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## COMMISSION

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 November 1998

**appointing the members, chairmen and vice-chairmen of the expert groups to assist the Commission on the content and direction of the key actions in the field of research and technological development**

*(notified under document number C(1998) 3347)*

*(Text with EEA relevance)*

*(98/682/EC, Euratom)*

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,

Having regard to Commission Decision 98/610/EC, Euratom of 22 October 1998 setting up expert groups assisting the Commission on the content and direction of the key actions in the field of research and technological development <sup>(1)</sup>,

Whereas Article 3(1) of Decision 98/610/EC, Euratom provides that the Commission shall set the groups up, ensuring that they have a balanced composition, taking account of the geographical origin and sector of origin of their members (in particular industry and services, research and innovation, users and public regulatory authorities and socio-economic circles); whereas it shall also endeavour to ensure the best possible balance between the participation of women and men;

Whereas, for the purposes of appointing the members of the expert groups, the Commission will assess all the applications in the light of the selection criteria set out in

point A paragraph 2 of the Annex to Decision 98/610/EC, Euratom; whereas, on the basis of that assessment, the commission will appoint the members of the expert groups in accordance with the provisions of Article 3(1) of that Decision and Section B of the Annex to the Decision;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 4(1) of Decision 98/610/EC, Euratom, the members of the expert groups will be appointed by the Commission in a personal capacity for a period of two years; whereas their appointment may be renewed once, for a maximum of two years;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 4(4) of the abovementioned Decision, the Commission will also appoint the chairman and vice-chairman of each of the expert groups from among their members; whereas, the vice-chairman may not be of the same geographical origin or sector of origin as the chairman;

Whereas, in accordance with the fourth recital of Decision 98/610/EC, Euratom, the expert groups are expected to deliver their conclusions in an independent and transparent manner; whereas, as a consequence, the members should act independently of any outside instructions in order to provide the Commission with objective views;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 290, 29. 10. 1998, p. 57.

Whereas, in the light of this, it is necessary that the members inform the Commission on the basis of the agenda, before each meeting of all interests which could be considered as prejudicial to their independence; whereas they should abstain from discussions on a topic on which they have a conflict of interests;

Whereas, for this purpose, the experts selected should, before each meeting of the expert groups, sign a declaration in which they certify that, on the basis of the agenda, no conflict of interest exists which could be prejudicial to their independence;

Whereas, without prejudice to Article 214 of the Treaty establishing the European Community and Article 194 of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, the members should be required not to divulge information given in the context of the work of the expert groups when it has been indicated to them that this information is subject to a request for confidentiality;

Whereas, when a member is in breach of these requirements for independence and confidentiality, he/she should be considered as no longer being in a position to contribute effectively to the group's work, in accordance with Article 4 of Decision 98/610/EC, Euratom;

Whereas the members of the expert groups and the 17 chairmen and 17 vice-chairmen of those groups should be appointed, and the confidentiality of their work and the independence of the members guaranteed,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The persons listed in Annex I are hereby appointed as members of the expert groups set up by Decision 98/610/EC, Euratom.

*Article 2*

The persons listed in Annex II are hereby appointed as chairmen or vice-chairmen of the expert groups mentioned in Article 1.

*Article 3*

The persons referred to in Articles 1 and 2 are required to respect the conditions of independence and confidentiality set out in Annex III.

*Article 4*

This Decision shall take effect from the day of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 20 November 1998.

