

**DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE COMMISSION, THE COURT OF JUSTICE, THE COURT OF AUDITORS, THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE, THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS AND THE EUROPEAN OMBUDSMAN**

**of 25 July 2002**

**establishing a European Communities Personnel Selection Office**

(2002/620/EC)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION, THE COURT OF JUSTICE, THE COURT OF AUDITORS, THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE, THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS AND THE EUROPEAN OMBUDSMAN,

*Article 2*

**Powers**

Having regard to the Staff Regulations of officials of the European Communities and to the Conditions of employment of other servants of the European Communities, as laid down by Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68 <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC, ECSC, Euratom) No 490/2002 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular the third paragraph of Article 2 of the said Staff Regulations,

1. The Office shall exercise the powers of selection conferred under the first paragraph of Article 30 of the Staff Regulations and under Annex III thereto on the appointing authorities of the institutions signing this Decision. In exceptional cases only and with the agreement of the Office, the institutions may hold their own open competitions to meet specific needs for highly specialised staff.

Having regard to the opinion of the Staff Regulations Committee,

2. Where the powers referred to in paragraph 1 are conferred on the appointing authority of a body, office or agency established by or in accordance with the Treaties, the Office may exercise such powers at the request of the latter.

Whereas:

3. The decisions to appoint successful candidates shall be taken by the appointing authorities of the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Ombudsman and by any body, office or agency established by or in accordance with the Treaties which has delegated its powers to, or called on the services of, the Office.

(1) In the interests of making efficient and economic use of resources, a common interinstitutional body should be entrusted with the means of selecting officials and other servants to serve the European Communities.

*Article 3*

**Duties**

(2) The interinstitutional body so established should have the task of drawing up reserve lists from among candidates in open competitions in line with the needs indicated by each institution and in compliance with the Staff Regulations, the decisions to appoint successful candidates being taken by each appointing authority.

1. In response to requests made to it by the appointing authorities referred to in Article 2, the Office shall draw up reserve lists from among candidates in open competitions as referred to in the first paragraph of Article 30 of the Staff Regulations and in accordance with Annex III thereto.

(3) On the same terms, the interinstitutional body should also be able to assist the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies established by or in accordance with the Treaties with their internal competitions and the selection of other servants,

2. The Office may assist the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies established by or in accordance with the Treaties with internal competitions and the selection of other servants.

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

**Establishment**

A European Communities Personnel Selection Office (hereinafter referred to as 'the Office') is hereby established.

*Article 4*

**Requests, complaints and appeals**

In accordance with Article 91a of the Staff Regulations, requests and complaints relating to the exercise of the powers conferred under Article 2(1) and (2) of this Decision shall be lodged with the Office. Any appeal in these areas shall be made against the Commission.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 56, 4.3.1968, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 77, 20.3.2002, p. 1.

*Article 5***Implementation**

The Secretaries-General of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission, the Registrar of the Court of Justice, the Secretaries-General of the Court of Auditors, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions and the representative of the European Ombudsman shall by mutual agreement take the measures necessary to implement this Decision.

*Article 6***Effective date**

This Decision shall take effect on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

*For the European Parliament*

*The President*

Patrick COX

*For the Commission*

*The President*

Romano PRODI

*For the Court of Auditors*

*The President*

Juan Manuel FABRA VALLÉS

*For the Committee of the Regions*

*The President*

Sir Albert BORE

*For the Council*

*The President*

Jaume MATAS i PALOU

*For the Court of Justice*

*The President*

Gil Carlos RODRÍGUEZ IGLESIAS

*For the Economic and Social Committee*

*The President*

G. FRERICHS

*The European Ombudsman*

Jacob SÖDERMAN

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