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| From:    | General Secretariat of the Council                                      |
| To:      | Delegations   |
| Subject: | Partial renewal of Members of the Court of Auditors (2018) - IE nominee |

Delegations will find attached a letter dated 9 November 2017 from Mr Declan KELLEHER, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the European Union, addressed to Mr Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN, Secretary-General of the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union.

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Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen  
Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union  
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9 November, 2017

Dear Secretary General,

I am writing in connection with Ireland's nomination to the European Court of Auditors.

I am delighted to inform you that my government has decided to nominate Mr Tony Murphy to the Court. I attach Mr. Murphy's curriculum vitae and contact details.

I look forward to working closely with your team to progress Mr. Murphy's nomination process.

Thank you in anticipation of your timely engagement with this important nomination.

Yours sincerely,

Declan Kelleher

Permanent Representative of Ireland

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## PERSONAL INFORMATION



## POSITION

## WORK EXPERIENCE

01/05/2017–Present Director of Chamber IV – Regulation of Markets and Competitive economy  
European Court of Auditors, Luxembourg (Luxembourg)

Responsibilities include:

- Assisting and advising the Members of the Chamber in the performance of their duties
- Organising and managing the Chamber's work
- Checking the quality of audit work
- Co-ordinating staff matters (around 100 audit staff)
- Representing the Court at meetings and events

01/01/2013–30/04/2017 Head of Private Office of Ms IVANOVA  
European Court of Auditors, Luxembourg (Luxembourg)

Responsible for the management of the Private Office of Ms IVANOVA, Bulgarian member of the European Court of Auditors which involves:

- The provision of assistance in the planning and ongoing monitoring of those audit tasks for which the Member is the Reporting Member
- Assisting in the drafting of various Court publications in the domain of Financial, Compliance and Performance Auditing, in policy areas of Economic, social and territorial cohesion covering topics such as Youth Employment and Financial Instruments
- Presenting special reports to various audiences
- Assisting with the organisation of events (ie. high level meetings, conferences, audit visits)
- Providing support to the Member in the preparation and follow up of Court and Chamber meetings and also since October 2016 for Administrative Committee when the Member became Dean of the Chamber
- Reviewing documents issued by other Chambers and highlighting important issues
- Keeping the Member informed on relevant internal and external developments
- Developing contacts and establishing good working relationships with other cabinets, Directors, Principal managers, the auditors involved in tasks for which the Member is the Reporting Member, other European institutions such as the Commission and European Parliament, National Authorities and the Press

01/04/2007–31/12/2012 Head of the Internal Audit Unit  
European Commission - Directorate General Economic and Financial Affairs - Internal Audit unit (ECFIN 01), Luxembourg (Luxembourg)

Managing an independent internal auditing and consulting activity under the direct responsibility of the Director General. Supervision of and guidance to unit staff, responsible for the quality and timeliness of audit reports and other outputs.

- 2008 **Chairman of the Audit Board**  
European Investment Fund (EIF)  
As Chairman planned and managed the meetings of the Audit Board, including presenting the Annual Report to the Annual General Meeting of the EIF.
- 2007 **Member of the Audit Board**  
European Investment Fund (EIF)  
I was nominated as the Commission representative on the Audit Board of the EIF for the financial years 2007 and 2008 acting as a Member in 2007.
- 01/06/2003–31/03/2007 **Auditor**  
European Commission - Directorate General Economic and Financial Affairs - Internal Audit unit (ECFIN 01), Luxembourg (Luxembourg)  
  - Close collaboration with the Head of Unit in the carrying out of the ECFIN 01 risk assessment and the subsequent establishment of a 3 year strategic plan and an annual work programme for the unit. Carried out assurance and consultancy assignments and heavily involved in the drafting of audit reports and other outputs of the unit (e.g. activity reports, annual opinion on internal control)
  - Responsible for the supervision and review of the work carried out by other colleagues within the unit, liaison with the Court of Auditors and also involved in regular contacts with the Internal Audit Service
- 01/11/1999–31/05/2003 **Detached National Expert**  
European Commission - Directorate General Economic and Financial Affairs - Internal Audit unit (ECFIN 01)  
  - Assisting in the carrying out of audit assignments which were led by A officials in the unit
  - Amending working procedures and methodology based on previous experience in the absence of any available informatics audit management system
- 01/09/1994–31/10/1999 **Senior Auditor (manager of several teams of auditors)**  
Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Irish Court of Auditors), Dublin, Éire/Ireland  
  - Manager of audit teams in the Health Division from September 1994 to October 1997. Responsible for the audit of a number of public hospitals and regional health authorities (annual budgets between €3m and €450m)
  - From November 1997 transferred to Education Division and had similar responsibilities for various entities in the Education Sector including Universities, Regional Educational Authorities and semi-public entities
- 1998–1999 **Chairman of the Audit Board**  
Council of Europe, Strasbourg (France)  
Chairing meetings of the Board and responsible for the finalisation of the Annual Report in coordination with other Board Members
- 1997 **Member of the Audit Board**  
Council of Europe, Strasbourg (France)  
Nominated by the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General to participate as a Member to the Audit Board.
- 01/10/1979–31/08/1994 **Trainee Auditor, Assistant Auditor, Auditor**  
Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General, Dublin, Éire/Ireland

- Initially training as a member of an audit team involved in the audit of various semi-state companies, then member of an audit team involved in the audit of various Government Departments and semi-state companies and finally Audit team leader involved in the audit of the Office of the Revenue Commissioners
- Assistant to the Irish Member of the Audit Board of Eurocontrol, Brussels for financial years 1991 and 1992.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 1997–2006 Member of the IIA (Institute of Internal Auditors) and Certified Internal Auditor following November 2005 examinations.
- 1989 Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
- 1979–1984 Associate of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
- 1979 Leaving Certificate (equivalent of Baccalaureate)

## PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) English

Other language(s)

| Language(s) | UNDERSTANDING  |         | SPEAKING           |                   | WRITING |
|-------------|--|---------|--------------------|-------------------|---------|
|             | Listening  | Reading | Spoken interaction | Spoken production |         |
| Irish       | Leaving Certificate  |         |                    |                   |         |
| French      | B2   | B2      | B2                 | B2                | B2      |
|             | completed levels 4-8 at Commission from August 2000-July 2002  |         |                    |                   |         |
| German      | B2   | B2      | B2                 | B2                | B2      |
|             | completed Levels 1-8 at Commission from October 2002-July 2006 |         |                    |                   |         |

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user  
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

- Communication skills
- Excellent team spirit and strong capacity to adapt in a multicultural environment
  - Have established a network of professional contacts within the Court of Auditors, and with the audit and control community in the European Commission, Agencies and Other Bodies of Union
  - Experience of making presentations at conferences and seminars

- Organisational / managerial skills
- Ability to manage and motivate other team members
  - Ability to organise and complete deliverables with added value within agreed deadlines
  - Strong analytical ability
  - Decisive and pragmatic approach to problem solving
  - High sense of initiative

- Job-related skills
- Excellent knowledge of the professional standards and practices related to the audit profession.
  - Excellent knowledge of the Internal Control Standards applicable in the Commission
  - Good knowledge of the Financial Regulation and sectorial legislation in Cohesion Policy area and

## Regulation of Markets and Competitive economy

- Very good drafting skills
- Analytical and objective approach to activities being audited
- Conscientious and high level of commitment
- Open to new methodologies and approaches

## Digital competence

- Regular user of Microsoft Office
  - Familiar with AMS and ASSYST
  - In previous experience have used IDEA (audit software tool for data extraction and analysis) to a large degree and Lotus Notes based audit management system
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