

EUROPEAN COMMISSION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Directorate H – Assurance and audit Conciliation Body - Secretariat

Brussels,

COMMUNICATION TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEMBER STATES IN THE COMMITTEE ON THE AGRICULTURAL FUNDS

Subject: Composition Conciliation Body – RELAUNCH call for expression of interest

As already announced in the note Ares (2022)92623 of 06.01.2022, the term of office of some members (including the chair) of the Conciliation Body is due to expire on 31 July 2022. The Commission would like to appoint at least one new member as of 1 August 2022.

With this communication the Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI) would like to relaunch the call for expression of interest. Therefore, Member States are again invited to submit candidates for member of the Conciliation Body.

Pursuant to the first subparagraph of Article 37(1) of Regulation (EU) No 908/2014 members of the Conciliation Body have to offer every guarantee of independence and have to be highly qualified in matters regarding the financing of the common agricultural policy, including rural development, or in the practice of financial audit.

Attention is drawn to the fact that the working languages of the Conciliation Body are French and English. In order to contribute actively to the work of the Conciliation Body members need to have a sufficient level of active and passive knowledge of both languages.

Furthermore, it should be noted that the Conciliation Body normally meets in Brussels, once a month for a three-day session¹. The average yearly workload for a member of the Conciliation Body is around 65 working days (this includes preparation and hearings).

Applications should be introduced in French or English. These should include a curriculum vitae containing information as to previous work experience and allow the Commission to verify whether the proposed candidate possesses the qualifications/language skills referred to above.

¹ No meetings occur in the month of August and sometimes meetings will be conducted via videoconference.

Applications should be addressed to the Director-General of DG AGRI, and sent by electronic means to the following address: <u>AGRI-CONCILIATION-BODY@ec.europa.eu</u>. Applications should reach this mailbox by 13 May 2022.

DG AGRI reserves the right to approach potential candidates directly if it deems that they meet the qualification criteria.

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