CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE SELECTION OF EXPERTS FOR THE 'PERFORMANCE REVIEW BODY OF THE SINGLE EUROPEAN SKY' (PRB)

1. Introduction

By Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/2296 setting up the independent group of experts designated as Performance Review Body of the single European sky (hereinafter 'the Decision')¹, the European Commission (hereinafter 'the Commission') is to set up a group to help it implement the Single European Sky's performance and charging scheme² by providing independent advice and expertise. This group will be designated as the 'Performance Review Body of the Single European Sky' (PRB), in accordance with Article 11(2) of Regulation (EC) No 549/2004.

The Single European Sky performance scheme, introduced by the European Parliament and the Council in 2009, is a mechanism for regulating the performance and economic aspects of monopoly providers of air navigation services.

The PRB came into being in 2010 when Eurocontrol's Performance Review Commission was designated to act on its behalf. As of 2017, it will be a separate group of independent experts. The Commission is therefore calling for applications from appropriately qualified, impartial experts able to act independently as PRB members. Members of the PRB will be remunerated for their work under individual contracts.

The objective of this call for applications is to set up a list of candidates for appointment. Inclusion of experts on the list entails no obligation on the part of the Commission concerning the appointment of those experts as members of the PRB and the conclusion of the related contracts.

2. Composition of the PRB

The PRB will consist of nine members, including its chair. Members others than the chair, will be selected from the list of candidates for appointment established as the result of this call for applications. They will be appointed in their personal capacity, in accordance with Article 4 of the Decision.

All members must have a sound knowledge of relevant European Union policy and legislation, particularly the Single European Sky, and be acquainted with the performance scheme objectives and structure in general. They must have sound judgement, the ability to understand complex concepts, and the capacity to understand and consider the views of contributing and affected groups and to reflect rationally on inputs from a variety of standpoints. They must have a sound knowledge of benchmarking and cost-benefit analysis techniques and a clear understanding of the tasks and responsibilities of other bodies helping to implement the Single European Sky at EU-wide and national level. They must also be skilled in communicating at large meetings and in managing such meetings.

In order to ensure the necessary expertise required to accomplish the tasks assigned to the PRB, each appointed member shall cover one or more of the following profiles:

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/2296 of 16 December 2016 setting up the independent group of experts designated as Performance review Body of the single European sky (OJ L344, 17.12.2016, p. 92.)

See Commission Implementing Regulations (EU) No 390/2013 and (EU) No 391/2013, in particular Article 3 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 390/2013.

a) Cost Efficiency Key Performance Area

The member(s) responsible for the Cost Efficiency Key Performance Area will provide advice on economic issues. They shall have an economic background, with experience in economic or financial matters, aviation or network/utility economic regulation, financial planning and knowledge of how to ensure compliance with financial and other targets. Thorough understanding of charging mechanisms, accounting and price-cap regulation is an asset. Candidates shall also have an understanding of interdependencies between cost and the other performance areas, especially the objectives of safety and environmental protection.

b) <u>Capacity Key Performance Area</u>

The member(s) responsible for the Capacity Key Performance Area will provide advice on operational issues and the link between investments in air traffic management and operations. Candidates shall have a good understanding of performance for capacity and its interactions with other key performance areas and its network dimension. They shall have experience in aviation and/or air traffic control operational management, and a thorough understanding of airline and airport operations.

c) Environmental Key Performance Area

The member(s) responsible for the Environmental Key Performance Area will advise on the development of environmental metrics relating to CO₂, noise and emissions management, environmental performance and its interactions with other KPAs, and its network component. They shall have experience in measuring the development of environmental performance. A thorough understanding of airline and airport operational controls and/or experience in aviation operations management or in airport operations is desirable.

d) Safety Key Performance Area

The member(s) responsible for the Safety Key Area will advise on identifying safety risks and measuring safety performance. Candidates shall have an understanding of possible interactions with developments in other key performance areas and their potential impacts on safety. They shall have experience of aviation operations management, especially safety risk management; a sound knowledge of the role of EASA; and a thorough understanding of operational constraints on airlines and airports and safety-related risks.

