

DECISION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**of 16 December 2021****approving the selection process for the members of the Scientific Advisory Body of the
Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking**

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE CIRCULAR BIO-BAESD EUROPE JOINT
UNDERTAKING (CBE JU),

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2085 of 19 November 2021 establishing the Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe (hereinafter "Single Basic Act"), in particular Article 21 of the Single Basic Act;

Having regard to Article 21(4)] of the Single Basic Act, stating that the Governing Board shall establish the specific criteria and selection process for the composition of the scientific advisory body of the CBE JU (hereinafter "Scientific Committee");

Having regard to the specific provisions on the Scientific Committee in Article 55 of Part Two of the Single Basic Act;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Single Article

The specific criteria and selection process for the composition of the Scientific Committee annexed to this decision are hereby adopted.

Done at Brussels, 16 December 2021

Chair of the Governing Board

Annex: Specific criteria and selection process for the composition of the Scientific Committee

Article 1

Selection process for the members of the Scientific Committee of the CBE JU

1. The selection of candidates for membership of the CBE JU's Scientific Committee shall be launched through a Call for Expression of Interest prepared by the Executive Director of the CBE JU who shall oversee the process under the responsibility of the Governing Board of the CBE JU. The Call for Expression of Interest shall be published in the Official Journal of the European Union ('OJ') and through the website of the CBE JU, as well as in relevant scientific publications. The Executive Director shall notify the States' Representatives Group of the CBE JU of the Call for Expressions of Interest and shall invite it to make recommendations of possible candidates.
2. The Executive Director will prepare a list of all candidates eligible to become members of the Scientific Committee based on the essential criteria in paragraph 1 of Article 2. A candidate who does not meet the essential eligibility criteria will be excluded from the next steps of the selection process.
3. An evaluation panel composed by representatives of EC and BIC, will carry out an objective assessment of the eligible candidates on the basis of all the specific selection criteria in Article 2 and will establish a shortlist of 15 candidates who are considered best suited for appointment as well as a reserve list of at most 30 candidates.
4. The Chair of the Governing Board will present the results of the evaluation panel's selection process to the Governing Board, including a full record of the candidates not included in the lists mentioned above as well as of the candidates deemed ineligible by the Executive Director. Based on the lists established by the evaluation panel, the Governing Board will appoint the Members of Scientific Committee taking into consideration the candidates proposed by the States' Representatives Group and approve the reserve list.
5. Members of the Scientific Committee shall be appointed for a three year period. Upon recommendation by the Executive Director, the Governing Board can decide to renew the appointment for an additional period of three years.
6. The approved reserve list shall be valid for the duration of the term, including any subsequent renewal, of the appointed Scientific Committee. In case of a vacancy, the Governing Board will, subject to continuing eligibility in terms of the criteria in Article 2, select a new member from the reserve list for a period of 3 years or for the rest of the duration of the term of the Scientific Committee, whichever is the earliest.

7. Before appointment, all members of the Scientific Committee shall be required to complete a declaration of confidentiality as well as a commitment to disclose any actual or potential conflict of interest according to the procedure established by the Governing Board to give effect to Articles 33 and 42 of the Single Basic Act.
8. The same rules on appointment, reimbursement of costs and allowances, applicable to external experts according to the rules of the European Commission will apply to the members of the Scientific Committee.

Article 2

Specific selection criteria

1. Candidate Members of the Scientific Committee shall meet the following essential eligibility criteria:
 - a. University degree in a relevant scientific area¹, preferably at post-graduate level;
 - b. At least 10 years of professional experience in the relevant scientific area after having obtained the above mentioned degree;
 - c. Proven competence and expertise in in some or all of the following areas of relevance to bio-based industries, at European and international level:
 - biomass feedstock supply (i.a. agricultural, forestry, aquatic, biowaste, etc...);
 - biomass feedstock pre-treatment, transformation/conversion and downstream processing into high-value bio-based chemicals and materials;
 - market uptake of bio-based products;
 - socio-economic sustainability of the bio-based systems and related value chains in regional, rural, coastal and urban settings;
 - sustainable management of natural resources including circularity, environmental sustainability, biodiversity preservation and enhancement, climate mitigation and adaptation, zero pollution, socio-economic sustainability of the bio-based systems and related value chains.

In addition, the following competences will be considered as an asset:

- Record of previous participation in other scientific and/or technological advisory bodies, demonstrating the ability to look for consensus and to provide synthetic, wide-spectrum analyses;
- Experience and knowledge about regulatory policies and standardization;

¹ including: Natural Sciences, Life Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities will be considered such as: Biotechnology, Chemistry, Materials Science, Environmental Science, Chemical Engineering, Synthetic Biology, Process Systems Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Agriculture and Forestry Sciences, Economics, Business, Finance, Education, Sociology, Psychology, Marketing, Communication etc.



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Experience in activities of relevance to EU R&D Framework Programmes, including European partnerships (e.g. programming processes, evaluation and monitoring);

- Experience in participating and/or managing industrial and/or academic multidisciplinary research and innovation projects including EU or international early-stage research, demonstration & deployment projects;

- Experience in assessing and peer-reviewing scientific work (in an academic or industrial research context).

- d. Very good command of written and spoken English².
2. In its assessment, the Governing Board shall take into account:
 - a. The scientific competencies and expertise that are necessary to make science-based recommendations to the CBE JU;
 - b. The need to reflect a balanced representation relevant disciplines related to the bio-based sector and its value chains;
 - c. The need to ensure geographical and gender balance.
 3. European Commission staff, including external staff working for the Commission, staff of the Joint Research Centre, officials of Member States, and of national, regional or local authorities shall not be eligible.
 4. Persons who are employed by an organisation that is full³ member of BIC or who are employed directly by the joint undertaking shall not be eligible.
 5. The CBE JU shall reserve the right to request any necessary documentary evidence it deems fit and relevant in order to verify the applicants' skills and knowledge.

The candidate members shall be required to inform the CBE JU immediately of any changes to their administrative and technical details which would result in a change to their original application.

² At least C1 according to the CEFR [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment \(CEFR\)](http://www.coe.int/lang-CEFR) (www.coe.int/lang-CEFR)

³ As described in the [BIC statutes](#).