*For the Commission*

Édith CRESSON

*Member of the Commission*

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## ANNEX I

Expert group	Surname and forename	
Health, food and environmental factors	BIESALSKI BORRESEN COLOMER DANIEL FORSBERG GARCEZ DE LENCASTRE KATSOUYLANNI KORPELA LESLIE MEROT PFANNHAUSER ROTILIO SARIS TAEYMANS WALL WILLIAMS	HANS TORGER CONCHA H. ETHEL HERMINIA KLEA RIITTA JIM BERTRAND WERNER GIUSEPPE WIM DOMINIQUE PATRICK CHRISTINE
Control of infectious diseases	BARRET BELLOD BORRIELLO ESTEBAN ESTOLIO DO ROSARIO KARLSSON MOENNIG O'FLANAGAN PAPAMICHAIL RANKI RAPPUOLI SALMASO SÁNCHEZ VAN EDEN VANHEMELRIJCK WAHREN WILLEBERG	NOËL ANNE SAVERIO MARIANO VIRGILIO LARS VOLKER DARINA M. ANNAMARI RINO STEFANIA J.M. WILLEM JOHAN BRITTA PREBEN
The cell factory	ALBERGHINA BOWLES CARRONDO COLIJN-HOOYMANS DIDERICHSEN GLIMELIUS LECOMTE MÄKINEN PÜHLER ROELS	LILIA DIANNA MANUEL CATHARINA BORGE KRISTINA JEANNE-MARIE SEPPO ALFRED J.A.

Expert group	Surname and forename	
	SCHWAB SEKERIS VAN DE VOORDE VELA VIKKARI YEATS	HELMUT CONSTANTINE ANDRÉ CARMEN LIISA SIOBHAN
The ageing population	BALTES BARTOLI COMELLA GREENGROSS GUILLEMARD LINDSTRÖM O HARA PAULA BARBOSA PERANI PICCART SCHROLL STATHAKOS TAIPALE VAN DEN BERG WICK	MARGARET ETTORE JOAN SALLY A. M. JAN-INGVAR SEAMUS MANUEL DANIELA MARTINE MARIANNE DIMITRI VAPPU HANS GEORG
Sustainable agriculture, fisheries and forestry, including integrated development of rural areas	CARLSSON CARUSO DE SOUSA VASCONCELOS DEROANNE GONZALES-GARCES GRIFFITH HOFREITHER KASSIOUMIS LANGSTRAAT PAAVILAINEN POUZET RASCHE REXEN TAIT THOMAS VON MEYER WERRY	MÅRTEN CAMILLO MARCELLO CLAUDE ALBERTO DAVID MARKUS KONSTANTINOS DIRK LEENA ANDRÉ ERNST FINN ELIZABETH TOM HEINO P.
Information society	AIRAGHI ALVES BAUSCH BERTHELSEN BRAVO COCHRANE	ANGELO JOSÉ ROMAIN HANS ALAIN PETER

Expert group	Surname and forename	
	CRONBERG DE KEMP FENEYROL GALUZZI HALKIAS HORN HORWOOD KUUSI LAGASSE LARROUTUROU MERKER MOSSOTTO NILSSON PACHL PURVES SCHUURMANS UCEDA WERTHNER WEYRICH	TARJA ARNOUD MICHEL PAOLO CHRISTOS CHRIS ROSEMARY JUHANI PAUL BERNARD WOLFGANG CESARE ANN MARIE URSULA IAN MARTIN JAVIER HANNES CLAUS
Innovative products, processes and organisation	ÁLVAREZ BENAVENT BLONDELOT DE CHARENTENAY DE MEYER FOUNTI GREGORY HELLER JÄGER NORELL O'DONOVAN PEDERSEN PINTO RIBERA SALCEDO SISTERMANS TEMMES WARNECKE	S. R. ÉMILE FRANÇOIS A. MARIA MIKE BERNDT HEIMO MARGARETA P. HANS LUIGI JOSÉ JOOP ARMI HANS-JÜRGEN
Sustainable mobility and intermodality	BAYLISS BOGG DOGANIS FERNÁNDEZ DURÁN FINLAY KNOFLACHER LINDBERG LINKAMA PAYE-JEANNENEY	DAVID KEITH RIGAS REYES HUGH HERMANN JOHAN EEVA LAURENCE

