

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 21 March 2001

concerning the appointment of new 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

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2001/238/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 to assist the Commission on the content and direction of the key actions in the field of research and technological development ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Decision 1999/506/EC, Euratom ⁽²⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) By Decision 98/682/EC, Euratom ⁽³⁾ on 20 November 1998 the Commission appointed the members, chairmen and vice-chairmen to assist it on the content and direction of the key actions in the field of research and technological development. That Decision was amended by Commission Decisions of 26 July 1999 ⁽⁴⁾ and 29 February 2000 ⁽⁵⁾.
- (2) The decisions of the association councils adopting the terms and conditions for the participation of Bulgaria ⁽⁶⁾, Estonia ⁽⁷⁾, Hungary ⁽⁸⁾, Latvia ⁽⁹⁾, Lithuania ⁽¹⁰⁾, Poland ⁽¹¹⁾, Romania ⁽¹²⁾, the Czech Republic ⁽¹³⁾, the Slovak Republic ⁽¹⁴⁾ and Slovenia ⁽¹⁵⁾ in Community Programmes in the field of research and technological development and demonstration (1998 to 2002) and, where appropriate, in programmes for research and

training activities (1998 to 2002) provide for the possibility of experts from those countries sitting as members of the consultative groups which assist the Commission in implementing the fifth framework programme and, where appropriate, the Euratom fifth framework programme. Similar provisions appear in the Additional Protocol to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus ⁽¹⁶⁾.

- (3) In accordance with the provisions of Article 100 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA), the Decision of the EEA Joint Committee amending Protocol 31 of the EEA Agreement on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (research and technological development) provides for the possibility of experts who are nationals of the countries in question taking part in the work of the bodies advising the Commission in the fields covered by the fifth framework programme ⁽¹⁷⁾.
- (4) Under Article 4(1), first subparagraph, of Decision 98/610/EC, Euratom, the members of the expert groups are appointed by the Commission in a personal capacity for a maximum period of two years. The appointment may be renewed once only, for a maximum of two years.
- (5) The period of appointment of the members listed in the Commission Decisions of 20 November 1998, 26 July 1999 and 29 February 2000 came to an end on 20 November 2000. New members should now be appointed.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 290, 29.10.1998, p. 57.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 194, 27.7.1999, p. 65.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 318, 27.11.1998, p. 51.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 216, 29.7.1999, p. 5.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ C 61, 3.3.2000, p. 4.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ L 253, 28.9.1999, p. 10.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ L 181, 16.7.1999, p. 24.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ L 245, 17.9.1999, p. 43.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ L 265, 13.10.1999, p. 23.

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ L 270, 20.10.1999, p. 17.

⁽¹¹⁾ OJ L 281, 4.11.1999, p. 71.

⁽¹²⁾ OJ L 245, 17.9.1999, p. 35.

⁽¹³⁾ OJ L 258, 5.10.1999, p. 19.

⁽¹⁴⁾ OJ L 249, 22.9.1999, p. 16.

⁽¹⁵⁾ OJ L 256, 1.10.1999, p. 73.

⁽¹⁶⁾ OJ L 180, 15.7.1999, p. 37.

⁽¹⁷⁾ OJ L 148, 22.6.2000, p. 54.

- (6) Article 3(1) of Decision 98/610/EC, Euratom, lays down that the expert groups shall be set up by the Commission so as to ensure that the groups have a balanced composition, taking account of the geographical origin and sector of origin (industry and services, research and innovation, users, public regulatory authorities and socioeconomic circles) of their members. The Commission also endeavours to ensure, as far as possible, a balanced participation of women and men.
- (7) For the purposes of appointing members of the expert groups, the Commission assesses all applications in accordance with the selection criteria set out in section A(2) of the Annex to Decision 98/610/EC, Euratom. On the basis of that assessment, the Commission appoints members of the expert groups in accordance with the provisions of Article 3(1) of the Decision and section B of the Annex thereto.
- (8) In accordance with Article 4(4) of Decision 98/610/EC, Euratom, the Commission also appoints the chairman and vice-chairman of each of the expert groups from among the members of each group. The vice-chairman may not be of the same geographical origin or sector of origin as the chairman.
- (9) The role of the expert groups is to deliver conclusions in a completely transparent and independent manner. Their members must therefore act independently of any external influence in order to provide the Commission with objective observations.
- (10) To this end, it is necessary for members to inform the Commission before each meeting, on the basis of the agenda, of any interests which could be regarded as compromising their independence. They must refrain from discussing any subject where they have a conflict of interests.
- (11) To this end, the experts selected must sign a declaration before each meeting of the expert groups certifying that, on the basis of the agenda, there are no conflicts of interests which could compromise their independence.
- (12) Without prejudice to Article 287 of the Treaty establishing the European Community and Article 194 of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, the members of the expert groups must be required not to divulge information communicated in

