Prior authorisation for the establishment of a Commission Expert Group

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| 1. | **Unit**: GROW.4.4  
    | **Contact person**:  
    | **Tel**: |
| 2. | **Name of the group**:  
    | **ADVISORY GROUP FOR THE PREPARATORY ACTION ON DEFENCE RESEARCH** |
| 3. | **Mission of the group**:  
    | • to provide consistent and consolidated advice to the Commission services during the preparation of the remaining annual work programmes within the frame of the Preparatory Action on Defence Research.  
    | • if deemed relevant, to provide advice for the revision of the scoping paper, the planning document setting out key orientations on a multiannual basis to guide the preparations of the work programmes within the frame of the Preparatory Action on Defence Research. |
| 4. | **Legal/Political framework**:  
    | Preparatory Action on Defence Research (Art. 54(2) of the Financial Regulations). |
| 5. | **Envisaged composition (Member States, other)¹**:  
    | • Individuals appointed in a personal capacity. These members shall act independently and in the public interest.  
    | • Individuals appointed to represent a common interest. These members shall not represent an individual stakeholder, but a policy orientation common to different stakeholder organisations  
    | • Organisations  
    | • 1 representative of the European Defence Agency  
    | • 1 representative of the European External Action Service (EUMS)  
    | Total: 22 members  
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¹ Please elaborate on the balanced composition of the group; how will a balanced representation of stakeholders, gender, geographical coverage be ensured?
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6. **Duration of the tasks, type of activities:**
Duration: lifetime of the Preparatory Action (maximum 3 years)
Type of tasks:
- Meetings (at least two times per year)
- provide advice on relevant objectives and scientific, technological and innovation priorities for defence related research by way of opinions, recommendations or reports.

7. **Foreseen selection procedure of the members:**
Publication of a Call for Application following the horizontal rules on the creation and operation of Commission expert groups (C(2016)3301). Concerned applicants are requested to submit a standard declaration of interest.

8. **Other relevant information:**
Participation in the group is restricted to EU nationals or citizens of Norway.

Enclosure: Checklist establishment Commission expert group

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