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'I' ITEM NOTE

From: Working Party on Combating Fraud
To: Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject: Appointment of the members of the Supervisory Committee of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF): Criteria and procedure

- *Approval of a letter*
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1. Pursuant to Regulation (Euratom, EU) No 883/2013 concerning investigations conducted by OLAF¹, as last amended by Regulation 2020/2223², and in particular to Article 15 thereof, the Supervisory Committee shall be appointed to monitor the independence of OLAF's investigative functions.

¹ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 September 2013 concerning investigations conducted by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1073/1999 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (Euratom) No 1074/1999 (OJ L 248, 18.9.2013, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2013/883/oj>).

² Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2223 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 December 2020 amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 883/2013, as regards cooperation with the European Public Prosecutor's Office and the effectiveness of the European Anti-Fraud Office investigations (OJ L 437, 28.12.2020, p. 49, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2020/2223/oj>).

2. The OLAF Supervisory Committee is constituted by five members, replaced on a rotational basis over the five-year term. The mandate of two of its members will end on 28 March 2026³ and these two members will continue to fulfil their function *ad interim* according to Article 15(4) of Regulation No 883/2013 until they are replaced. The term of the remaining three members will end on 23 September 2026⁴.
3. On 27 March 2026, the Commission addressed a letter to the European Parliament and to the Council concerning the upcoming selection procedure for the members of the OLAF Supervisory Committee, asking to receive possible comments on the draft call for expression of interest. Also, the Commissioner requested the names of the three members designated to represent the Council in the joint selection panel for the selection and appointment (see ANNEX 1).
4. In line with the requirements of the regulation, and building on the experience from previous selection procedures, it is advisable that the process is conducted in the same way, which is also the intention announce by the Commission.
5. The Working Party on Combating Fraud (GAF) discussed the draft reply to the Commissioner's letter regarding the draft call for expression of interest during its meeting on 16 April 2026.
6. Once the European Parliament and the Council have forwarded their eventual comments to the criteria listed in the call for expression of interest, the Commission will proceed to the publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, as finalised in view of the remarks received. Upon closure of the deadline for receipt of applications, the actual selection procedure is expected to start in the autumn.
7. The Commission will organise several meetings of the joint selection panel. This panel will be composed of nine members, or three members from each Institution. The panel will receive all expressions of interest and thereon assess the eligibility of candidates and proceed to the evaluation of their candidacy. The assessment will be done based on the candidates' CVs, no interviews are foreseen at this stage.

³ Mr Dušan Sterle and Ms Maria Stylianidi.

⁴ Ms Marita Salgrāve (Chair), Mr Angelo Maria Quaglini and Mr Andrei-Atila Luca Chendi.

8. Upon evaluation, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission will appoint, by common accord, the five members of the OLAF Supervisory Committee, as well as a reserve list of at least seven names ranked in a particular order.
9. As done in previous appointment procedures, it is proposed that the Council is represented in the joint selection committee by a troika of Permanent Representatives of the previous, acting and up-coming Presidencies (at the time of the selection committee meetings), in this case those of the incoming trio: Ireland, Lithuania and Greece.
10. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to:
 - entrust a troika composed of the Permanent Representatives of Ireland, Lithuania and Greece, with the possibility of them being represented by a substitute should any of the three representatives be prevented from attending a meeting, with the mandate to represent the Council in the joint selection committee entrusted with the task of selecting and appointing the members of the OLAF Supervisory Committee as well as the respective reserve list;
 - approve the draft letter in ANNEX 2, in accordance with Article 19(7)(k) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.



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PIOTR SERAFIN
MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Brussels,

Subject: Selection procedure for the members of the OLAF Supervisory Committee

The mandates of the members of the Supervisory Committee of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) will expire next year.

Pursuant to Article 15(2) of Regulation No 883/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council, the Supervisory Committee is composed of five independent members having experience in senior judicial or investigative functions or comparable functions relating to the areas of activity of the Office. The members are appointed by common accord of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission.

To ensure a seamless transition to a new formation of the OLAF Supervisory Committee, the Commission intends to start the selection process for new members as soon as possible. In that context, the Commission has already prepared a draft call for expression of interest, which you may find attached, and on which we would be grateful to receive the comments of the Council.

For an efficient conduct of the selection process, the Commission intends to carry it out in the same manner as it was done the previous time. The Commission will publish the call for expression of interest, finalised in view of the possible comments received, in the Official Journal. The applications will then be considered by a joint selection panel composed of nine members: three designated by the European Parliament, three designated by the Council and three designated by the Commission.

I look forward to receiving the comments of the Council on the call for expression of interest, as well as the designations of the members representing the Council in the joint selection panel at your earliest convenience, in order to proceed to the next steps in the procedure.

