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**Call for expressions of interest as Commission appointees to the European Union
Committee of Experts on Rare Diseases – Rare Diseases Projects under Health
Programmes representatives**

This public call for expressions of interest relates to the appointment by the European Commission of members representing Health Programmes representatives at the European Union Committee of Experts on Rare Diseases. Decision Commission C(2009)9181 final, of 30 November 2009, establishing a European Union Committee of Experts on Rare Diseases¹ lays down general rules concerning the criteria and procedure for the designation of the members of the Committee.

Article 3(1)(d) lays down that the Committee of Experts on Rare Diseases shall include "nine representatives of ongoing and/or past Community projects in the field of rare diseases financed by the programmes of Community action in the field of health including three members of the pilot European Reference Networks on rare diseases". The members of the Committee shall be appointed for a term of three years, which could be renewable.

The Committee of Experts on Rare Diseases meets normally in Luxembourg or Brussels. Travel and subsistence costs for members of the Committee will be met by the European Commission. The main working language of the Committee is English.

Call for expressions of interest - how and by when?

Expressions of interest in being Commission appointees to represent ongoing and/or past Community projects in the field of rare diseases financed by the programmes of Community action in the field of health should be notified to the European Commission. Each application must be completed in one of the official languages of the European Union, clearly indicating the applicant's nationality and including the necessary documentation. Expressions of interest should provide the following information:

I. Name, job title and qualifications of proposed member.

II. Representatives of which ongoing and/or past Community projects in the field of rare diseases financed by the programmes of Community action in the field of health.

III. Presentation of the ongoing and/or past Community projects in the field of rare diseases financed by the programmes of Community action in the field of health including mission and objectives, focus on rare diseases, capability to represent rare diseases activities and whether the governing body is(was) elected, how accountability and transparency of funding and activities are ensured.

¹ http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_threats/non_com/keydo_rare_diseases_en.htm

IV. Experience of the proposed member including that relevant to the tasks of the Committee of Experts on Rare Diseases.

V. Outline of any conflicts of interest that could affect impartiality.

VI. Motivation as to why the proposed member considers that he/she should be chosen as member of the Committee of Experts on Rare Diseases to represent Community projects in the field of rare diseases financed by the programmes of Community action in the field of health in Europe.

VII. Curriculum Vitae of the proposed member.

Information should be sent by e-mail to arrive before **21st December 2009** to the following mailbox: laetitia.voneche@ec.europa.eu

Assessment criteria

Assessment of expressions will be based on:

- Whether the proposed member represents ongoing and/or past Community projects in the field of rare diseases financed by the programmes of Community action in the field of health at a European level.
- Membership of the Committee of Experts on Rare Diseases will be nominate between projects selected for funding by the European Commission under the Community action on rare diseases within the framework for action in the field of public health (1999 to 2003)², the programme of Community action in the field of public health (2003-2008)³ and under the Second Programme of Community action in the field of health (2008-2013)⁴.
- In general preference is given to projects covering several topics or mandated by other projects to represent them in the Committee.
- Between the nine appointed members the European Commission will include three members of the pilot European Reference Networks on rare diseases selected for funding under the Community actions mentioned above.
- Whether the proposed member has competencies and experience relevant to the tasks of the Committee of Experts on Rare Diseases listed in Article 2(3) of the Commission Decision.
- Ability and experience in representing rare diseases public health projects, and the characteristics of the project (s) represented.

Appointment process

² http://eur-lex.europa.eu/pri/en/oj/dat/1999/l_155/l_15519990622en00010005.pdf

³ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2002:271:0001:0011:EN:PDF>

⁴ OJ L 301, 20.11.2007, p. 3.

Based on the assessment criteria listed above, the European Commission will draw up a list of appointees.