



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**appointing members of the European Social Fund Committee**

(presented by the Commission)

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

### Renewal of the membership of the European Social Fund Committee

1 Article 104 of Regulation 1083/2006 of 11 July 2006 laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 provides that the Commission shall be assisted by a Committee set up under Article 147 of the Treaty.

2. The provisions relating to the organisation and tasks of this Committee are also laid down in the same Article of this Council Regulation.

3. This Article provides that the Committee shall be composed of one government representative, one representative of the workers' organisations and one representative of the employers' organisations from each Member State. For each Member State, an alternate shall be appointed for each category of representative. The members and alternates are appointed by the Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission for a period of three years.

4. The Council decided, on 24 September 2004, to appoint the members and alternate members of the European Social Fund Committee, on a proposal from the Commission for the period from 1 May 2004 to 30 April 2007. Under the previous Regulations, the Committee was composed of two members and one alternate for each category of representative.

During this period, additional decisions have been taken by the Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission, to replace members and alternate members of the Committee. The term of office of these replacements also expires on 30 April 2007.

5. Given the change in the composition of the Committee, and the revised mandate of the Committee for the period 2007-13, and having consulted the Member States, the Commission submits to the Council the present proposal for a Council Decision appointing members and alternate members of the European Social Fund Committee for the period from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2009.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 147 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No. 1083/2006 laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 104(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Under Council Decision 2005/C 252/01 of 24 September 2004 renewing the membership of the European Social Fund Committee (hereinafter – "the Committee"), the term of office of the members expires on 30 April 2007.
- (2) Article 104(2) of Regulation (EC) No. 1083/2006 sets out different requirements for the nomination of representatives and their alternates from those laid down in Article 49(1) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 of 21 June 1999 laying down provisions on the Structural Funds<sup>2</sup>, therefore, the composition of the Committee should be respectively adjusted.
- (3) It is however appropriate that the Committee continues to carry out its tasks under its present set up till the end of the 2000-2006 programming period and the new set-up becomes operational only as from 1 January 2007.
- (4) Pending nomination of a representative and/or an alternate member for one of the categories referred to in Article 104(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 by Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece and the United Kingdom, already nominated representatives and alternate members for the Committee should nevertheless be appointed in view of the start of the 2007-2013 programming period.
- (5) The members and alternate members of the Committee should therefore be appointed for a period of three years,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 25.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 161, 26.6.1999, p.1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No. 173/2005 (OJ L 29, 2.2.2005, p.3).

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

The persons listed in the Annex are hereby appointed members and alternate members of the European Social Fund Committee for the period 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2009.

*Article 2*

Decision 2005/C 252/01 is repealed from 31 December 2006.

*Article 3*

This Decision shall be published, for information, in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Council  
The President*

**ANNEX**

Member State	Representing	Member	
<b>Austria</b>	Government	Member	Mr Michael FÖRSCHNER
	Government	Alternate	Mrs Ulrike REBHANDL
	Employers	Member	Ms Margit KREUZHUBER
	Employers	Alternate	Mr Wolfgang TRITREMMEL
	Trade Union	Member	Mr Franz FRIEHS
	Trade Union	Alternate	Mrs Silvia HOFBAUER
<b>Belgium</b>	Government	Member	Mr Louis VERVLOET
	Government	Alternate	Mr Guy DESMEDT
	Employers	Member	Mrs Sonja KOHNENMergen
	Employers	Alternate	Mr Werner ABELSHAUSEN
	Trade Union	Member	<i>Vacant</i>
	Trade Union	Alternate	Mrs Vera DOS SANTOS COSTA
<b>Cyprus</b>	Government	Member	Mr Alexandros ALEXANDROU
	Government	Alternate	Mrs Antzela DROUSSIOTOU
	Employers	Member	Mr Giorgos PANTELIDES
	Employers	Alternate	Mr Emilios MICHAEL
	Trade Union	Member	Mr Andreas MATSAS

