	Pound sterling	0,79140	SGD	Singapore dollar	1,6238
SEK	Swedish krona	9,1969	KRW	South Korean won	1 352,67
CHF	Swiss franc	1,2064	ZAR	South African rand	14,1028
ISK	Iceland króna		CNY	Chinese yuan renminbi	7,8210
NOK	Norwegian krone	8,3900	HRK	Croatian kuna	7,6663
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9558	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	15 347,29
CZK	Czech koruna	27,562	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	4,1774
HUF	Hungarian forint	306,37	PHP	Philippine peso	57,306
LTL	Lithuanian litas	3,4528	RUB	Russian rouble	52,4198
PLN	Polish zloty	4,2227	THB	Thai baht	41,263
RON	Romanian leu	4,4173	BRL	Brazilian real	3,1318
TRY	Turkish lira	2,8730	MXN	Mexican peso	17,2710
AUD	Australian dollar	1,4560	INR	Indian rupee	78,2921

⁽¹⁾ Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

NOTICES FROM MEMBER STATES

Information communicated by Member States regarding closure of fisheries

(2014/C 373/08)

In accordance with Article 35(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy ⁽¹⁾, a decision has been taken to close the fishery as set down in the following table:

Date and time of closure	13.9.2014
Duration	13.9.2014–31.12.2014
Member State	Belgium
Stock or Group of stocks	NEP/8ABDE.
Species	Norway lobster (<i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>)
Zone	VIIIa, VIIIb, VIIIc and VIId
Type(s) of fishing vessels	—
Reference number	51/TQ43

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 1.

Information communicated by Member States regarding closure of fisheries

(2014/C 373/09)

In accordance with Article 35(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy ⁽¹⁾, a decision has been taken to close the fishery as set down in the following table:

Date and time of closure	22.9.2014
Duration	22.9.2014–31.12.2014
Member State	France
Stock or Group of stocks	HER/5B6ANB
Species	Herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)
Zone	Union and international waters of Vb, VIb and VIaN
Type(s) of fishing vessels	—
Reference number	56/TQ43

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 1.

Commission notice pursuant to Article 17(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules for the operation of air services in the Community

Invitation to tender in respect of the operation of scheduled air services in accordance with public service obligations

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2014/C 373/10)

Member State	France
Route concerned	Aurillac – Paris (Orly)
Period of validity of the contract	From 1 June 2015 to 31 May 2019
Deadline for the submission of applications and tenders	15 January 2015, before 17:30, Paris time (France)
Address from which the text of the invitation to tender and any relevant information and/or documentation relating to the public tender and the public service obligations can be obtained	<p>Département du Cantal Service des Marchés 28 Avenue Gambetta 15015 Aurillac Cedex FRANCE</p> <p>Contacts: Marc-Antoine Le-Minh-Triet Pôle Déplacements et Infrastructures Tel. +33 471462249 Fax +33 471465982 E-mail: servicetransports@cg15.fr</p> <p>Olivier Brieda Service des Marchés Tel. +33 471462257 Fax +33 471465954 E-mail: marchespublics@cg15.fr</p>

Commission notice pursuant to Article 17(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules for the operation of air services in the Community

Invitation to tender in respect of the operation of scheduled air services in accordance with public service obligations

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2014/C 373/11)

Member State	France
Route concerned	Castres – Paris (Orly)
Period of validity of the contract	From 1 June 2015 to 31 May 2019
Deadline for the submission of applications and tenders	For applications: 5 December 2014, before 12:00, Paris time (France) For tenders: 15 January 2015, before 12:00, Paris time (France)
Address from which the text of the invitation to tender and any relevant information and/or documentation relating to the public tender and the public service obligations can be obtained	Chambre de commerce et d'industrie du Tarn BP 30217 40, allée Alphonse Juin 81101 Castres Cedex FRANCE Tel. +33 567466000 Fax +33 563514699 E-mail: f.chambert@tarn.cci.fr

V

(Announcements)

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Call for expression of interest**Scientific Committee on Occupational Exposure Limits (SCOEL)****Membership during its sixth term of office**

(2014/C 373/12)

1. Subject of the call

Following the adoption of Commission Decision 2014/113/EU ⁽¹⁾, the Commission is launching a call for expression of interest, addressed to scientists who wish to be considered for membership of the Scientific Committee on Occupational Exposure Limits (SCOEL) during its sixth term of office.

SCOEL members will be appointed in their personal capacity, for a term of office of three years.

SCOEL's sixth term of office is expected to start at the beginning of 2015.

2. SCOEL's mission

SCOEL was initially set up by Commission Decision 95/320/EC ⁽²⁾ to evaluate the health effects of occupational exposure to chemical agents. This Decision was recently repealed by Decision 2014/113/EU, which brings SCOEL's working methods more into line with the Commission's common rules on expert groups. To do this, the new Decision requires a new selection procedure for members, via an open call for expression of interest, to ensure transparency and equal opportunities for highly qualified and specialised scientific experts. It also emphasises the continued importance of the ethical principles of excellence, independence and impartiality as the basis for SCOEL's work.