the course of the work of those groups where they have been notified that such information is the subject of a request for confidentiality.

- (13) Where a member fails to meet these obligations of independence and confidentiality, he must be regarded as no longer able to make an effective contribution to the work of the group within the meaning of Article 4(1), third subparagraph, of Decision 98/610/EC, Euratom.
- (14) New members of the expert groups as well as the chairmen and vice-chairmen of those groups should therefore be appointed, and the confidentiality of the proceedings and the independence of the members guaranteed,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The persons whose names are listed in Annex I shall be appointed members of the expert groups set up by Decision 98/610/EC, Euratom until 31 December 2002.

Article 2

The persons whose names are listed in Annex II shall be appointed chairmen or vice-chairmen of the expert groups referred to in Article 1.

Article 3

The persons referred to in Articles 1 and 2 are obliged to comply with the requirements of independence and confidentiality appearing in Annex III.

Article 4

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

Done at Brussels, 21 March 2001.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

Expert group	Names and first names	
Health, food and environmental factors	BEHRENDT BIESALSKI BORRESEN COLOMER DROUET DYBING EGLITE FORSBERG GARCEZ DE LENCASTRE KATSOUYANNI KORPELA LESLIE LISON MEDINA PFANNHAUSER RIZOV ROTILIO RYDZYNSKI SARIS TAEYMANS VAHTER WALL WILLIAMS	Heidrun Hans Torger Concha Xavier Erik Maija Ethel Herminia Klea Ritta Jim Dominique Sylvia Werner Nikolay Giuseppe Konrad Wim Dominique Marie E. Patrick Christine
Control of infectious diseases	AGNARSDOTTIR BORRIELLO BUDKA DARBYSHIRE ESTEBAN ESTOLIO DO ROSARIO HJELTNES HOGENOVA LEROY MOENNIG O'FLANAGAN PAPAMICHAIL RANKI RAPPUOLI SALMASO SANCHEZ SZEWCZYK VAN EDEN VANHEMELRIJCK WAHREN	Gudrun Saverio Peter Herbert Janet H. Mariano Virgilio Brit Helena Odile Volker Darina Michail Annamari Rino Stefania J. M. Boguslaw Willem Johan Britta

Expert group	Names and first names	
The cell factory	ALBERGHINA BECK BOWLES CARRONDO COLIJN-HOOYMANS DIDERICHSEN GLIMELIUS KOVACS MÄKINEN PUHLER RENAUD ROELS SCHWAB VAN DE VOORDE VELA VIKARI YEATS	Lilia Yaffa Dianna Manuel Catharina Borge Kristina Kornel Seppo Alfred Michel J. A. Helmut André Carmen Liisa Siobhan
The ageing population	BALASA BARTOLI BRICK BUHLER COMELLA FERRO MORÃO CABRAL GREENGROSS INGOLFSDOTTIR IVAN LAURISTIN LEGROS-BAWIN LINDSTRÖM MAGUIRE PERANI POMPIDOU SCHROLL STATHAKOS TAIPALE VAN DEN BERG WICK	Ana Ettore Yitzak Christian Joan José Manuel Sally Vilborg Laszlo Marju Bernadette Jan-Ingvar Peggy Daniela Alain Marianne Dimitri Vappu Hans Georg
Sustainable agriculture, fisheries and forestry, including the integrated development of rural areas	CARLSSON CHET DE SOUSA VASCONCELOS KASSIOUMIS LANGSTRAAT LAVENS LEE LOJKOWSKA	Marten Ilan Marcelo Konstantinos Dirk Patrick John Ewa

