

**DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE BIO-BASED INDUSTRIES JOINT UNDERTAKING**

of 11 April 2016

**amending the Specific Criteria and Selection Process for the Composition
of
the Scientific Committee**

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE BBI JU,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 560/2014 of 6 May 2014 establishing the Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking (BBI JU), and in particular Article 10, paragraph 3 of the Statutes annexed thereto ('BBI Statutes');

Having regard to the Governing Board Decision of 27 June 2014 approving the Specific Criteria and Selection Process for the Composition of the Scientific Committee;

Having regard to the BBI JU Governing Board Rules of Procedure, and in particular Article 8;

WHEREAS:

- (1) The Scientific Committee should consist of no more than fifteen members.
- (2) The members should reflect a balanced representation of worldwide recognised experts from academia, industry, SMEs, non-governmental organisations and regulatory bodies. Collectively, the Scientific Committee members shall have the necessary scientific competencies and expertise covering the technical domain needed to make science-based recommendations to the BBI Joint Undertaking.
- (3) The Governing Board should establish the specific criteria and selection process for the composition of the Scientific Committee and shall appoint its members. The Governing Board shall take into consideration the potential candidates proposed by the BBI JU States Representatives Group.
- (4) In the context of the broadening of the Strategic Innovation and Research Agenda (SIRA) scope a gap analysis shows that some expertise in the Scientific Committee is underrepresented.



- (5) The Scientific Committee, was consulted, and agreed on 4 February 2016, with including the geographical origins as one of the specific secondary criterion while maintaining expertise as the primary criterion to better promote the BBI JU widening strategy

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION

*Article 1
Eligibility Criteria*

- 1) Candidate Members of the Scientific Committee ('Committee') shall cumulatively have:
 - a) A university degree in a relevant scientific area, preferably at post-graduate level;
 - b) At least seven years of relevant professional experience after having obtained the above mentioned degree.
- 2) European Commission staff, including external staff working for the Commission, BBI JU staff, officials of Member States, and of national, regional or local authorities shall not be eligible.
- 3) Persons who are employed by an organisation that is full member¹ of BIC shall not be eligible

*Article 2
Selection Criteria*

Candidate Members of the Scientific Committee must have proven competence and expertise in some or all of the following areas:

- a) Areas of relevance to bio-based industries, including at European and/or international level such as biomass supply and pre-treatment, transformation/conversion, downstream processing, market uptake of bio-based products, sustainability, international and regional dimensions
- b) Areas of horizontal nature, including cross-cutting issues of relevance to Horizon 2020 and bio-based industries; These consist of : international cooperation ; multidisciplinary, including social and economic sciences, and humanities, and cross-cutting research and innovation (including demonstration and deployment); responsible research and innovation, including gender; bridging from discovery to market application; sustainable development and climate change; dissemination, knowledge transfer and broader public engagement; SMEs, and societal and economic impact, financial/business background; understanding of the full value-chain.
- c) Industrial R&D;
- d) Cooperation projects with academia and industry, including EU projects;

¹ As described in the BIC statutes; http://biconsortium.eu/sites/biconsortium.eu/files/downloads/2015-03-17_BIC%20Statutes.pdf



- e) Peer-reviewing scientific work;
- f) Research organisation and management;
- g) Providing scientific advice in areas relevant to bio-based industries;
- h) Linguistic skills.

Article 3 Pre-selection

1. The selection of candidate members of the BBI JU Scientific Committee shall be advertised through a Call for Expressions of Interest in accordance with the present procedure by the BBI JU Executive Director under the responsibility of the Governing Board. The Call shall be published in the Official Journal of the European Union ('OJ') at the latest six months before the end of the term of office of the Scientific Committee. The Call shall be made public through the BBI JU website, as well as in relevant scientific publications.

The Executive Director shall without undue delay inform the BBI JU States Representatives Group (BBI SRG) of the publication.

2. The deadline for the submission of expressions of interest shall be six weeks from the date of the publication in the OJ mentioned in the first paragraph.

