



# EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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

## Prior authorisation for the establishment of a Commission Expert Group

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| 1. | Unit: GROW.I.4  | Contact person: [REDACTED]<br>Tel: [REDACTED] |
| 2. | <i>Name of the group:</i><br><b>ADVISORY GROUP FOR THE PREPARATORY ACTION ON DEFENCE RESEARCH</b>   |   |
| 3. | <i>Mission of the group:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>   |   |
| 4. | <i>Legal/Political framework:</i><br>Preparatory Action on Defence Research (Art. 54(2) of the Financial Regulations).  |   |
| 5. | <i>Envisaged composition (Member States, other<sup>1</sup>):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individuals appointed in a personal capacity. These members shall act independently and in the public interest.</li> <li>Individuals appointed to represent a common interest. These members shall not represent an individual stakeholder, but a policy orientation common to different stakeholder organisations</li> <li>Organisations</li> <li>1 representative of the European Defence Agency</li> <li>1 representative of the European External Action Service (EUMS)</li> </ul> <p>Total: 22 members</p> <p>As the stakeholder community is relatively well defined and focused, a balanced representation and geographical coverage can be easily envisaged. Care will need to be</p> |   |

<sup>1</sup> 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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|    | <p>Total: 22 members</p> <p>As the stakeholder community is relatively well defined and focused, a balanced representation and geographical coverage can be easily envisaged. Care will need to be taken to seek sufficient participation of female experts in defence related research.</p>  |
| 6. | <p><i>Duration of the tasks, type of activities:</i></p> <p>Duration: lifetime of the Preparatory Action (maximum 3 years)</p> <p>Type of tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meetings (at least two times per year)</li> <li>- provide advice on relevant objectives and scientific, technological and innovation priorities for defence related research by way of opinions, recommendations or reports.</li> </ul> |
| 7. | <p><i>Foreseen selection procedure of the members<sup>2</sup>:</i></p> <p>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.</p>  |
| 8. | <p><i>Other relevant information :</i></p> <p>Participation in the group is restricted to EU nationals or citizens of Norway.</p>   |

Enclosure: Checklist establishment Commission expert group

<sup>2</sup> Please elaborate on the measures foreseen to avoid any conflict of interest