Expert group	Names and first names	
	MAUCORPS MULLER PAAVILAINEN PETKO POUZET RADDI RASCHE REXEN TAIT WERRIJ WÖRGETTER ZANUY	Alain Hermann Leena Branislav André Paolo Ernst Finn Elizabeth Joyce P. Manfred Silvia
Information Society	AIRAGHI BOEKHORST BOYANOV BRAVO BUSSOLETTI CRONBERG DANIEL ERIKSSON FENEYROL GEYRES HALKIAS HEALY KUUSI LAGASSE LOPEZ BARRIO MEHRGARDT MEHRING MOGENSEN PIETTE PURVES RANDALL SOETE TRANCOSO UCEDA VAN LOOVEREN VORTMAN WERTHNER WIERZBICKI	Angelo Fred Kiril Alain Ezio Tarja John Hakan Michel Philippe Christos Michael Juhani Paul Carlos Soenke Paul Gregers Jean-Louis Ian Stephen Luc Isabel Javier Anita Jacob Hannes Andrzej Piotr
Innovative products, processes and organisation	ALVAREZ ANDRADE-PERDRIX ARZT DE CHARENTENAY FOUNTI	Santiago Carmen Eduard François Maria

Expert group	Names and first names	
	GUERRIERO GREGORY JÄGER LUKASIK MAGUREANU NORELL PEDERSEN PINTO SHPITALNI SISTERMANS TEMMES WARNECKE	Renato Mike Heimo Jacques Razvan Margareta Hans Lucio Moshe Joop Armi Hans-Jürgen
Sustainable mobility and intermodality	BAYLISS BREEN FERNÁNDEZ DURÁN FINLAY LINDBERG LINKAMA PAVAUX PECHEUR RICOTTILLI RYMARZ RUIJGROK SABRIA SCHACKE SHELL SOBOLL TANCZOS TELLE VAN DE VOORDE VIANA BAPTISTA	David Jeane Reyes Hugh Johan Eeva Jacques Pascale Marcello Edward W. C. J. Federico Ivar Brigitte Horst Katalin Nils Eddy José
New perspectives for aeronautics	ABBINK ARIAS CEKAL JENSEN KING LAWLER LOJACONO LUREAU MADALENO MARTIS NYSSSEN OLSSON PAPAILIOU ROSEN	Frederik Angel-Luis Stanslav Kurt Julia James Eros François Utímia Gunter Claude Ulf Kyriacos Aviv

Expert group	Names and first names	
	SZODRUCH THOMAS TRUMAN VON TEIN	Joachim Jean-Marc Trevor Volker
Land transport and marine technologies	ACKERMANN ANDERSEN CSER BRÄNNSTRÖM DUARTE SILVA FEITLER FOSTER GOLDAN HOLDEN KYRTATOS LIST MAGGETTO MARTONE MICHELLONE PERSON SEIFFERT SAARISTO HOLMBERG TAMUZS	Charles-Louis Torben Gyula Klas António Simone Andrew Michael Kjell Nikolaos Helmut Gaston Maria Gian Carlo Patrick Ulrich Sirkka-Leena Vitauts
Sustainable management and quality of water and sustainable management of marine ecosystems	BJORNSEN BOZZO CANDELA DAGAN DRONKERS GRANELI JASKULKE KAUPPI KLAGHOFER LANCELOT LIE MARECOS DO MONTE MCGLADE MIMIKOU MONTESINOS MULCAHY PFEIFFER SAAT SOMLYODY	Peter Gian Mario Lucila Gedeon Job Edna Elisabeth Lea E. Christiane Ulf Maria Helena Jacqueline Maria Salomón Maire Klaus Toomas Laszlo
Global change, climate and biodiversity	BERGER BERZ CAHILL CORTE-REAL CRUTZEN	André Gerhard Bronwyn João Paul