3. The BBI JU Executive Director shall prepare and organise the work for the pre-selection of the members of Committee. He will appoint and chair a pre-selection panel, composed of two members of the BBI JU senior scientific staff and two independent senior scientific experts. The BBI JU shall ensure the secretariat, and receive, register and file all applications and other relevant documents.

The BBI JU SRG can submit a list of candidates to the BBI JU which shall be marked as "BBI SRG Candidates".

4. The pre-selection panel shall verify the eligibility of the candidates in accordance with the requirements set out in Article 1. A candidate who does not meet all the eligibility criteria will be ineligible and be excluded from the next steps of the selection process.

5. The pre-selection panel shall assess each eligible candidate against the requirements for selection set out in Article 2. It shall draw up an 'Individual Assessment Form' which shall grade each candidate on each requirement and contain a summary of the total grading.

6. The Executive Director of BBI JU shall present the results of the pre-selection process to the Governing Board, indicating the candidates proposed by the BBI JU SRG, and including information on the candidates deemed ineligible.

Article 4 Selection

1. The Governing Board, or an ad hoc working group set up in accordance with article 15 of the Governing Board rules of procedure, will assess all eligible candidates on the basis of the selection requirements mentioned in Article 2.



2. In this assessment the Governing Board or the ad hoc working group will take into account:

- a) The results of the work of the pre-selection panel;
- b) The candidates proposed by the States Representatives Group;
- c) The need to reflect a balanced representation of world-wide recognised experts from academia, industry, small and medium enterprises, non-governmental organisations and regulatory bodies;
- d) The need to have the necessary scientific competencies and expertise covering the technical domain needed to make science-based recommendations to the BBI Joint Undertaking;
- e) The need to ensure geographical and gender balance.
- f) The geographical origin will be treated as specific secondary criterion while maintaining expertise as the primary criterion.

3. The Governing Board or the ad hoc working group shall establish a shortlist of fifteen candidates who are considered best suited for appointment, as well as a reserve list of at most fifteen candidates. These lists will include merit points and a conclusion concerning the suitability as a Member of the Committee for each candidate.

4. The Governing Board can, in justified cases, and especially due to changes in the Scientific Committee membership or the need to cover of missing expertise based on gap analysis, establish a new shortlist or reserve list, from the initial pool of eligible candidates within the period of 5 years., or if this is not possible, by launching a new selection procedure.

5. The Chair of the Governing Board will present the results of the selection process to the Governing Board, including a full record of the candidates not included in the lists mentioned above as well as the candidates deemed ineligible.

6. The BBI JU Secretariat will provide technical and logistic support and carry out the preparatory work for the selection process, and inform the applicants of the outcome of the process.

Article 5 Appointment

1. On the basis of the lists submitted by its Chair, the Governing Board shall appoint the Members of the Committee and establish a reserve list.

2. Members shall be appointed for a three-year period, which shall be renewable once. Upon recommendation by the pre-selection panel, and confirmation by the Governing Board, the latter can decide to renew the appointment for a new three year term.

3. The established reserve list shall be valid for the duration of the term of the appointed Committee. In case of a vacancy, the Governing Board will select a new member from the reserve list for the rest of the duration of the term of the Committee.

4. The Members of the Committee shall be entitled to an indemnity for each meeting day. Members will also receive travel and subsistence allowance in accordance with the applicable BBI JU rules for the reimbursement of travel and accommodation expenses.



5. If a member does not attend two consecutive regular meetings of the Committee without justified reason the Governing Board can decide to withdraw membership.

6. Pursuant to Article 6(3) of the Statutes of the Council Regulation (EU) 560/2014 of 6 May 2014, the chairperson of the Scientific Committee shall have the right whenever issues falling within its tasks are discussed, to attend the meetings of the Governing Board as an observer and take part in its deliberations, but shall have no voting rights.

*Article 6
Repealing*

The Governing Board Decision of 27 June 2014 approving the Specific Criteria and Selection Process for the Composition of the Scientific Committee is repealed, and replaced by the present decision.

*Article 7
Entry into force*

This decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its adoption.

For the Governing Board

*Marcel Wubbolts
Chairperson of the Governing Board*