e) Military Performance Factors

The member(s) responsible for the Military Performance Factors will advise on developing the military use of airspace and on the performance of civil-military coordination and its interactions with other key performance areas. They shall have experience in military operations management, in particular flexible airspace management and/or civil-military coordination activities. Candidates shall have a thorough understanding of airline and airport operational interactions and the impact on the military use of airspace.

f) Single European Sky (SES) Area Interface

The member(s) responsible for the SES Area Interface will advise on the development of the interaction of airspace outside the SES area, on the interface of adjoining airspace and associated risks, and on managing hot spots of risks outside the SES area. They shall have experience in airline and/or flow management operations, and a thorough understanding of operational interactions between airlines and airports.

3. Appointment

PRB members will be appointed by the Director-General of the Commission's Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (hereinafter 'DG MOVE'), in accordance with Article 4 of the Decision.

Their term of office will be for a period of two years and may be renewed twice.

Members must be impartial, acting independently of any external influence and in the public interest. They must sign a statement to this effect. They must not delegate their responsibilities to any other person. Nor can they belong to or advise any bodies or organisations whose activities relate to the performance of air navigation services.

Members are subject to the obligation of professional secrecy and to the Commission's rules on security regarding the protection of Union classified information, laid down in Commission Decisions (EU, Euratom) 2015/443³ and 2015/444⁴. They are therefore required to sign a written declaration of confidentiality at the beginning of each term of office.

The names of individuals appointed as members of the PRB will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union. Personal data will be collected, processed and published in accordance with Annex 3 to this call.

4. Rules of engagement

The PRB will work on the basis of an annual work programme and its rules of procedure. It will meet four to six times a year in plenary to discuss general orientations and its reports to the Commission. It may also set up subgroups to examine specific issues relevant to its work. Subgroup meetings may be convened four to six times a year.

The language of working documents and meetings will be English.

PRB members will attend meetings regularly to examine and comment on reports under discussion, contribute actively to group discussions and help draw up working documents, and to act, where appropriate, as ad-hoc rapporteurs. Meetings will usually require preparatory work.

The Commission will provide the PRB with administrative and technical support, enabling it to work independently and efficiently.

5. Application procedure

Interested individuals are

Interested individuals are invited to submit their application to the Commission, DG MOVE in accordance with the rules set out in this call.

Applications must be completed in one of the official languages of the European Union. However, applications in English are encouraged as they facilitate the evaluation. If another language is used, it would be desirable to include a copy of the applicant's CV in English.

Applicants must clearly indicate that the application is made for an individual in their personal capacity. Applications must also include a clear and detailed overview of the applicant's professional experience and expertise in relation to the expert profiles sought by means of a curriculum vitae and a personal motivation letter in support of their application. Applicants' background, expertise, experience and level of seniority are expected to be commensurate with the high prominence of the PRB's advisory tasks.

Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2015/443 of 13 March 2015 on Security in the Commission (OJ L 72, 17.3.2015, p. 41).

Commission Decision (EU, Euratom) 2015/444 of 13 March 2015 on the security rules for protecting EU classified information (OJ L 72, 17.3.2015, p. 53).

An application will be deemed admissible only if it is sent by the deadline and includes the documents referred to below. All documents submitted by applicants should be duly filled in, legible, signed and numbered sequentially.

Applications must include the following information and supporting documents:

- a) a cover letter explaining the applicant's motivation for applying and a clear indication of the targeted expert profile(s) (reference to points a) to f) in section 2);
- a curriculum vitae (CV), preferably three pages maximum. CVs must be submitted in the standard European format (https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/documents/curriculum-vitae/templatesinstructions);
- c) the authorities/organisations for which the applicant has worked and the length of time he/she has worked there;
- d) applicants' specific skills and abilities, including their relevance and relationship to the key performance areas and the targeted expert profile(s), plus language skills;
- e) the specific projects and or tasks the applicant has been involved in;
- f) references to the applicant's publications;
- g) the applicant's experience at EU and international level;
- h) any major professional challenges the applicant expects to encounter in the near future;
- i) any professional or financial interests which may affect the applicant's independence by filling the declaration of interests' form set out in Annex 1 of this call according to the guidance provided in Annex 2.

