



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

### **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

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**Question 1:** Please clarify what is the work experience, length in years, sought by DG MOVE for the experts?

**Answer:** As regards the required expertise and experience please refer to paragraph 7 of the call, which states the following:

[...]

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;

[...]

**Question 2:** How to interpret paragraph 3 of the appointment conditions stating the following: *"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."* in the context of the possible conflicts of interest?

**Answer:** In this context the intention of the Commission is to ensure the integrity of the new PRB and impartiality of the members, for which it considers essential to avoid that future PRB members can maintain active links to bodies or organisations engaged in similar activities evaluating the performance of air navigation services, for example evaluating the performance of air navigation service providers on a global or pan-European level. Maintaining an employment relationship with an air navigation service provider is per se not considered incompatible with this criterion, however, it needs to be assessed on a case-by-

case basis as to the exact function of the person concerned in the organisation and the desired profile and activity in the PRB.

At the same time, however, the exclusion criteria listed in paragraph 7 of the call applies as well, which states the following: *"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."*

**Question 3: Is it possible to receive an informal evaluation on the potential conflict of interest of a prospective applicant?**

**Answer:** In order to preserve the integrity of the call no informal evaluation can be given ahead of the formal evaluation of the applications received and all relevant information provided therein.

**Question 4: Are citizens of EU candidate countries eligible to apply to the call for application for the selection of experts for the PRB?**

**Answer:** The call for applications does not exclude applications from countries outside the European Union.