European Economic and Social Committee

Workers' Group

Criteria and appointment process of Group II advisors

EESC RULES OF PROCEDURE:

Group advisors can be appointed in order to assist the group members of a specific Study group. Their appointment and participation to meetings is subject to the provisions of the EESC Rules of Procedure rule 81 and rule 83.
In line with the EESC Rules of Procedure rule 83.4, group advisors may also provide assistance in order to prepare other documents or reports for the groups concerning the consultative and political work of the Committee. This type of advisor should be assigned to group II strategic initiatives.

Criteria – Group II advisors

1. In line with the EESC Rules of Procedure, Group II advisors
    - represent trade union's interests;
    - are qualified to define trade unions' views and priorities and
    - have relevant policy expertise and a sound understanding of the EU policy context in the field concerned in which they are asked to assist the group II members in the Group's strategic initiatives as mentioned in EESC RoP Rule 83.4;
    - demonstrate commitment, availability and continuity sufficient to follow the dossier concerned throughout the relevant period of work;

Appointment

1. In line with the EESC Rules of Procedure, Group II advisors are appointed by the Group president.
2. The appointment of a Group advisor is not automatic and could be foreseen when
    - Group II does not have the rapporteur or co-rapporteur in a study group;
    - In exceptional cases, and based on a specific request by study group members, group advisors could be proposed for opinions where the group has a Rapporteur or Co-Rapporteur. In that case, the topic must be of particular relevance for Group II and/or when the opinion might be controversial.
3. The request for the appointment of a Group advisor has to be duly explained and sent to the Group II President with copy to the Group II secretariat. The motivation letter accompanying the request should clearly explain how the appointment of the Group advisor would benefit Group II and the request should also have the full support from the Gr. II members of the study group. In view of the Gr. II president's approval, Gr. II study group members should provide relevant information on the candidate's advisor qualifications, including a CV, to the group Secretariat.
4. Group advisors shall be appointed taking into account the budget availability.

5. The appointment records should be registered first in ARES, followed by a workflow launched in AGORA, allowing the secretariat to produce aggregated information for reporting purposes and to demonstrate, if requested by internal or external auditors, that the agreed criteria have been applied in a consistent and regular manner.

6. Gr. II advisors are required to submit a Declaration of Financial Interests in compliance with Article 7 (4) of the EESC Code of Conduct of the European Economic and Social Committee.

7. Gr. II advisors shall avoid any situation liable to give rise to a conflict of interests or which may objectively be perceived as a conflict of interests within the meaning of Article 8 of the Code of Conduct of the European Economic and Social Committee.