I have written in similar terms to the European Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

(e-signed)
Piotr Serafin



Ms Christina Rafti, Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the EU
Presidency of the Council of the European Union

Copies: Cabinet of the President
Ms Juhansone, Secretary-General
Mr Quest, Director-General, DG HR



 Electronically signed on 27/03/2026 12:58 (UTC+01) in accordance with Article 11 of Commission Decision (EU) 2021/212:

**Call for expression of interest in the appointment of members of
the Supervisory Committee of OLAF**

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The purpose of this call for expression of interest is to allow the appointment of the members of the [Supervisory Committee](#) of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF).

1. THE SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE EUROPEAN ANTI-FRAUD OFFICE

The Supervisory Committee of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) is a body established by Article 15 of Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council No 883/2013¹ to regularly monitor the implementation by the Office of its investigative function, in order to reinforce the Office's independence in the proper exercise of the competencies conferred upon it by that Regulation. It shall in particular monitor developments concerning the application of procedural guarantees and the duration of investigations.

The Supervisory Committee provides the Director-General of OLAF with opinions, including where appropriate, recommendations on, inter alia, the resources needed to carry out the investigative function of OLAF, on the investigative priorities of OLAF and on the duration of investigations in progress.

These opinions may be delivered on its own initiative, at the request of the Director-General or at the request of an institution, authority, organisation, body, office, agency or person, without however interfering with the conduct of investigations in progress.

The Commission provides the Supervisory Committee with a secretariat. In the exercise of their duties, the members of the Supervisory Committee shall neither seek or take instructions from any government, institution, body, office or agency.

The Supervisory Committee is composed of five independent members having experience in senior judicial or investigative functions or comparable functions relating to the areas of activity of OLAF. The members are appointed by common accord of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission.

The decision appointing the members of the Supervisory Committee also includes a reserve list of potential members to replace one or more members of the Supervisory Committee for the remainder of their term of office in the event of the resignation, death or permanent incapacity.

The members of the Supervisory Committee have a five-year mandate, which is not renewable. At the end of their mandate, they remain in office until they are replaced. Three and two members are replaced alternately, in order to preserve the Supervisory Committee's expertise.

¹ As last amended by Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2020/2223 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 December 2020.

It is estimated that Supervisory Committee members will need to dedicate approximately 3 days per month to meetings and preparation. In accordance with the applicable Commission rules², members of the Supervisory Committee will receive a daily allowance equivalent to 1/22³ of the basic salary of an official in the first step of grade AD14⁴ for each day worked and will be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the course of their duties.

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Be a national of a Member State of the European Union, entitled to their full rights as a citizen;
- Must not have a political function when taking up their function, either at national or European level;
- Must not be a member of staff of an EU institution, body, agency or office when taking up their function;
- Must not be a member of a national anti-fraud coordination service, within the meaning of Article 12a of Regulation 883/2013, when taking up their function;
- Must be able to act independently in the public interest and have no interests which might be considered prejudicial to their independence, when taking up their duties
- Should have a thorough knowledge of two official EU languages of the necessary for the performance of the duties (candidates should also indicate their level of knowledge of other EU official languages)

3. SELECTION CRITERIA

3.1. Professional criteria

Relevant senior professional experience of at least 10 years, notably:

- professional experience, preferably including significant related management experience, as a public prosecutor or judge or lawyer or auditor or investigator, specialised in fraud, corruption or conflicts of interest (including at EU level),

and/or

- practical or academic expertise in criminal and/or administrative law with regard to the protection of the financial interests of the EU, the EU budget and the management of EU funds;

and/or

- practical or academic expertise in protecting fundamental rights in administrative investigations.

² Commission Decision C(2006)6595 of 8 December 2006 on the reimbursement of costs incurred by members of the Supervisory Committee in the performance of their duties as amended by College Decision PV(2021)2387

³ 22 being the average number of working days in a month.

⁴ The salary scale is available at: [2025 Annual update of the remuneration and pensions of the officials and other servants of the European Union and the correction coefficients applied thereto.](#)

3.2. Personal criteria

- Should have a very good understanding of the work of OLAF;
- Should have very good general knowledge of the EU institutions, policies, legal framework and working methods;
- Should be available to carry out their tasks in an efficient way (approximately 3 days per month dedicated to meetings and preparation).

4. SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Interested persons should express their interest using the [EU CV online](#) application⁵.

Before submitting your application, you should carefully check whether you meet all eligibility requirements listed under point 2, above. Failure to meet any of the eligibility requirements means an automatic exclusion from the selection procedure.

To register your application in EU CV online, you must have a valid email address and follow the instructions concerning the various stages of the procedure. Your email address will be used to confirm your registration as well as to remain in contact with you during the different stages of the procedure. Therefore, please keep the European Commission informed about any change in your email address.

To complete your application, you need to upload a CV in PDF, preferably using the Europass CV format⁶, and to fill out, online, a motivation letter (maximum 8 000 characters). Your CV and motivation letter may be submitted in any of the official languages of the European Union.

Candidates are invited to specify all the EU languages they know and the corresponding level of knowledge according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages⁷.

Once you have finished your online registration, you will receive an email confirming that your application has been registered. If you do not receive a confirmation email, your application has not been registered.

