

Auszug der Ausschreibung

Procedure for the appointment of representatives nominated by the Council and Member States in the Selection Panel assisting the Commission in the selection of adjudicators of investment courts and trade agreements: Call for applications for candidates for the Selection Panel

On 16 December 2020 the Commission adopted a decision² establishing a panel of independent experts (Selection Panel) in charge of assisting the Commission in selecting candidates for the roles of trade arbitrators, investment adjudicators and sustainable development experts for dispute settlement mechanisms under EU trade and investment agreements. This is part of an effort to establish objective and high quality selection procedures that will improve the enforcement of EU agreements by establishing gender-balanced lists of highly qualified adjudicators. The selection panel will also be used for the selection of the adjudicators for the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) between the UK and EU.

The Selection Panel is a standing body composed of 4 members appointed by the Commission. These members are nominated by the Commission³, the Council of the European Union, the Member States, and the European Parliament, respectively.

Member States are now being invited to submit their nominations to fulfil the role of the two nominees to the Selection Panel: one from the Council and one from the Member States respectively. Each Member State is asked not to submit more than two candidates.

Member States are invited to **submit the applications of the interested individuals by 23:00 hours (Brussels time) on 18 June 2021.**

Member States shall make potential candidates aware of the text of Article 4 of Commission decision C(2020) 8905 final and of the fact that successful candidates will be asked by the Commission to sign a declaration of independence and absence of conflicts of interest.

What criteria should the candidates fulfil?

Candidates should be individuals of recognised competence and independence. They should have the nationality of an EU Member State and fall within one of the following categories:

- former judges, including former members of international tribunals set up pursuant to bilateral or multilateral treaties to which the Union is a party,
- current or former members of national or international courts and tribunals,
- jurisconsults or academics of high standing.

Only applications from candidates who fulfil the above-listed criteria will be accepted.

² [C\(2020\)8905/F1 - EN \(europa.eu\)](#).

³ [Selection panel: adjudicators \(europa.eu\)](#)

Candidates should be independent, impartial and not take instructions from any organisation or government.

How to apply?

Candidates should submit their applications directly to their national administration, which will forward the application to the General Secretariat of the Council. Applications should be sent to the BMWI, Department VA3 via e-mail (buero-va3@bmwi.bund.de) by **June 15 COB**.

Applications should consist of:

- a cover letter indicating the candidate's motivations for applying to the role of member of the selection panel;
- a curriculum vitae indicating the EU nationality of the candidate, any other nationalities.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Appointment

The successful Council and Member States' nominees, as well as the nominees of the European Parliament and the Commission, will be appointed to the Selection Panel by the Commission and their names will be announced on the Commission's website.

Members of the Selection Panel will be appointed for a non-renewable period of six years. However, the terms of two of the first four members to be determined by lot by the Commission will be appointed for a non-renewable period of nine years.

Members of the Selection Panel will be appointed in their personal capacity and act independently and in the public interest.

In appointing members of the panel, the Commission will ensure gender balance.

Members of the Selection Panel will receive reimbursement for travel and subsistence expenses during the exercise of their functions, and will be entitled to a daily allowances for the work.

