




# EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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

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

1.	Unit: [REDACTED]	Contact person: [REDACTED]
2.	<i>Name of the group:</i> <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> Preparatory Action on Defence Research (Art. 54(2) of the Financial Regulations).	

5.	<p><i>Envisaged composition (Member States, other<sup>1</sup>):</i></p> <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 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>		
<p><i>1. On request of (name, signature)</i></p> 		<p><i>2. Avis GROW/R1 (name, signature)</i></p>	<p><i>3. For approval of the Director General (date + signature)</i></p>

Enclosure: Checklist establishment Commission expert group

<sup>1</sup> Please elaborate on the balanced composition of the group; how will a balanced representation of stakeholders, gender, geographical coverage be ensured?

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