	Trade Union	Alternate	Mr Nicos GREGORIOU
<b>Czech Republic</b>	Government	Member	Ms. Iva ŠOLCOVÁ
	Government	Alternate	Ms. Markéta PĚCHOUČKOVÁ
	Employers	Member	Mr Jiří SVOBODA
	Employers	Alternate	Mr Miloslav ŠOLC
	Trade Union	Member	Mr Pavel JANÍČKO
	Trade Union	Alternate	Ms. Hana MÁLKOVÁ
<b>Denmark</b>	Government	Member	Mr. Preben GREGERSEN
	Government	Alternate	Mrs. Pernille VON LILLIENSKJOLD
	Employers	Member	Mr. Henning GADE
	Employers	Alternate	<i>Vacant</i>
	Trade Union	Member	Mr. Klaus FARNOV
	Trade Union	Alternate	Mrs. Lisbeth WILSTER
<b>Estonia</b>	Government	Member	Mrs Merlin ORGLA
	Government	Alternate	Mrs Mari VÄLI
	Employers	Member	Mrs Aire MILL
	Employers	Alternate	Mrs Eve PÄÄRENDSON
	Trade Union	Member	Mrs Liina CARR
	Trade Union	Alternate	Mrs Mare VIIES
<b>France</b>	Government	Member	Mr Bertrand GAUDIN
	Government	Alternate	Mr Henri NGUYEN

	Employers	Member	<i>Vacant</i>
	Employers	Alternate	<i>Vacant</i>
	Trade Union	Member	Mrs Huguette BRUNEL
	Trade Union	Alternate	Mrs Marie-France BOUTROUE
<b>Germany</b>	Government	Member	Mr Günter WINKLER
	Government	Alternate	Mrs Inken KLASSEN
	Employers	Member	Mrs Alexandra-Friederike Prinzessin zu SCHOENAICH-CAROLATH
	Employers	Alternate	Mrs Ilka HOUBEN
	Trade Union	Member	Mrs Inge KAUFMANN
	Trade Union	Alternate	Mr Hans-Detlev KÜLLER
<b>Greece</b>	Government	Member	Mr George ZERVOS
	Government	Alternate	Mrs Chrisoula BRAVOU
	Employers	Member	Mr Labros PAPAIOANNOU
	Employers	Alternate	Mr Petros GIANNOULOPOULOS
	Trade Union	Member	<i>Vacant</i>
	Trade Union	Alternate	<i>Vacant</i>
<b>Hungary</b>	Government	Member	Mrs Renáta TÓTH
	Government	Alternate	Mrs Ágnes GERZSÉNYI
	Employers	Member	Mr Ákos NÉMETH
	Employers	Alternate	Mr. László KRIZSÁN
	Trade Union	Member	Ms Erzsébet HANTI

	Trade Union	Alternate	Mr László KOZÁK
<b>Ireland</b>	Government	Member	Mr Vincent LANDERS
	Government	Alternate	Mr Tom WHELAN
	Employers	Member	Ms Heidi LOUGHEED
	Employers	Alternate	Mr Arthur FORBES
	Trade Union	Member	Mr Dan MURPHY
	Trade Union	Alternate	Ms Noirin GREENE
<b>Italy</b>	Government	Member	Ms Vera MARINCIONI
	Government	Alternate	Ms Alessandra TOMAI
	Employers	Member	Mr Bruno SCAZZOCCHIO
	Employers	Alternate	Ms Silvia CIUFFINI
	Trade Union	Member	Mr Roberto PETTENELLO
	Trade Union	Alternate	Ms Milena MICHELETTI
<b>Latvia</b>	Government	Member	Ms Inta GEIBA
	Government	Alternate	Ms Kristine DORTANE
	Employers	Member	Mrs. Daiga ERMSONE
	Employers	Alternate	Mr. Marcis DZELME
	Trade Union	Member	Mrs Linda ROMELE
	Trade Union	Alternate	Mrs Liene LIEKNA
<b>Lithuania</b>	Government	Member	Mrs Ana STANKAITIENĖ
	Government	Alternate	Mrs Nijolė MACKEVIČIENĖ