Expert group	Surname and forename	
	RICOTELLI RUIJGROK SCHACKE SOBOLL SQUASSAFICHI VAN DE VOORDE VIANA BAPTISTA	MARCELLO C. J. IVAR HORST NICOLA EDDY JOSÉ
New perspectives for aeronautics	ABBINK ARIAS CATOIRE GOULETTE JENSEN LAWLER LOJACONO LUREAU MADALENO MALANICK NYSSSEN OLSSON PAPAILIOU SZODRUCH TRUMAN VON TEIN	J. ANGEL-LUIS SERGE MIKE KURT JAMES EROS FRANÇOIS UTÍMIA PETER CLAUDE ULF KYRIACOS JOACHIM TREVOR VOLKER
Land transport and marine technologies	ACKERMANN ANDERSEN BRÄNNSTRÖM BYRNE CERECEDA DUARTE SILVA FEITLER GOLDAN GOODRICH KEROSUO KYRTATOS LIST MAGGETTO MICHELLONE PERSON SEIFFERT	CHARLES-LOUIS TORBEN KLAS GERALD C. ANTÓNIO SIMONE MICHAEL DAVID MATTI NIKOLAOS HELMUT GASTON GIAN CARLO P. ULRICH
Sustainable management and quality of water and marine ecosystems	BJORNSEN BOZZO CANDELA DE MARSILY DRONKERS	PETER GIAN MARIO LUCILA GHISLAIN JOB

Expert group	Surname and forename	
	ELEFThERIOU JASKULKE KAUPPI KLAGHOFER LANCELOT MCGLADE MONTESINOS MULCAHY NUNES PFEIFFER	ANASTASSIOS ELISABETH LEA E. CHRISTIANE JACQUELINE SALOMÓN MAIRE FRANCISCO KLAUS
Global change, climate and biodiversity	BERGER BERZ CAHILL CORTE-REAL CRUTZEN DAHL-JENSEN GRABHERR LALAS LÓPEZ FERNANDEZ MCWILLIAMS ROHDE SERREAULT WALLS YARMIN ZERBINI	ANDRÉ G. BRONWYN JOÃO PAUL DORTHE GEORG DIMITRIS MARIA LUISA BRENDAN HENNING BRIGITTE MARI FARHANA S.
The city of tomorrow and cultural heritage	ANDERSSON BEEDHOLM CAMPILLO CASSAR DUNLEAVY HECQ JILKA KUTTER MAUGARD MOROPOULOU NYSTROM PORTAS ROELOFS ROGERS SABBIONI	HARRI BENTE ROSA MAY SEAN WALTER BRIGITTE ECKHARD ALAIN ANTONIA LOUISE NUNO LAMBERT RICHARD CRISTINA
Cleaner energy systems and economic and efficient energy	AIGNER BILLFALK DA SILVA CARVALHO DURAND	MANFRED LENNART MARIA JEAN-MICHEL

Expert group	Surname and forename	
	FREDERICK GARIBBA HINSTRUP KERONEN LEWIS MAVRAKIS OTTER PAZ FRIEND ROCCA ROULET SARIS SCHNEEBERGER	GUY M. PETER JOUNI TONY DIMITRIOS NICHOLAS MARIA UGO CLAUDE FRANS MICHAEL
Improving the socio-economic knowledge base	BRUNN CARTON DURU ERIKSON GIANNITSIS GRODAL JOÃO RODRIGUES MARTINOTTI NEWBY NOWOTNY OSTNER SCHABER SCHNABEL SILIUS SOMMESTAD SUBIRATS WHELAN	ANKE LUC MARIE ROBERT TASSOS BIRGIT MARIA GUIDO HOWARD HELGA ILONA GASTON PAUL HARRIET LENA JOAN BRENDAN
Controlled thermonuclear fusion	BELLI BERKE BUSCH D'HAESELEER FUSTER HÖGBERG HOPKINS KATSANOS KNERINGER LAVAL POLICARPO POOLEY SALOMAA VAN DER WIEL	MARIA CLAUS NIELS WILLIAM FELICIANO LARS MIKE ANASTASIOS GÜNTHER GUY ARMANDO DEREK RALF MARNIX