Applicants must disclose in their application any circumstances that could give rise to a conflict of interest, by submitting a declaration of interests. In that declaration, they shall disclose at least any relevant professional and financial interests and any situation in which their interests may compromise - or may reasonably be perceived as compromising - their capacity to act impartially and in the public interest.

Applicants should note that the declaration of interests' form of appointed members will be made publicly available on a dedicated website. Technical measures will be taken to indicate to search engines that declaration of interest forms should not appear in search results.

6. Deadline for application and expiry date of the list resulting from this call for expressions of interest

The duly signed applications must be sent by 30 January 2017 at the latest in order to be considered for the selection procedure to be appointed as PRB member. The date of sending will be established as follows:

- Where applications are sent by e-mail to the following address:
 MOVE-PRB-2017@ec.europa.eu, the date of the e-mail will be the date of sending.
- Where applications are sent by post to the following address: European Commission, DG MOVE, Unit E.3 Single European Sky secretariat, B-1049 Brussels, the postmark will be considered the date of sending.
- Where applications are hand-delivered to the following address: European Commission, DG MOVE, Unit E.3 Single European Sky secretariat – Rue de Mot 24,

B-1040 Brussels, the date on the receipt given upon delivery will be considered the date of sending.

The list of candidates for appointment resulting from this notice will remain valid for five years from the date of publication of this call. Interested individuals may submit an application at any time prior to the last three months of validity of the list. However, selection and appointment of PRB members after those initially appointed is only done in case of vacant positions. DG MOVE will inform applicants about such vacancies.

7. Selection procedure

The selection procedure will consist of a series of assessments of the applications, including interviews, conducted by DG MOVE, to evaluate the criteria listed in this call.

After pre-screening and evaluation, DG MOVE will shortlist selected candidates, ranked and classified by profiles, which is the outcome of this call.

DG MOVE will then invite the highest-ranked candidates to an appointment interview, to select the members of the PRB. Candidates who are not selected may be placed on a reserve list, in accordance with Article 4(7) of the Decision.

The following criteria will be taken into account when assessing applications:

- proven and relevant expertise, competence and high-level professional experience of at least five years of the applicant, in areas relevant to the key performance areas and in relation to the desired experts profiles;
- the capability to analyse and assess interdependencies and interactions between the performance areas and to define future performance targets based on the planned operational and technological improvements;
- appropriate language skills, allowing the applicant to fully and effectively participate in the work of the PRB;

DG MOVE also aims to achieve balanced representation in terms of gender, geographical origin, of competence and expertise for all key performance areas, including knowledge in the areas including, but not limited to:

- EU aviation policy and applicable legislation;
- airline and/or airport management;
- military mission requirements and military operations management;
- aviation economic matters, SESAR deployment management and union funding mechanisms;
- benchmarking, cost-benefit analysis techniques, and financial planning;
- interdependencies between cost and the other performance areas as well as between civil and military requirements;
- identification of safety risks and safety performance measurement;
- emissions trading scheme (ETS) and measurement of environmental performance (in areas such as aviation environmental impact, fuel efficiency, CO2 and noise emissions);
- impact from interactions with adjoining airspace to the SES area including hot spots and flow management.