	Employers	Member	Mr Edmundas JANKEVIČIUS
	Employers	Alternate	Mr Vaidotas LEVICKIS
	Trade Union	Member	Mrs Irena PETRAITIENĖ
	Trade Union	Alternate	Mrs Janina ŠVEDIENĖ
<b>Luxembourg</b>	Government	Member	Mr Jeannot BERG
	Government	Alternate	Mrs Maryse FISCH
	Employers	Member	Mr Romain LANNERS
	Employers	Alternate	Mr François ENGELS
	Trade Union	Member	Mr Nico CLEMENT
	Trade Union	Alternate	Mrs Viviane GOERGEN
<b>Malta</b>	Government	Member	Mrs Alison MIZZI
	Government	Alternate	Mrs Helga DEPASQUALE
	Employers	Member	Mr Joe FARRUGIA
	Employers	Alternate	Mr Vincent FARRUGIA
	Trade Union	Member	Mr Willam PORTELLI
	Trade Union	Alternate	Mr Geitu MERCIECA
<b>Netherlands</b>	Government	Member	Mr Robert WESTER
	Government	Alternate	Ms Korrie LOUWES
	Employers	Member	Mr Hans KOOLE
	Employers	Alternate	Mr C. HOOGENDIJK
	Trade Union	Member	Mr A. PLOEGMAKERS

	Trade Union	Alternate	Mr. T. VAN DIJK
<b>Poland</b>	Government	Member	Mr Pawel CHORAZY
	Government	Alternate	Mr Piotr STRONKOWSKI
	Employers	Member	Mr Leszek KARWOWSKI
	Employers	Alternate	Mr Wiesław SINKIEWICZ
	Trade Union	Member	Mrs Agata BARANOWSKA GRYCUK
	Trade Union	Alternate	Mr Andrzej NIDERLA
<b>Portugal</b>	Government	Member	Mr António VALADAS DA SILVA
	Government	Alternate	Mr Luís COSTA
	Employers	Member	Mrs Clara GUERREÍRO
	Employers	Alternate	Mr António ABRANTES
	Trade Union	Member	Mrs Catarina MACHADO MORAIS de OLIVEIRA
	Trade Union	Alternate	Mr António Luís FERRERA CORREIA
<b>Slovakia</b>	Government	Member	Mr Miloslav HETTEŠ
	Government	Alternate	Ms Miriam KOVÁČIKOVÁ
	Employers	Member	Mr Peter REINER
	Employers	Alternate	Mr Juraj BORGULA
	Trade Union	Member	Ms Naile PROKEŠOVÁ
	Trade Union	Alternate	Mr Milan BUŠO
<b>Slovenia</b>	Government	Member	Mr Gorazd JENKO

	Government	Alternate	Ms Urška KOVAČ ZLOBKO
	Employers	Member	Ms Janja MEGLIČ
	Employers	Alternate	Ms Grit ACKERMANN
	Trade Union	Member	Mr Jure SNOJ
	Trade Union	Alternate	Mr Stane KOŠIR
<b>Spain</b>	Government	Member	Mr Carlos TORTUERO MARTÍN
	Government	Alternate	Mr David GARCIA LÓPEZ
	Employers	Member	Mr Roberto SUÁREZ SANTOS
	Employers	Alternate	Mrs Patricia CIREZ
	Trade Union	Member	Mr Luis GALIANO RÁBAGO
	Trade Union	Alternate	Mrs Ana HERMOSO CANOURA
<b>Finland</b>	Government	Member	Ms Eeva-Liisa KOIVUNEVA,
	Government	Alternate	Ms Merja NIEMI
	Employers	Member	Mr Heikki SUOMALAINEN
	Employers	Alternate	Mrs Riitta WÄRN
	Trade Union	Member	M. Auli KORHONEN
	Trade Union	Alternate	Mr Tom HOLMROOS
<b>Sweden</b>	Government	Member	Mrs Mari MILD
	Government	Alternate	Mr Johannes WIKMAN
	Employers	Member	Mr Kent BRORSSON
	Employers	Alternate	Mr Gunnar ANDERZON

	Trade Union	Member	Mrs Charlotta KRAFFT
	Trade Union	Alternate	Mrs Sofia ARKELID
<b>United Kingdom</b>	Government	Member	Mr Gordon PURSGLOVE
	Government	Alternate	Mr Ken LAMBERT
	Employers	Member	Mr Martin MORTON
	Employers	Alternate	<i>Vacant</i>
	Trade Union	Member	Mr Alan MANNING
	Trade Union	Alternate	Mr Joe FEARNEHOUGH