Expert group	Surname and forename	
Nuclear fission	CARO CARVALHO SOARES COLINO CUNNINGHAM GOVAERTS HAYNS HEUSENER HOLM MATTILA NIELSEN RAKHORST SCHMITZER SIDERIS VALENTINI VALLEE	RAFAEL JOSÉ ANTONIO JOHN PIERRE MIKE GERHARD LARS-ERIK LASSE SVEN HUBERT CHRISTIAN ELEFThERIOS PAOLO ALAIN

## ANNEX II

## List of chairmen and vice-chairmen of the expert groups

Expert group	Surname and forename of chairman	Surname and forename of vice-chairman
Health, food and environmental factors	WILLIAMS Christine	COLOMER Concha
Control of infectious diseases	BELLOD Anne	ESTOLIO DO ROSARIO Virgilio
The cell factory	ALBERGHINA Lilia	LECOMTE Jeanne-Marie
The ageing population	BALTES Margaret	TAIPALE Vappu
Sustainable agriculture, fisheries and forestry, including integrated development of rural areas	THOMAS Tom	HOFREITHER Markus
Information society	WEYRICH Claus	HORN Chris
Innovative products, processes and organisation	PEDERSEN Hans	SISTERMANS J. F.
Sustainable mobility and inter-modality	BAYLISS David	DOGANIS Rigas
New perspectives for aeronautics	OLSSON Ulf	ARIAS Angel-Luis
Land transport and marine technologies	MICHELLONE Gian Carlo	GOODRICH David
Sustainable management and quality of water and sustainable management of marine ecosystems	KAUPPI Lea	BJÖRNSÉN Peter
Global change, climate and biodiversity	SERREAULT Brigitte	BERGER André
The city of tomorrow and cultural heritage	PORTAS Nuno	SABBIONI Christina
Cleaner energy systems and economic and efficient energy	SARIS Frans	BILLFALK Lennart
Improving the socio-economic knowledge base	NOWOTNY Helga	SCHABER Gaston
Controlled thermonuclear fusion	FUSTER Feliciano	D'HAESELEER William
Nuclear fission	HEUSENER Gerhard	VALLEE Alain

*ANNEX III***Conditions concerning the independence of the members and the confidentiality of their work****A. Confidentiality of work**

Without prejudice to Article 214 of the Treaty establishing the European Community and Article 194 of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, the members are required not to divulge information given in the context of the work of the expert groups when it has been indicated to them that this information is subject to a request for confidentiality.

**B. Independence of the members**

1. The members will inform the Commission of all interests which could be considered as prejudicial to their independence.
2. Before each meeting, the members will declare to the Commission, on the basis of the agenda, any particular interests which could be considered prejudicial to their independence. They will abstain from discussions on a topic on which they have a conflict of interests.
3. For this purpose, the experts selected should, before each meeting of the expert groups, sign the declaration in the Appendix, in which they certify that there is no conflict of interests.

**C. Breaches**

When a member is in breach of the requirements set out above, he/she will be considered as no longer being in a position to contribute effectively to the group's work, in accordance with Article 4 of Decision 98/610/EC, Euratom.

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Appendix

DECLARATION ON CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

(Tick the appropriate box)

Declaration of absence of conflicts of interest on the basis of the agenda for the meeting of .....

I the undersigned, Mr/Ms ....., certify that, on the basis of the agenda for the current meeting, no conflict of interest exists that could be considered as being prejudicial to my independence.

I the undersigned, Mr/Ms ....., declare that, on the basis of the agenda for the current meeting, a possible conflict of interest that could be considered as being prejudicial to my independence exists with respect to the following work of the expert group in which I participate:
Agenda item Conflict of interest

In addition, if, during a meeting of the expert group in which I participate, I discover any conflict of interest that could be considered as being prejudicial to my independence with any item on the agenda or any subject discussed in the group, I undertake to inform the Commission services immediately.

Signature .....

Names and Surname .....

Date .....

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