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Call for applications regarding the Commission Decision of 11 June 2003 setting up a Group of Experts to advise the Commission on a strategy for dealing with accidents in the transport sector

By Decision of 11 June 2003¹, the Commission has set up a Group of Experts to advise the Commission on a strategy for dealing with accidents in the transport sector. The mission of the Group of Experts is to advise the Commission on the need to improve existing legislation, and, where necessary, on the need to propose new initiatives for all modes of transport, including the transport of energy (oil and gas pipelines).

The Commission is therefore calling for applications with a view to include on its list candidates in connection with the setting up of the Group of Experts.

The Group of Experts shall consist of 12 members, and, in accordance with Article 4(4) of the above Decision, the members of the Group of Experts will be qualified individuals selected by the Commission on the basis of their competence, experience and representativeness. The selection criteria will also promote a balance in terms of specialists from the various modes of transport.

The Commission will take the following criteria into account when assessing applications:

- Proven competence and experience, including at European and/or international level, in areas relevant to transport safety, in particular, independent technical accident investigations in the transport sector, including the transport of energy (oil and gas pipelines).
- The Commission will strive to achieve a balance within the Group of Experts in terms of the fair distribution of representatives from the various modes of transport (air, maritime, rail, road and oil and gas pipelines), the representativeness of applicants, gender² and geographical origin.
- Members of the Group of Experts must be nationals of a European Union country, or, if appropriate, of an acceding or a European Economic Area country.

Applications, duly signed, must be sent in by **15.09.2003** at the latest:

- Either by registered letter or private courier (date as postmark) to the following address: European Commission, Directorate-General for Energy and Transport, Unit A4 Secretariat, DM28 Office 5/57, B-1049 Brussels,

¹ Decision 2003/425/EC, OJ L 144 of 12.06.2003, p. 10.

² Commission Decision 2000/407/EC of 19 June 2000 relating to gender balance within the committees and expert groups established by it (OJ L 154, 27.6.2000, p. 34).

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- Or hand-delivered against receipt to the following address: European Commission, Directorate-General for Energy and Transport, Unit A4 Secretariat, rue Demot 28, Office 5/57 (Building DM28), B-1040 Brussels.

Each application must be completed in one of the official languages of the European Union, clearly indicating the nationality of the applicant and including the necessary documentation. All applicants must document their professional experience and expertise in full (by means of a curriculum vitae³ and, if appropriate, letters in support of their application). In addition, information about the following items shall accompany each proposal:

- For which authority/organisation has the applicant been active? How long?
- Has he/she been active for other authorities/organisations in the past?
- What were/are his/her specific competencies?
- In which concrete projects and/or missions did he/she participate?
- Did he/she issue publications on technical/safety accident investigations in the transport sector or contribute to such publications?
- Did he/she gather experience at EU and international level?
- What will be his/her major professional tasks/challenges in the near future (2003, 2004)?

The Commission shall select individual members for a two-year renewable mandate. They are required to give the Commission an independent opinion, free from outside influence, and to respect the conditions of confidentiality mentioned in Article 6 of the Commission Decision establishing the Group of Experts.

The Commission will reimburse travel and subsistence expenses in connection with the activities of the Group of Experts in accordance with the provision in force within the Commission. There will be no remuneration for the performance of the members' duties.

The list of members of the Group of Experts to advise the Commission on a strategy for dealing with accidents in the transport sector will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

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³ All Curricula vitae should be submitted in the European format: www.cedefop.eu.int/transparency/cv.asp.