

**Call for applications for inclusion in a list of experts  
for the constitution of expert groups  
on specific science and technology policy issues,  
for support for the development of scientific and technology policies in Europe  
EAP-1999-1**

1. In order to contribute to achieving the aims of the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration activities on improving the human research potential and the socio-economic knowledge base (1998-2002) adopted by the Council on 25 January 1999<sup>1</sup> (hereafter referred to as "the specific programme"), and in particular the implementation of its action line 1.C on support for the development of scientific and technology policies in Europe, and with reference to the Council Decisions of 22 December 1998 concerning the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities in the implementation of the fifth framework programmes<sup>2</sup>, the Commission invites applications with a view to drawing up a list of experts to be used in the constitution of expert groups on specific science and technology policy issues.

In view of the horizontal nature of the specific programme, and in particular the coordinating role of the above mentioned action line, the list of experts drawn up following this call shall be open to use by the other specific programmes of the fifth framework programmes for addressing specific science and technology policy issues of relevance to their activities, as well as by the European Research Forum established by the Commission on 23 October 1998<sup>3</sup>.

2. The applicants selected by the Commission for inclusion in the expert groups will be required to make best use of knowledge available within the European Union and elsewhere, and to develop strategic reports and syntheses on specific defined topics, elucidating the principal issues and options for science and technology policy from a European perspective.

Former members of the European Technology Assessment Network (ETAN), who wish to participate in this list of experts, are required to submit a new application.

For inclusion in the list of experts, the Commission shall also consider those proposed to participate as members of the European Research Forum, who need not make a separate application under this call.

3. Nationals of a Member State, a State associated with the framework programmes or a State with which the Commission has concluded a co-operation agreement in the field of science and technology are eligible to apply. Nationals of other States may apply but will only be called according to the needs of each specific programme of the fifth framework programmes.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No L 64, 12.3.1999, p 105

<sup>2</sup> Council Decisions 1999/65/EC and 1999/66/Euratom of 22 December 1998 (OJ N° L26, 1.2.1999, pp. 46 and 56).

<sup>3</sup> OJ No L290, 29.10.1998, p 61.

Applicants must provide evidence of appropriate competence in areas related to support to science and technology policies in Europe, as indicated in the documents mentioned in point 1 and in the application form. They must have a high level of professional experience in the public or private sector in one or more of the following areas or activities:

- a) research in the field of studies of science, technology and innovation management, strategy and policy;
- b) design, implementation, management, or evaluation of research, technological development, or innovation strategies or programmes;
- c) technology assessment and foresight activities;
- d) design, implementation or evaluation of science, technology and innovation policy, and their interaction with other policy areas.

The Commission will also take account of applicants' abilities to appreciate the challenges and implications of the interaction between research and socio-economic needs and developments, in particular with regard to Community policies.

4. Applications will be accepted, if submitted in accordance with the procedures set out below, up to and including 30 September 2002.

The application form format must be complied with.

The application form is available from the following website address:

<http://www.cordis.lu/improving/home.html>

It is also available on request from:

European Commission  
DG XII – Science, Research and Development  
AP 5 - Scientific and Technological Perspectives  
200 rue de la Loi  
B – 1049 Brussels

The application form must be completed in one of the official languages of the European Union.

Applications must be delivered:

- either by registered letter, with acknowledgement of receipt, to the following address:

European Commission  
DG XII – Science, Research and Development

AP 5 - Scientific and Technological Perspectives  
200 rue de la Loi  
B – 1049 Brussels

- or by private courier service or by hand, in return for an acknowledgement of receipt, to the following address:

European Commission  
DG XII – Science, Research and Development  
SDME 00 34 (AP5)  
8 Square de Meeûs  
B-1050 Brussels

Envelopes must carry the following reference: "Call for applications for experts on specific science and technology policy issues No EAP-1999-1".

Applications may also be submitted by e-mail. The date from which e-mail applications can be sent and the e-mail address will be given in the Official Journal of the European Communities and made known by any other appropriate means.

5. Every application received which fulfills the minimum requirements set out in the application form, will be included in the list of potential experts which will be drawn up and used for compiling expert groups up to 30 September 2002.

The Commission will ensure that expert groups are set up in a balanced way and that there is appropriate rotation of experts. It will take into account the applicants' geographical origin and professional background (industry and services, research and innovation, socio-economic users and sectors).

The European Community pursues an equal opportunities policy and, in this context, women are particularly encouraged to submit applications.

6. Expert contracts may be signed either by the applicants selected or, in the event that they are employed by a legal entity, by an authorised representative of the entity. The applicants selected will be remunerated in accordance with the scale valid at the time of signature of the contract. Their travel and subsistence expenses will be reimbursed on the basis of the provisions in force within the Commission as mentioned in the contract.