



EUROPA-KOMMISSIONEN

BRUXELLES, DEN 17/04/2012

DET ALMINDELIGE BUDGET - REGNSKABSÅRET 2012
SEKTION III – KOMMISSIONEN AFSNIT 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 11, 12, 13, 14,
15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 29, 32, 33

BEVILLINGSOVERFØRSEL NR. DEC 05/2012

	EUR
<u>FRA</u>	
KAPITEL - 40 01 RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFFER	
Reserver - KONTO - 01 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter (Økonomiske og finansielle anliggender)	IOB - 329 267
Reserver - KONTO - 02 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter (Erhvervs politik)	IOB - 52 383
Reserver - KONTO - 03 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter (Konkurrence)	IOB - 14 967
Reserver - KONTO - 04 01 02 11 Andre administrationsomkostninger (Beskæftigelse, sociale anliggender, arbejdsmarkedsforhold og ligestilling)	IOB - 16 966
Reserver - KONTO - 05 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter (Landbrug og udvikling af landdistrikter)	IOB - 498 392
Reserver - KONTO - 06 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter (Energi og transport)	IOB - 59 867
Reserver - KONTO - 07 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter (Miljø og klimaindsats)	IOB - 89 800
Reserver - KONTO - 08 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter (Forskning)	IOB - 4 490
Reserver - KONTO - 09 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter (Informationssamfundet og medier)	IOB - 24 695
Reserver - KONTO - 11 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter (Maritime anliggender og fiskeri)	IOB - 19 779
Reserver - KONTO - 12 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter (Det indre marked)	IOB - 97 284
Reserver - KONTO - 13 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter (Regionalpolitik)	IOB - 16 463
Reserver - KONTO - 14 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter (Beskatning og toldunion)	IOB - 151 912
Reserver - KONTO - 15 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter (Uddannelse og kultur)	IOB - 29 933
Reserver - KONTO - 16 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter vedrørende Generaldirektoratet for Kommunikation/hovedsædet	IOB - 5 987
Reserver - KONTO - 17 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter (Sundhed og forbrugere)	IOB - 280 045
Reserver - KONTO - 18 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter (Indre anliggender)	IOB - 39 662

Reserver - KONTO - 19 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter vedrørende "Tjenesten for Udenrigspolitiske Instrumenter"	IOB	- 16 345
Reserver - KONTO - 20 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter i Generaldirektoratet for Handel	IOB	- 37 417
Reserver - KONTO - 21 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter i Generaldirektoratet for Udvikling og Samarbejde - EuropeAid	IOB	- 29 933
Reserver - KONTO - 22 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter i Generaldirektoratet for Udvidelse	IOB	- 8 082
Reserver - KONTO - 23 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter (Humanitær bistand)	IOB	- 13 470
Reserver - KONTO - 26 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter (Kommissionens administration)	IOB	- 2 275
Reserver - KONTO - 27 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter i Generaldirektoratet for Budget	IOB	- 10 028
Reserver - KONTO - 27 01 02 19 Andre administrationsudgifter - ikke-decentraliseret forvaltning (GD Budget)	IOB	- 90 265
Reserver - KONTO - 29 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter (Statistik)	IOB	- 29 933
Reserver - KONTO - 32 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter (Energi)	IOB	- 23 947
Reserver - KONTO - 33 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter (Retlige anliggender)	IOB	- 6 413
<u>TIL</u>		
KAPITEL - 0101 Administrative udgifter vedrørende politikområdet økonomiske og finansielle anliggender		
Reserver - KONTO - 01 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter	IOB	329 267
KAPITEL - 0201 Administrative udgifter vedrørende politikområdet erhvervs politik		
Reserver - KONTO - 02 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter	IOB	52 383
KAPITEL - 0301 Administrative udgifter vedrørende politikområdet konkurrence		
Reserver - KONTO - 03 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter	IOB	14 967
KAPITEL - 0401 Administrative udgifter vedrørende politikområdet beskæftigelse, sociale anliggender, arbejdsmarkedsforhold og ligestilling		
Reserver - KONTO - 04 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter	IOB	16 966
KAPITEL - 0501 Administrative udgifter vedrørende politikområdet landbrug og udvikling af landdistrikter		
Reserver - KONTO - 05 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter	IOB	498 392
KAPITEL - 0601 Administrative udgifter vedrørende politikområdet mobilitet og transport		
Reserver - KONTO - 06 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter	IOB	59 867
KAPITEL - 0701 Administrative udgifter vedrørende politikområdet miljø og klimaindsats		
Reserver - KONTO - 07 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter	IOB	89 800
KAPITEL - 0801 Administrative udgifter vedrørende politikområdet forskning		
Reserver - KONTO - 08 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter	IOB	4 490
KAPITEL - 0901 Administrative udgifter vedrørende politikområdet informationssamfundet og medier		
Reserver - KONTO - 09 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter	IOB	24 695
KAPITEL - 1101 Administrative udgifter vedrørende politikområdet maritime anliggender og fiskeri		
Reserver - KONTO - 11 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter	IOB	19 779

