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NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Renewal of the Committee of the Regions for the period 2025-2030 - Procedure

This note sets out the procedure for the renewal of the Committee of the Regions (CoR) for the period 2025-2030. The current term of office of the CoR ends on 25 January 2025.¹

I. APPLICABLE PROVISIONS

Article 300(3) of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union (TFEU) provides that “[t]he *Committee of the Regions shall consist of representatives of regional and local bodies who either hold a regional or local authority electoral mandate or are politically accountable to an elected assembly*”.

¹ OJ L 327, 17.12.2019, p. 78; OJ L 20, 24.1.2020, p. 2; OJ L 32, 4.2.2020, p. 16; OJ L 113, 8.4.2020, p. 18; OJ L 187, 12.6.2020, p. 3; OJ L 256, 5.8.2020, p. 12.

The first paragraph of Article 305 TFEU provides that “[t]he number of members of the Committee of the Regions shall not exceed 350”. The second paragraph of Article 305 TFEU provides that “[t]he Council, acting unanimously on a proposal from the Commission, shall adopt a decision determining the Committee's composition”. The third paragraph of Article 305 TFEU also provides that “[t]he members of the Committee and an equal number of alternate members shall be appointed for five years.”

The composition of the CoR is laid down in Council Decision (EU) 2019/852².

II. PROCEDURE

In accordance with Article 300(3) TFEU, the persons to be appointed as members or alternate members of the CoR must be representatives of regional or local bodies who:

- hold a regional or local authority electoral mandate, or
- are politically accountable to an elected assembly.

The expression “*politically accountable to an elected assembly*” implies a power of control on the part of an elected assembly which should, in principle, include the power to terminate the mandate of the person concerned, should that person cease to enjoy the confidence of the assembly. The fact that a person can be ‘heard’ or report to such an assembly ought not to be sufficient alone as the basis for political accountability to an elected assembly within the meaning of Article 300(3) TFEU.

Appointing decisions of the Council are subject to scrutiny by the Court of Justice. The Council must be able to ensure that the candidates meet the relevant eligibility criteria set out in Article 300(3) TFEU. To do so, it 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).

² OJ L 139, 27.5.2019, p. 13.

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

- a) **the national mandate³ on the basis of which the candidate, representative of a regional or local body who holds an electoral mandate or is politically accountable to an elected assembly, is proposed for appointment;**
- b) **the date on which the candidate's national mandate is expected to end.**

To that effect, Member States are kindly asked to complete the form set out in **Annex I**⁴.

All members and alternate members of the CoR will be appointed for five years, that is until 25 January 2030. In this context, it has to be pointed out that the national mandate, as indicated in the form set out in Annex I, will be mentioned in the Council's appointing decision which will be published in the *Official Journal*. The date on which the national mandate is expected to end is requested for information purposes only. As a matter of fact, if the national mandate of a member or alternate member on the basis of which they were appointed comes to an end before 25 January 2030, according to Article 305 TFEU, their term of office in the CoR terminates automatically and they will have to be replaced for the remainder of that term of office, that is for a period until 25 January 2030.

If the candidate holds a national mandate that corresponds to more than one category listed in Annex I, it is advised to choose the category where the candidate's mandate would ensure the longest uninterrupted term of office.

³ The term "national mandate" covers both the case of a representative of a regional or local body who holds an electoral mandate and the case of a representative of a regional or local body who is politically accountable to an elected assembly.

⁴ Please note that any other detail on the position occupied by the candidate on the basis of their mandate will only have to be indicated after the appointment, through a specific form which will be sent in a timely manner by the CoR to the candidate after their appointment by the Council. This detailed position will be used by the CoR in all communications.

In addition, Member States should provide the GSC, in a separate document, with the candidates' personal data, such as professional address, email address and date of birth (see form set out in **Annex II**). It is not necessary to send *curricula vitae*.

It is brought to the attention of Member States that the CoR attributes increasing importance to gender balance in their membership. It is recalled that the Council adopted Conclusions on 7 December 2015 on the equality between women and men in the field of decision-making⁵ and on 12 June 2023 on mainstreaming a gender equality perspective in policies, programmes, and budgets⁶.

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 September 2024**.

⁵ 14327/15.

⁶ 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 and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2025 to 25 January 2030, **the**

Government proposes the following candidates **/in alphabetical order/**:

Members

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

Type of national mandate [*Please choose one of the following categories*]:

- Member of a Local Assembly** holding an electoral mandate: [*indicate the **title of the mandate held by the candidate and the name of the Local Assembly, in original language and translated in EN or FR***];

- Member of a Local Executive** holding an electoral mandate: [*indicate the **title of the mandate held by the candidate and the name of the Local Authority, in original language and translated in EN or FR***];

- **Member of a Regional Assembly** holding an electoral mandate: [*indicate the title of the mandate held by the candidate and the name of the Regional Assembly, in original language and translated in EN or FR*];
- **Member of a Regional Executive** holding an electoral mandate: [*indicate the title of the mandate held by the candidate and the name of the Regional Authority, in original language and translated in EN or FR*];
- **Representative of a local or regional body who is politically accountable to an elected Assembly**: [*indicate the title of the mandate held by the candidate and the name of the elected Assembly, in original language and translated in EN or FR*].

Duration of the national mandate (for information purposes only):

- until ... (*date or event when the mandate is expected to end*)
- indeterminate duration

Alternate members

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

Type of national mandate [*Please choose one of the following categories*]:

- Member of a Local Assembly** holding an electoral mandate: [*indicate the **title of the mandate held by the candidate and the name of the Local Assembly, in original language and translated in EN or FR***];
- Member of a Local Executive** holding an electoral mandate: [*indicate the **title of the mandate held by the candidate and the name of the Local Authority, in original language and translated in EN or FR***];
- Member of a Regional Assembly** holding an electoral mandate: [*indicate the **title of the mandate held by the candidate and the name of the Regional Assembly, in original language and translated in EN or FR***];
- Member of a Regional Executive** holding an electoral mandate: [*indicate the **title of the mandate held by the candidate and the name of the Regional Authority, in original language and translated in EN or FR***];
- Representative of a local or regional body who is politically accountable to an elected Assembly**: [*indicate the **title of the mandate held by the candidate and the name of the elected Assembly, in original language and translated in EN or FR***].

Duration of the national mandate (for information purposes only):

- until ... (date or event when the mandate is expected to end)
 - indeterminate duration
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Candidates' personal data

Country: ...

Members [in alphabetical order]:

Mr/Ms ... [*Forename (lower case) + SURNAME (UPPER CASE)*]

Professional address: ...

Email: ...

Date of birth: ...

Alternate members [in alphabetical order]:

Mr/Ms ... [*Forename (lower case) + SURNAME (UPPER CASE)*]

Professional address: ...

Email: ...

Date of birth: ...