Expert group	Names and first names	
	DAHL-JENSEN GRABHERR HOV JAEGER LALAS MORENO ROHDE SADOWSKI SERREAULT SVEINBJÖRNSDOTTIR WALLS ZERBINI	Dorthe Georg Oystein Jill Dimitris José Henning Maciej Brigitte Arny Mari Susanna
The city of tomorrow and cultural heritage	ANDERSSON ARISTOTELOUS-CLERIDOU BARTONOVA BEEDHOLM CASSAR DUNLEAVY GISLADOTTIR HECQ JILKA KUTTER MAUGARD MOROPOULOU MURGA NYSTROM PORTAS ROELOFS SABBIONI SHACHAR STAUSKAS	Harri Athena Alena Bente May Sean Ingibjörg Walter Brigitte Eckhard Alain Antonia Mikel Louise Nuno Lambert Cristina Arie Vladas
Cleaner energy systems and economic and efficient energy	AIGNER BALLAY DA SILVA CARVALHO FANINGER FREDERICK GARIBBA HESTNES HINSTRUP KERONEN LEWIS MACIAS MIRANDA MAVRAKIS	Manfred Roger Maria Gerhard Guy M. Anne Grete Peter Jouni Tony Manuel Dimitrios

Expert group	Names and first names	
	OTTER ROCCA ROULET SAHLESTRÖM SARIS TALLANTYRE TOMSIC VALDMA YOGEV	Nicholas Ugo Claude Britt Frans Maurice Michael-Gabrijel Mati Ammon
Improving the socioeconomic knowledge base	BRUNN ERIKSON GRODAL HALIASSOS MARTINOTTI NOWOTNY PORTES RIP RODRIGUES SCHABER SCHWARTZ SILIUS SOFER SOMMESTAD SUBIRATS THEVENOT WHELAN ZIMMERMANN	Anke Robert Birgit Michael Guido Helga Richard Arie Maria João Gaston Dafna Harriet Catherine Lena Joan Laurent Brendan Klaus F.
Controlled thermonuclear fusion	BELLI BUSCH D'HAESELEER FUSTER HÖGBERG HOPKINS IONESCU KALLI KNERINGER LAVAL POLICARPO POOLEY SIMOPOULOS TENCKHOFF TROEV	Maria Niels William Feliciano Lars Mike Valentin Heikki Günther Guy Armando Derek Simos Erich Troyo

Expert group	Names and first names	
Nuclear fission	CARO CARVALHO SOARES COLINO CUNNINGHAM GOVAERTS HAYNS HEUSENER HOLM LUX MATTILA MUSILEK NIELSEN RAKHORST RISING SCHMIDT-KÜSTER SCHMITZER THOMPSON VALENTINI VALLÉE YADIGAROGLU	Rafael José Antonio John Pierre Mike Gerhard Lars-Erik Ivan Lasse Ladislav Sven Hubert Agneta Wolf-J. Christian Sam Paolo Alain George

ANNEX II

List of chairmen and vice-chairmen of the expert groups

Expert group	Surname and first name of the chairman	Surname and first name of the vice-chairman
Health, food and environmental factors	WILLIAMS Christine	COLOMER Concha
Control of infectious diseases	WAHREN Britta	MOENNIG Volker
The cell factory	ALBERGHINA Lilia	CARRONDO Manuel
The ageing population	TAIPALE Vappu	WICK Georg
Sustainable agriculture, fisheries and forestry	WERRIJ P.	RASCHE Ernst
Information Society	AIRAGHI Angelo	—
Innovative products, processes and organisation	PEDERSEN Hans	SISTERMANS Joop
Sustainable mobility and intermodality	BAYLISS David	—
New perspectives for aeronautics	OLSSON Ulf	ARIAS Angel-Luis
Land transport and marine technologies	MICHELLONE Gian Carlo	—
Sustainable management and quality of water and sustainable management of marine ecosystems	BJORNSEN Peter	KAUPPI Lea
Global change, climate and biodiversity	BERGER André	SERREAUlt Brigitte
The city of tomorrow and cultural heritage	SABBIONI Cristina	PORTAS Nuno
Cleaner energy systems and economic and efficient energy	SARIS Frans	AIGNER Manfred
Improving the socio-economic knowledge base	NOWOTNY Helga	SCHABER Gaston
Controlled thermonuclear fusion	D'HAESELEER William	HÖGBERG Lars
Nuclear fission	VALLEE Alain	RISING Agneta

ANNEX III

CONDITIONS CONCERNING THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE MEMBERS AND THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THEIR WORK**A. Confidentiality of work**

Without prejudice to Article 287 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.

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

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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*

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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:

First names and surname:

Date:
