

Call for applications for the selection of members of the technical working group

The Commission's DG Migration and Home Affairs is calling for applications with a view to selecting members of the technical working group. This call is open on a permanent basis to EU Member States, the manufacturers of threat-detection equipment¹, the technical laboratories that are competent in testing this equipment, and the professional associations representing these industries.

In all cases, representatives appointed to the technical working group should provide a high level of expertise.

EU Member States shall appoint, via the Counter-Terrorism Focal Points, one representative who attends meetings and acts as a single point of contact between the Member State and the Commission. EU Member States may appoint, in addition, a second representative to attend meetings only.

Manufacturers of threat-detection equipment, technical laboratories, and professional associations shall apply for membership and nominate up to two representatives. Registration in the Transparency Register² is required in order for representatives of an organisation to be appointed.

Manufacturers of threat-detection equipment should demonstrate that they make detection equipment commercially available in the EU market. In addition, they should have an EU-based detection equipment manufacturing site or be a member of an EU-based professional association representing security equipment manufacturers.

Technical laboratories and professional associations should be based in the EU.

In view that many of the group's meetings will be held at CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL level, it is necessary for representatives to be in possession of a valid security clearance in order to attend all meetings. The security clearance should grant access to European Union Classified Information (EUCI) up to the level of CONFIDENTIEL UE/EU CONFIDENTIAL (or above) and be issued by one of the Member States national security authorities or by a third country state with which the EU has an agreement on recognition of such third-country-issued security clearances. Representatives who do not hold an appropriate security clearance will not be able to attend meetings that are classified.

Recognising the value of consulting the public and private operators of public spaces, observer status may be given to such operators. These will be invited through the DG HOME's Operators Forum.

Appointments, applications and any questions should be sent to:

HOME-D2-PROTECT@ec.europa.eu.

¹ 'Detection equipment' covers, throughout this document, the following: hand-held detectors for explosives and chemicals, conventional x ray, walk through metal detector, hand held metal detector, and/or explosive trace detection equipment.

² <http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister/>