Please note that it is not possible to monitor the progress of your application online. You will be contacted directly by the European Commission regarding the status of your application.

If you require more information and/or encounter technical problems, please send an email to: HR-MANAGEMENT-ONLINE@ec.europa.eu

For organisational reasons and to complete the selection procedure as quickly as possible in the interest of the candidates as well as that of the institutions, any interviews deemed necessary by the selection panel will be carried out in English⁸.

⁵ <https://ec.europa.eu/dgs/human-resources/seniormanagementvacancies/>.

⁶ You can find information on how to create your Europass CV online at: <https://europa.eu/europass/en/create-europass-cv>.

⁷ <https://www.coe.int/en/web/common-european-framework-reference-languages/table-1-cefr-3.3-common-reference-levels-global-scale>

⁸ Language skills will not be evaluated during the interview.

Closing date

The closing date for registration is **XX XXX 2026**, **12.00 noon Brussels time**, following which registration is no longer possible.

It is your responsibility to complete your online registration in time. We strongly advise you not to wait until the last few days before applying, since heavy internet traffic or a fault with your internet connection could lead to the online registration being terminated before you complete it, thereby obliging you to repeat the whole process. Once the deadline for the submission of registrations has passed, you will no longer be able to introduce any data. Late registrations are not accepted.

5. SELECTION PROCEDURE

The European Commission will inform the European Parliament and the Council of all the expressions of interest received.

A joint selection committee comprising an equal number of members from the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission will assess the expressions of interest received and propose a common list of five candidates to be confirmed as members by common accord and at least seven candidates for the reserve list.

Subsequently, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission will appoint by common accord the five members of the Supervisory Committee of OLAF as well as a reserve list including at least seven names.

As a general rule, successful candidates will be either appointed as members of the OLAF Supervisory Committee or included in a reserve list. Candidates will be contacted by the institutions after the selection process has been completed, but before the appointment decision is adopted, on the possibility of being named on the reserve list.

In order to put into effect the staggered renewal provided for by Articles 15(3) of Regulation 883/2013, the mandate of two members will start on 28 March 2027 or as soon as the procedure is completed if after that date. The mandate of the other three members will start in six months after the mandates of the first two members.

6. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The European Union institutions apply equal opportunities policies encouraging applications that could contribute towards more diversity, gender equality and overall geographical balance.

7. INDEPENDENCE AND DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Before taking up their duties, the members of the Supervisory Committee are required to make a declaration of commitment to act independently in the public interest and to declare any interests which might be considered prejudicial to their independence.

8. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

The European Union institutions and other bodies will ensure that candidates' personal data are processed as required by Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁹. This applies in particular to the confidentiality and security of such data.

⁹ Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39).

DRAFT LETTER

from: Ms Christina RAFTI, Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee of the Council
to: Mr Piotr SERAFIN, Commissioner for Budget, Anti-Fraud and Public Administration
copy to: Mr Andreas SCHWAB, Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Budgetary Control

Subject: Selection procedure for the appointment of the members and reserve list members of the OLAF Supervisory Committee

Dear Commissioner,

I would like to thank you for the draft text submitted by your services on 27 March 2026 concerning the launch of the selection procedure for the appointment of the members of the OLAF Supervisory Committee, as well as the establishment of a reserve list for the Supervisory Committee.

The Cyprus Presidency acknowledges the fact that the current mandates of the Supervisory Committee are coming to an end and that it is a matter of urgency to appoint new members of the Supervisory Committee, in order to avoid prolonging these mandates *ad interim* longer than necessary.

The Council would like to draw attention to the following issues related to the draft call for expression of interest:

- the selection criteria should be sufficiently precise and operational, to enable the future selection panel to carry out a comparative assessment and identify the best possible candidates in a transparent, fair and equitable manner. In this respect, better articulation in the call for expression of interest of the selection criteria, which currently appear too general and broad, may be useful, as well as clarifications at a later stage on the methodology on weighting, scoring and ranking;

- some of the personal criteria appear in substance to be related to knowledge, therefore there is a risk of lack of clarity and overlap with the professional criteria. A review would be welcomed to ensure the clearest basis for a comparative assessment, in the interest of transparency and equal treatment;
- regarding the practicalities of publication and overall timing, and while considering the summer break, publication and deadline for applications should be set such to allow best visibility possible and attract the broadest pool of candidates.

Furthermore, a troika composed of the Permanent Representatives of the incoming trio (Ireland, Lithuania and Greece), with the possibility of them being represented by a substitute, should any of the three representatives be prevented from attending a meeting, has been entrusted by the Permanent Representatives Committee with the mandate to represent the Council in the joint selection committee, to evaluate the candidates and jointly appoint the members of the OLAF Supervisory Committee, as well as the reserve list. The troika will be assisted by an official of the Council's General Secretariat.

We would propose that the Legal Services of the three Institutions concerned will address questions related to the preparation of the appointment Decision at technical level.

I look forward to further contacts with a view to starting the selection procedure as soon as possible.

(Complimentary close)
