



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

Prior authorisation for the establishment of a Commission Expert Group

1.	<i>Unit:</i> GROW.I.4	<i>Contact:</i> [REDACTED] <i>Tel:</i> [REDACTED]
2.	<i>Name of the group:</i> AS-IF PROGRAMME COMMITTEE FOR ON DEFENCE RESEARCH	
3.	<p><i>Mission of the group:</i> This informal group of governmental experts will assist the Commission in the implementation of the Preparatory Action on Defence Research, including its modalities. It will provide input for the scoping paper and yearly work programmes of the Preparatory Action and it will simulate the role of a Programme Group regarding the implementing decisions of the Commission for the Preparatory Action.</p> <p>The Commission will simulate in the function of this group the decision taking of a Programme Group as provided in Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers¹. Decisions taken within this group will have no legal effect or implications.</p> <p>The Commission will also use the As-If Programme Committee as a forum to engage in a dialogue with the Member States during the preparation of the post-2020 phase of the "research window" of the European Defence Fund which will take the form of a European defence research programme.</p>	
4.	<i>Legal/Political framework:</i> Preparatory Action on Defence Research (Art. 54(2) of the Financial Regulations – The 2017 Financing Decision is under preparation for adoption by the College (foreseen February 2017).	
5.	<p><i>Envisaged composition (Member States, other²):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member States' authorities (Type D members) - Total: 28 members • Observers: Norway and the European Defence Agency (EDA) 	

¹ OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p 13.

² Please elaborate on the balanced composition of the group; how will a balanced representation of stakeholders, gender, geographical coverage be ensured?

6.	<p><i>Duration of the tasks, type of activities:</i> Duration: up to 2020. Type of tasks: - Meetings (at least six times per year); - Provide advice and input on relevant policy objectives and scientific, technological and innovation priorities for defence related research by way of opinions and recommendations in the frame of the Preparatory Action and the post-2020 phase of the European Defence Fund.</p>	
7.	<p><i>Foreseen selection procedure of the members³:</i> Nomination of experts in accordance of Art. 9 of Commission Decision C (2016) 3301.</p>	
8.	<p><i>Other relevant information :</i> N/A</p>	
<p><i>1. On request of (name, signature)</i></p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>GROW/I4</i></p>	<p><i>2. Avis GROW/R1 (name, signature)</i></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____ <i>GROW/R1</i></p>	<p><i>3. For approval of the Director General (date + signature)</i></p> <p><i>Lowri EVANS, Director general DG GROW</i></p>

Enclosure: Checklist establishment Commission expert group

³ Please elaborate on the measures foreseen to avoid any conflict of interest