Exclusion criteria

Experts will be excluded from participation if:

- (a) they are bankrupt or being wound up, are having their affairs administered by the courts, have entered into an arrangement with creditors, have suspended business activities, are the subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or are in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
- (b)they or persons having powers of representation, decision making or control over them have been convicted of an offence concerning their professional conduct by a judgment of a competent authority of a Member State which has the force of res judicata;
- (c) they have been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authority can justify including by decisions of the European Investment Bank and international organisations;
- (d)they are not in compliance with their obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which they are established or with those of the country of the contracting authority or those of the country where the contract is to be performed;
- (e)they or persons having powers of representation, decision making or control over them have been the subject of a judgment which has the force of res judicata for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation, money laundering or any other illegal activity, where such an illegal activity is detrimental to the Union's financial interests;
- (f) they are subject to an administrative penalty for being guilty of misrepresentation in supplying the information required by the contracting authority as a condition of participation in a procurement procedure or failing to supply information, or being declared to be in serious breach of their obligation under a contract covered by the budget;
- g) they have a conflict of interest in connection with the contract; a conflict of interest could arise in particular as a result of economic interests, political or national affinities, family or emotional ties or any other relevant connection or shared interest.

To assess whether there could be any conflict of interest, a number of factors must be taken into account, including the nature, type and importance of the individual's interest, and the degree to which the interest may be reasonably expected to influence the individual's advice and the PRB's overall decision-making process of the PRB. An interest will be considered to be insignificant or minimal where it is unlikely to compromise or to be reasonably perceived as having compromised the individual's capacity to act impartially and in the public interest when advising the Commission.

In particular, applicants acting as delegates of or participating with voting rights in the work of organisations (including consultative and advisory bodies of those organisations) directly affected by the performance and charging scheme in the Single European Sky may be considered ineligible as regards their ability to act independently. Applicants should not have any share in the capital of the organisations regulated under the performance and charging schemes; nor should they have any significant supplier relationship with these entities or likelihood of entering into such a relationship. Applicants' eligibility in this context will be evaluated and determined case by case.

Before signing a contract, experts shall provide a declaration on their honour stating that they are not in one of the situations of exclusion listed above. In case of doubt, they may be requested to provide supporting evidence of non-exclusion.

8. Logistical and operational aspects

The PRB will meet in Brussels, normally at the premises of the Commission. In exceptional cases meetings may be held elsewhere. Its activities and efficient functioning will be supported by a Secretariat provided by the Commission.

The indicative number of working days required per year and per member of the PRB is between 50 and 60 days.

PRB members are entitled to a special allowance of a maximum of EUR 600 in the form of a daily unit cost for each full working day. The total allowance will be calculated and rounded upwards to the amount corresponding to the nearest half working day. The payment will be made in euros.

Travel and subsistence expenses incurred by PRB members will be borne by the Commission under the conditions set out in the contract, in accordance with the applicable provisions⁵ and within the limits of the available appropriations allocated under the annual procedure for resource allocation.

9. Contracting authority

European Commission
Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport
Agnieszka KAZMIERCZAK
Director, MOVE.SRD
B-1049 Brussels

10. Use of the list resulting from this notice

The list resulting from this notice will be used exclusively for the execution of the tasks according to this call, with a maximum threshold of €135 000 per individual contract.

11. Ex-post transparency

For the purposes of transparency, a list of those experts that signed a contract will be published on the website of the contracting authority no later than 30 June of the year following contract award. This list includes the name, the locality (region of origin), amount, and subject of the contract. The information will be removed two years after the year of contract award.

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.

ANNEX 1

<u>Declaration of interests (DOI) form for individuals applying to be appointed as members of the Performance Review Body</u>

Definitions:

"Conflict of interest" means any situation where an individual has an interest that may compromise or be reasonably perceived to compromise the individual's capacity to act independently and in the public interest when providing advice to the European Commission in relation to the subject of the work performed by the expert group or sub-group in question.

"Immediate family member" means the individual's spouse, children and parents. "Spouse" includes a partner with whom the individual has a registered non marital regime. "Children" means the child(ren) the individual and the spouse have in common, the own child(ren) of the individual and the own child(ren) of the spouse.

"Legal entity" means any commercial business, industry association, consultancy, research institution or other enterprise whose funding is significantly derived from commercial sources. It also includes independent own commercial businesses, law offices, consultancies or similar.

"Body" means a governmental, international or non-profit organisation.

"Meeting" includes a series or cycle of meetings.

Please answer each of the questions below. If the answer to any of the questions is "yes", please briefly describe relevant interests and circumstances, as appropriate.