In accordance with Article 3 of Council Directive 98/24/EC ⁽³⁾, SCOEL's mission is to provide the Commission with scientific recommendations and opinions on a range of priority chemicals. These recommendations and opinions are used by the Commission to develop EU policy on workers' health protection, in particular to set occupational exposure limits (OELs) for chemical substances at EU level, pursuant to Directive 98/24/EC and Directive 2004/37/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁴⁾. SCOEL evaluates the relationship between the effects of hazardous chemicals and the level of occupational exposure by carrying out an independent scientific assessment of the latest available scientific data.

SCOEL's recommendations must be scientifically reliable and valid, innovative, well-supported, understandable and clear, and produced through a balanced, unbiased and clearly-defined process.

SCOEL's main task is to recommend 'health-based' OELs by assessing the effects of airborne exposure. The recommended levels must be set to ensure that exposure, even when repeated on a regular basis throughout a working life, will not lead to adverse health effects for people who were exposed to the chemicals, and/or their progeny at any time (as far as can currently be predicted). For some adverse effects (in particular genotoxicity, carcinogenicity and

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 62, 4.3.2014, p. 18.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 188, 9.8.1995, p. 14.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 131, 5.5.1998, p. 11.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 158, 30.4.2004, p. 50.

respiratory sensitisation), it may not be possible, based on present knowledge, to identify a safe threshold of exposure. In these cases, SCOEL may calculate a series of exposure levels associated with estimated risks.

In addition to recommendations relating to airborne OELs, SCOEL is also asked to give recommendations for biological limits or biological guidance values, and to supplement its recommended OELs with further notations such as skin absorption, sensitising capacity and carcinogenicity, as appropriate.

Scientific advice on matters relating to protecting workers' health and safety must be organised in accordance with best practice principles of risk assessment and must be based on the ethical principles of excellence, independence, impartiality and transparency. These are set out in the Commission Communication on 'The collection and use of expertise by the Commission: principles and guidelines. Improving the knowledge for better policies' ⁽¹⁾.

Information on SCOEL activities and, in particular, on the methodology for the derivation of OELs and the list of recommendations adopted can be found at:

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=148&langId=en&intPageId=684>

3. SCOEL members' role

SCOEL members must be highly qualified, specialised, and independent scientific experts in different areas related to chemical agents, including, in particular, chemistry, toxicology, epidemiology, occupational medicine and industrial hygiene. They must also have general skills relating to setting OELs.

SCOEL members are expected to attend SCOEL meetings at least four times a year and to actively contribute to scientific discussions, review documents, comment on them, and act as 'chair' and/or 'rapporteurs' (lead person for a specific file).

SCOEL members will be asked to perform the following tasks:

- contribute to the preparation, discussion and adoption of scientific recommendations on OELs, either as the 'rapporteur' or supporting the 'rapporteur';
- contribute to scientific advice on matters related to chemical agents, as requested by the Commission;
- provide advice on conducting and organising SCOEL's scientific activities.

SCOEL's working documents are in English and meetings are also conducted in English. Meetings involve thorough preparatory work, including prior reading, critical assessment and drafting documents.

Applicants are required to express their commitment that, if appointed, they will actively participate in SCOEL's activities.

SCOEL members will be entitled to a special allowance, in accordance with Decision 2014/113/EU, of a maximum of EUR 450 for each full working day spent on activities relating to their participation in meetings. Travel and subsistence expenses incurred by participants in carrying out SCOEL activities will be reimbursed by the Commission in accordance with the applicable provisions ⁽²⁾.

4. SCOEL composition

As stated in Article 3 of Decision 2014/113/EU, SCOEL will be composed of a maximum of 21 individual experts, selected from a list of suitable candidates drawn up after the evaluation of the eligible applications submitted to this call for expression of interest.

5. Selection procedure

The selection procedure will consist of two steps:

- i. checking the applications' eligibility;
- ii. evaluating whether the applicants meet the selection criteria, and drawing up a list of the most suitable candidates.

⁽¹⁾ COM(2002) 713 final of 11 December 2002.

⁽²⁾ Commission Decision C(2007) 5858 Rules on the reimbursement of expenses incurred by people from outside the Commission invited to attend meetings in an expert capacity.

The Selection Board will be composed of representatives from the relevant Commission services.

Each expression of interest will be assessed by at least two members of the Selection Board against the eligibility and selection criteria. During the selection process, the Commission will also consider the independence of the experts (in particular, any potential conflicts of interest) and will ensure a balanced geographical and gender distribution of SCOEL members.

