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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Renewal of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2015 to 20 September 2020 - List of candidates proposed by Austria

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Delegations will find attached a letter signed by Lucia Kronsteiner, Chargé d'affaires at the Permanent Representation of Austria, proposing a list of candidates to be appointed to the European Economic and Social Committee.

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Chargée d'Affaires a.i.

GZ BRÜSSEL-ÖV/BMEIA/1018/2015

July 31, 2015

**Subject: Renewal of the European Economic and social Committee for the period 2015  
- 2020 – AUSTRIAN nominations**

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

Under the procedure for appointing members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2015 to 20 September 2020, please find attached a list of the proposed AUSTRIAN candidates.

Best regards,



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NOMINATIONS FOR  
MEMBERSHIP OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Subject: **Renewal of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period 2015-2020**

Under the procedure for appointing members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2015 to 20 September 2020, the Government of **AUSTRIA** hereby proposes the following candidates:

**Ms. Christa SCHWENG**

Post held: Senior Advisor of the “Wirtschaftskammer Österreich” (Austrian Economic Chamber); department for social policy and health; Member of the EESC from 2010 to 2015;

Suggested affiliation: Group I (Employers' Group).

**Mr. Michael IKRATH**

Post held: Secretary General of the „Österreichischer Sparkassenverband” (Austrian Association of savings banks);

Suggested affiliation: Group I (Employers' Group).

**Mr. Gerhard RIEMER**

Post held: Consultant of the „Vereinigung der Österreichischen Industrie“ (Federation of the Austrian Industry);

Suggested affiliation: Group I (Employers' Group).

**Mr. Ferdinand MAIER**

Post held: Former Secretary General of the “Österreichischer Raiffeisenverband” (Austrian Raiffeisen-Association) until 2014; Member of the EESC from 2012 to 2015;

Suggested affiliation: Group I (Employers' Group).

**Mr. Thomas DELAPINA**

Post held: Senior advisor of the “Arbeiterkammer Wien” (Chamber of Labour of the Federal Land Vienna); member of the EESC since 1995;

Suggested affiliation: Group II (Employees' Group).

**Mr. Thomas WAGNSONNER**

Post held: Deputy Director of the „Arbeiterkammer Niederösterreich“ (Chamber of Labour of the Federal Land of Lower Austria);

Suggested affiliation: Group II (Employees' Group).

**Mr. Oliver RÖPKE,**

Post held: Head of the “ÖGB-Europabüro an der Ständigen Vertretung Österreichs bei der EU in Brüssel” (Bureau for European Affairs of the Austrian Trade Union at the Permanent Representative of Austria at the EU in Brussels); actual Member of the EESC;

Suggested affiliation: Group II (Employees' Group).

**Mr. Wolfgang GREIF,**

Post held: Head of the department of the “ÖGB” (Austrian Trade Union Association) betreffend “Europa, Konzerne und Internationale Beziehungen” (Europe, multinational companies and international relations); Member of the EESC since 2002;

Suggested affiliation: Group II (Employees' Group).

**Mr. Thomas KATTNIG,**

Post held: Head of the “Bereich für Internationales, EU und Daseinsvorsorge in der Gewerkschaft der Gemeindebediensteten sowie der Gewerkschaft für Kunst, Medien, Sport und freie Berufe” (in the field of international affairs, EU and services of general interest of the trade union for employees of municipalities as well as for the trade union of media, sports and independent professions); Member of the EESC since 2010;

Suggested affiliation: Group II (Employees' Group).

**Mr. Rudolf KOLBE**

Post held: President of the „Kammer der Architekten und Ingenieurkonsulenten für Oberösterreich und Salzburg“ (Chamber of architects and consultants for engineering for the Federal Land of Upper Austria and the Federal Land of Salzburg);

Suggested affiliation: Group III (Various Interests' Group).

**Mr. Andreas THURNER**

Post held: Officer of the „Landwirtschaftskammer Österreich–Büro Brüssel“ (Chamber of agriculture in Austria-Office in Brussels); member of the EESC since 2012;

Suggested affiliation: Group III (Various Interests' Group).

**Mr. Alfred GAJDOSIK,**

Post held: Employee of „Hotel Marriott/PCC-Erhaltungs- und ErrichtungsgesmbH“ (Marriott Hotel Vienna/ (PCC-preservation and accommodation-limited partnership company); Member of the EESC from 2010 to 2015;

Suggested affiliation: Group III (Various Interests' Group).