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NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Renewal of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period 2025-2030 - Procedure

This note sets out the procedure for the renewal of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) for the period 2025-2030. The current term of office of the EESC ends on 20 September 2025¹.

I. APPLICABLE PROVISIONS

Article 300(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) provides that the ‘Economic and Social Committee shall consist of representatives of organisations of employers, of the employed, and of other parties representative of civil society, notably in socio-economic, civic, professional and cultural areas.’

¹ OJ L 322, 5.10.2020, p. 1.

Article 302 TFEU provides that:

‘1. The members of the Committee shall be appointed for five years. The Council shall adopt the list of members drawn up in accordance with the proposals made by each Member State. The term of office of the members of the Committee shall be renewable.

2. The Council shall act after consulting the Commission. It may obtain the opinion of European bodies which are representative of the various economic and social sectors and of civil society to which the Union’s activities are of concern.’

The composition of the EESC is laid down in Council Decision (EU) 2019/853².

II. PROCEDURE

In accordance with Article 300(2) TFEU, the persons to be appointed as members of the EESC must be representatives of organisations of employers, of the employed, and of other parties representative of civil society.

Appointing decisions of the Council are subject to scrutiny by the Court of Justice. Since it is the Council’s responsibility to ensure that those representatives appointed as members of the EESC meet the relevant eligibility criteria set out in Article 300(2) TFEU, the Council must receive the necessary information on the candidates from the Member States when they submit their proposals to the General Secretariat of the Council (GSC).

Member States should indicate in their proposals, for each candidate, the following information:

- a) the post currently held by the candidate; and**
- b) the suggested affiliation to an EESC group: ‘Employers’ (Group I), ‘Workers’ (Group II) or ‘Civil Society Organisations’ (Group III).**

To that effect, Member States are kindly asked to complete the form set out in **Annex I**.

² OJ L 139, 27.5.2019, p. 15.

In addition, Member States should provide the GSC, in a separate document, with the candidates' personal data, such as their professional address, email address and date of birth, as well as a short CV (see form set out in **Annex II**).

The information submitted in the form set out in Annex I will be forwarded to the Commission for the purposes of the consultation provided for in Article 302(2) TFEU. The information submitted in the form set out in Annex II will be forwarded to the Commission and to the EESC for internal administrative use only.

All the EESC members will be appointed for five years, that is, until 20 September 2030.

It should be noted that the Council adopted Conclusions on 7 December 2015 on equality between women and men in the field of decision-making³ and on 12 June 2023 on mainstreaming a gender equality perspective in policies, programmes, and budgets⁴.

Member States are invited to send their proposals using the forms in Annexes I and II **in Word format** to **nominations@consilium.europa.eu** by **30 April 2025**.

Given the need for consultation with the Commission, which normally takes up to six weeks, it is important that the proposals are submitted by the deadline.

³ 14327/15.

⁴ 9684/23.

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Form to be submitted for the appointment of members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions

In the context of the procedure for the appointment of the new members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2025 to 20 September 2030, **the ...**

Government proposes the following candidates /in alphabetical order by surname/:

Mr/Ms ... [*Forename (lower case) + SURNAME (UPPER CASE)*] (*exactly as indicated on their ID card/passport*)

Post currently held: ...

Suggested affiliation:

- Group I (Employers)
 - Group II (Workers)
 - Group III (Civil Society Organisations)
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Candidates' personal data and CV

Member State: ...

Members *[in alphabetical order by the surname]:*

Mr/Ms ... *[Forename (lower case) + SURNAME (UPPER CASE)] (exactly as indicated on their ID card/passport)*

Professional address: ...

Email: ...

Date of birth: ...

Short CV: ...