

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE (EESC)**

We would like to thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the European

Economic and Social Committee. The Government recognises that EESC members

undertake a significant commitment in accepting membership and the Government is

grateful for the contribution that UK members make to the work of the Committee.

In order to assess your application for membership, please complete the form below and

submit it by 5pm on 31 January 2015 to:

**Laura Simpson** at **laura.simpson@bis.gsi.gov.uk** **(**for Groups I and II), or

**John Wattam** at **John.Wattam@fco.gov.uk**(for Group III).

Alternatively, you can post it to the following addresses:

**Laura Simpson**

**European Reform Directorate**

**The Spur, 4th Floor**

**1 Victoria Street**

**London**

**SW1H 0ET**

Or

**John Wattam**

**EU Institutions Team**

**Foreign & Commonwealth Office**

**2nd Floor Quad**

**King Charles Street**

**London SW1A 2AH**

Your application will be considered by a joint BIS and FCO selection panel (BIS for Groups I and II; FCO for Group III) along the following criteria:

* That nominees should be able to demonstrate a detailed, up-to-date level of knowledge and experience in one or more of the following areas:
* manufacturing industries
* services sectors, including financial services
* small business (of all types)
* research, innovation, new technologies
* agriculture
* public services, including transport
* consumer interests
* employment and worker interests
* environmental interests
* youth experience
* exclusion from the labour market
* social exclusion
* charitable interests
* human resource experiences, including training and skills
* sustainable development
* That prospective candidates should:
* demonstrate knowledge and experience relevant to their particular field;
* demonstrate skills and experience for contributing effectively to the Committee;
* demonstrate an ability to represent his/her field of expertise;
* demonstrate a level of current or recent engagement in the field.
* That prospective candidates should have enough time available to prepare for and attend EESC meetings. Delegates are expected to spend **at least 40-70 days** a year in Brussels on Committee business, in addition to time spent conducting research and travelling.

That the UK delegation should, where possible, reflect levels of national diversity across race, religion and belief, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability and, in the case of Group II, representation across a range of different trade unions and sectors.

Please complete all sections of the application, adhering to the word limits where applicable. Please contact Laura Simpson or John Wattam at the email address above if you have any queries on completing your application. We look forward to receiving your application.

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**EESC APPLICATION FORM**

1. **PERSONAL DETAILS**

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| **NAME:** | **CONTACT DETAILS:** |
| **TITLE:** | **Home Tel:** |
| **WORK ADDRESS:****HOME ADDRESS:** |
| **Work Tel:** |
| **Mobile:**  |
| **Fax:** |
| **E-mail address:**  |
| **Are you currently a UK member of the EESC; No** [ ]  **Yes** [ ] **If so, of which Group and Sections:****Please indicate for which of the following EESC sections you are now** **applying: If you wish to be considered for more than one of these groups please indicate order of preference :****Group I representing Employers** [ ] **Group II representing Employees/Trade Unions** [ ] **Group III representing Other Interests** [ ]  |

1. **ELIGIBILITY**

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| **Please confirm that you will be able to commit between 40 and 70 days a year in Brussels to Committee business, together with preparation time as necessary:**  **Yes** [ ]  |
| **Nationality:**  |

1. **CAREER HISTORY**

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| **Current occupation and employer:** | **Date commenced:** | **Position held and responsibilities:** |

**Previous employment**

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| **Employer:**  | **Dates of employment:**  | **Position held and responsibilities:** |

To create a new entry, press the TAB key.

1. **PROFESSIONAL SKILLS/QUALIFICATIONS**

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| (*Please indicate, in no more than 500 words, any relevant skills or qualifications which have enhanced or might now enhance your capacity to carry out the role. In the case of foreign language or IT skills, please indicate the level attained if a formal qualification has been acquired. In the absence of a formal qualification please indicate whether your understanding is basic, intermediate or advanced. In your answer please give examples of any position you hold or have held in any professional, academic, trade union, business or rade association or other civil society organisation*)  |

1. **SECTORAL KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE**

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| *(Please give details of your knowledge and/or experience of your specialist area(s) in no more than 500 words)* |

1. **ANALYTICAL AND COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS**

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| **A. Communication***(Please give examples, in no more than 500 words, of how you have communicated effectively to put ideas across authoritatively and persuasively, to harness the views and support of other; where possible in a multicultural or multi-lingual environment.)* |

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| **B. Analytical Skills***(Please give examples, in no more than 500 words, of how you have used your analytical skills in order to make judgements or decisions, taking into account a range of relevant factors (such as the social, economic and political environment, in particular through the eyes and ears of others).* |

1. **PREVIOUS EU EXPERIENCE**

Have you worked with the EESC or other EU institutions and bodies in the past?[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

If so, please specify which, and in what capacity?

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Do you have any other hands-on experience in developing or administering European policies or programmes?[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

If so, please specify.

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Have you ever worked in an EU institution or body or in any other organisation operating outside the UK? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

If so, please specify.

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1. **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

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| (*In no more than 500 words, please explain your motivation for seeking nomination to the Committee and provide details of how you meet the attached criteria*)  |

1. **DECLARATION**

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| I declare that the information given on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. |
| Date: | Signed: |

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**DIVERSITY MONITORING QUESTIONNAIRE**

The government is committed to having a diverse UK membership of the European Economic and Social Committee. In order to monitor this, we would be grateful if you could complete this questionnaire and submit this along with your application. This questionnaire will be separated from your application upon receipt and not circulated to the selection panel, and will have no bearing on the application process.

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| **Age:**[ ] 18-24[ ] 25-34[ ] 35-44[ ] 45-54[ ] 55-64[ ] 65+ | **Gender:** **Male [ ]** **Female** [ ]  |

**1. ETHNICITY**

With which of the following groups do you most identify?

**Asian Black**

[ ] Bangladeshi **[ ]**  African

[ ] Indian[ ] Caribbean

[ ] Pakistani [ ] Any other Black background

 (specify if you wish)

[ ] Any other Asian background

 (specify if you wish) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Chinese Mixed Ethnic Background**

[ ] Any Chinese background [ ]  Asian and White

(specify if you wish)

[ ] Black African and White

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 [ ]  Black Caribbean and White

 [ ] Any other mixed ethnic background (specify if you wish)

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**White** **Any other Ethnic Background**

[ ]  Any White background[ ] Any other ethnic background

(specify if you wish)(specify if you wish)

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[ ]  Prefer not to say

**2. NATIONALITY 3. DISABILITY**

[ ]  British/mixed British Do you consider yourself to be disabled?

[ ]  English [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

[ ]  Northern Irish [ ]  Prefer not to say

[ ]  Scottish

[ ]  Welsh

[ ]  Other?

 (specify if you wish)

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