If you do not describe relevant interests, your DOI form will be considered incomplete and, therefore, your application to be appointed as a member of an expert group or subgroup in a personal capacity shall be rejected.

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Your DOI form will be made publicly available for as long as you hold a position as a member of the Performance Review Body. Technical measures will be taken to indicate to search engines that your DOI form should not appear in search results.

ANNEX 2

Guidance for filling in the declaration of interests (DOI) form by individuals applying to be appointed as members of expert groups or sub-groups in a personal capacity

In order to ensure the highest integrity of experts, you are requested to duly complete the DOI form. You are required to disclose any circumstances that could give rise to a conflict of interest, i.e. any situation where your interests may compromise or may reasonably be perceived to compromise your capacity to act independently and in the public interest in providing advice to the European Commission, in relation to the subject of the work performed by the Performance Review Body. In particular, you must disclose in this DOI form any relevant professional and financial interests.

You must also declare relevant interests of your immediate family members. If interests of your immediate family members are declared, it is your responsibility to inform them about the collection and publication of information on their interests included in this DOI form and to provide them with the privacy statement attached to this guidance, and this at the latest when you file the DOI form with the European Commission.

Please submit the completed DOI form to the competent European Commission department, together with your CV, as part of your application to become member of an expert group or sub-group in a personal capacity. If there is any change concerning the information provided in the form, including on upcoming activities, you must promptly inform the competent European Commission departments by completing a new DOI form which describes the changes in question.

Please note that having a declared interest does not necessarily mean having a conflict of interest. Answering "Yes" to a question on this DOI form does not automatically disqualify you or limit your participation in an expert group or sub-group. The competent European Commission departments will review your answers and determine whether a conflict of interest relevant to the subject at hand exists.

Where the competent European Commission departments conclude that no conflict of interest exists, you are eligible to be appointed in a personal capacity. Where the competent European Commission departments conclude that your interests may compromise or be reasonably perceived to compromise your capacity to act independently and in the public interest when providing advice to the European Commission in relation to the subject of the work performed by the expert group or sub-group in question, they shall take one of the following measures to deal with the conflict of interest detected, depending on the specific circumstances:

- You shall not be appointed in a personal capacity to the expert group or sub-group in question; in such case the competent European Commission department shall inform you about the outcome of the conflict of interest assessment performed;
- You shall be appointed as member of the expert group or sub-group in a personal capacity with a number of specific restrictions: you may be excluded from certain meetings and/or activities carried out by the group, such as drafting opinions or recommendations; you may also be required to abstain from discussing certain agenda items and/or from any vote on those items.

Your DOI form shall be made publicly available as long as you are appointed as member of the Performance Review Body. Technical measures will be taken to indicate to search engines that your DOI form should not appear in search results.

If you decline to complete a DOI form, you are not eligible to be appointed as a member of the expert group or sub-group in question in a personal capacity.

Personal data shall be collected, processed and published by the European Commission in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 45/2001.

ANNEX 3

Protection of personal data

Your personal data (such as your name, address and CV) will be processed pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 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. Unless indicated otherwise, your reply to this call and any personal data requested are required for the purposes indicated above in point 1 and will be processed solely for those purposes by the European Commission, which is also acting as data controller. Details concerning the processing of your personal data are available on the privacy statement at: http://ec.europa.eu/dataprotectionofficer/privacystatement_publicprocurement_en.pdf.

Your personal data may be registered in the Early Warning System (EWS) only or both in the EWS and Central Exclusion Database (CED) by the Accounting Officer of the European Commission, should you be in one of the situations mentioned in:

the Commission Decision 2008/969 of 16.12.2008 on the Early Warning System (for more information see the Privacy Statement on http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts grants/info contracts/legal entities/legal entities en. cfm),

or

 the Commission Regulation 2008/1302 of 17.12.2008 on the Central Exclusion Database (for more information see the Privacy Statement on http://ec.europa.eu/budget/explained/management/protecting/protect_en.cfm#BDCE)