The requirements

A. Eligibility criteria

Each application will be screened against the following eligibility criteria:

- i. a university degree in a scientific area relevant to SCOEL's work;
- ii. at least ten (10) years of professional experience in a field relevant to SCOEL's work, gained after obtaining the degree mentioned in point (i);
- iii. EU citizenship;
- iv. ability to work in English: successful applicants must be able to read English and report in English, in writing and orally⁽¹⁾, since it is the language in which the vast majority of relevant scientific literature is written in the international context.

B. Selection criteria

Applications that meet the eligibility requirements will be assessed on the basis of the following selection criteria.

i. Specific areas of scientific expertise

In selecting candidates, the Commission will seek to achieve the best possible balance of scientific expertise in the following areas:

chemistry, toxicology, epidemiology, occupational medicine, environment and health, exposure sciences, respiratory medicine, dermatology, nervous system, reproductive toxicity, genotoxicity/carcinogenicity, pathology, occupational hygiene, biological monitoring, analytical methodologies and experience in setting OELs for chemicals, or other scientific disciplines relevant to the work of SCOEL.

ii. Relevant areas of experience and skills

Applicants will be evaluated on the following areas of experience and skill:

- evaluation of the effects of occupational exposure to chemicals on human health;
- professional experience in a multidisciplinary scientific environment, preferably in an international context;
- published scientific papers on topics relevant to developing scientific proposals for OELs;
- **membership** of national or international scientific committees responsible for developing scientific recommendations or setting OELs on chemicals;
- **contributing**, in a supporting capacity, to the work of national or international scientific committees responsible for developing scientific recommendations or setting OELs on chemicals;
- project management related to scientific matters.

Applicants with experience in evaluating the effect of exposure to chemicals on human health in other areas such as food, environment or consumer protection may also be considered.

⁽¹⁾ As a guide, 'Ability to work in English' corresponds to level B2 or above, as set out in the Council of Europe reference document for the European Language Portfolio ('Common European Framework of Reference: Learning, Teaching, and Assessment'). For more information please refer to <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr>

6. Appointment of members

The Commission will appoint members following the results of the selection procedure and ensuring a balanced geographical distribution of the members of the committee, in accordance with Article 3 of Decision 2014/113/EU.

The names of the members appointed will be published in the Register of Commission expert groups and in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Personal data will be collected, processed and published in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁾.

Before appointment, the Commission reserves the right to check documents and certificates in order to confirm the accuracy and eligibility of the application.

SCOEL members will serve a term of office of three years.

Applicants who meet the requirements for membership but who are not appointed will remain on a candidate list, as set out in Article 4(2) of Decision 2014/113/EU.

7. Ethical principles

As set out in Article 9 of Decision 2014/113/EU, SCOEL's scientific advice must be based on the ethical principles of independence, transparency and confidentiality.

1. Independence

SCOEL members undertake to act independently of any external influence. They must not delegate their responsibilities to any other person.

They must make a declaration of commitment to act in the public interest and declare the absence or existence of any direct or indirect interests which might be considered prejudicial to their independence.

The Commission services will take note of and decide on the relevance of any interests declared.

2. Transparency

SCOEL must ensure that its recommendations and opinions clearly set out the reasoning used in its decision-making process, as outlined in its methodology.

3. Confidentiality

SCOEL members must not divulge information they learn as a result of their work for SCOEL, thematic workshops, working groups or other activities relating to Decision 2014/113/EU. This requirement is in addition to those set out in Article 339 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and Article 12 of Decision 2014/113/EU.

SCOEL members must sign a declaration of confidentiality at the beginning of each term of office.

8. Equal opportunities

The Commission takes great care to apply the principles of equal treatment in its procedures.

9. Submission of applications

Scientists who are interested in applying are invited to complete and submit the online application form, which is available at:

<http://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/SCOEL>

Applicants are kindly asked to complete their application form in English, in order to facilitate the selection procedure.

An application will only be deemed admissible if it includes:

- a completed application form;
- a *curriculum vitae*, preferably not exceeding three pages (to be uploaded to the application form at the relevant point);
- a list of the applicant's scientific publications in topics relevant to SCOEL's work (to be uploaded to the application form at the relevant point);
- a declaration on the applicant's honour, a commitment declaration and a declaration of any potential conflicts of interest (included at the end of the application form).

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 8, 12.1.2001, p. 1.

Supporting documents may be requested at a later stage.

The Commission will inform applicants of the result of the selection procedure as soon as possible.

10. Closing date for sending applications

The closing date for submitting applications for SCOEL membership is 15.12.2014 (time GMT +1). Only properly completed online applications submitted via the website linked above will be considered.

Applicants are strongly advised not to wait until the last few days before the deadline since heavy internet traffic or a problem with internet connections could otherwise lead to applicants not being able to submit the application on time. Applications will not be accepted after the deadline has expired.

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