KAPITEL - 1201 Administrative udgifter vedrørende politikområdet det indre marked		
Reserver - KONTO - 12 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter	IOB	97 284
KAPITEL - 1301 Administrative udgifter vedrørende regionalpolitik		
Reserver - KONTO - 13 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter	IOB	16 463
KAPITEL - 1401 Administrative udgifter vedrørende beskatning og toldunion		
Reserver - KONTO - 14 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter	IOB	151 912
KAPITEL - 1501 Administrative udgifter vedrørende politikområdet uddannelse og kultur		
Reserver - KONTO - 15 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter	IOB	29 933
KAPITEL - 1601 Administrative udgifter vedrørende politikområdet kommunikation		
Reserver - KONTO - 16 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter vedrørende Generaldirektoratet for Kommunikation/hovedsædet	IOB	5 987
KAPITEL - 1701 Administrative udgifter vedrørende politikområdet sundhed og forbrugere		
Reserver - KONTO - 17 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter	IOB	280 045
KAPITEL - Administrative udgifter vedrørende politikområdet indre anliggender		
Reserver - KONTO - 18 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter	IOB	39 662
KAPITEL - 1901 Administrative udgifter vedrørende politikområdet eksterne forbindelser		
Reserver - KONTO - 19 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter vedrørende "Tjenesten for Udenrigspolitiske Instrumenter"	IOB	16 345
KAPITEL - 2001 Administrative udgifter vedrørende politikområdet handel		
Reserver - KONTO - 20 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter i Generaldirektoratet for Handel	IOB	37 417
KAPITEL - 2101 Administrative udgifter vedrørende politikområdet udvikling og forbindelser med AVS-lande		
Reserver - KONTO - 21 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter i Generaldirektoratet for Udvikling og Samarbejde - EuropeAid	IOB	29 933
KAPITEL - 2201 Administrative udgifter vedrørende politikområdet udvidelse		
Reserver - KONTO - 22 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter i Generaldirektoratet for Udvidelse	IOB	8 082
KAPITEL - 2301 Administrative udgifter vedrørende politikområdet humanitær bistand		
Reserver - KONTO - 23 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter	IOB	13 470
KAPITEL - 2601 Administrative udgifter vedrørende politikområdet Kommissionens administration		
Reserver - KONTO - 26 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter	IOB	2 275
KAPITEL - 2701 Administrative udgifter vedrørende politikområdet budget		
Reserver - KONTO - 27 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter vedrørende Generaldirektoratet for Budget	IOB	10 028
Reserver - KONTO - 27 01 02 19 Andre administrationsudgifter - ikke-decentraliseret forvaltning	IOB	90 265
KAPITEL - 2901 Administrative udgifter vedrørende politikområdet statistik		
Reserver - KONTO - 29 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter	IOB	29 933
KAPITEL - 3201 Administrative udgifter vedrørende politikområdet energi		
Reserver - KONTO - 32 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter	IOB	23 947
KAPITEL - 3301 Administrative udgifter vedrørende politikområdet retlige anliggender		
Reserver - KONTO - 33 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter	IOB	6 413

INDLEDNING

Budgetmyndigheden hensatte 2 000 000 EUR fra budgetpost XX 01 02 11 03 (udvalgsmøder) i reserve (post 40 01 40).

Frigivelse af reserven var betinget af Kommissionens ændringer af reglerne om ekspertgrupper.

Kommissionen har taget stilling til hver enkel ændring (se bilag) og er af den opfattelse, at den har opfyldt de fastsatte betingelser for frigivelse af reserven, der for tiden forhindrer en optimal planlægning af den obligatoriske udvalgssprocedure. Derfor anmoder Kommissionen om frigivelse af det tilsvarende beløb på 2 000 000 EUR fra artikel 40 01 40 til budgetpost XX 01 02 11.

IOB/ Forpligtelser/ Betalingen	Oprindeligt budget ± ÆB (1A)	Budgetpost						
		EFTA (1B)	Overførsler (2)	Gennemførelse (3)	Disponible beløb (4)=(1A)+(1B)+(2)-(3)	Foreslået overførsel (5)	Forskel (4/1A)	I alt (4±5)
01 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	5 127 344	0	-324 833	3 499 500	1 303 011	329 267	6,42%	1 632 278
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 01 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	329 267	0	0	0	329 267	-329 267	-100,00%	0
02 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	4 881 377	0	0	3 645 844	1 235 533	52 383	1,07%	1 287 916
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 02 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	52 383	0	0	0	52 383	-52 383	-100,00%	0
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 03 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	14 967	0	0	0	14 967	-14 967	-100,00%	0
03 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	5 123 619	0	34	1 515 432	3 608 221	14 967	0,29%	3 623 188
04 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	5 101 560	0	0	4 405 010	696 550	16 966	0,33%	713 516
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 04 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	16 966	0	0	0	16 966	-16 966	-100,00%	0
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 05 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	498 392	0	0	0	498 392	-498 392	-100,00%	0
05 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	8 528 713	0	0	4 346 883	4 181 830	498 392	5,84%	4 680 222
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 06 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	59 867	0	0	0	59 867	-59 867	-100,00%	0
06 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	2 514 628	0	0	1 849 495	665 133	59 867	2,38%	725 000
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 07 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	89 800	0	0	0	89 800	-89 800	-100,00%	0
07 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	5 926 675	0	0	3 491 614	2 435 061	89 800	1,52%	2 524 861
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 08 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	4 490	0	0	0	4 490	-4 490	-100,00%	0

IOB/ Forpligtelser/ Betalinger	Oprindeligt budget ± ÆB (1A)	Budgetpost						
		EFTA (1B)	Overførsler (2)	Gennemførelse (3)	Disponible beløb (4)=(1A)+(1B)+(2)-(3)	Foreslået overførsel (5)	Forskel (4/1A)	I alt (4±5)
08 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	392 244	0	0	356 513	35 731	4 490	1,14%	40 221
09 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	1 856 338	0	0	1 483 805	372 533	24 695	1,33%	397 228
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 09 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	24 695	0	0	0	24 695	-24 695	-100,00%	0
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 11 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	19 779	0	0	0	19 779	-19 779	-100,00%	0
11 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	2 779 656	0	-255 075	2 240 228	284 353	19 779	0,71%	304 132
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 12 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	97 284	0	0	0	97 284	-97 284	-100,00%	0
12 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	3 394 875	0	0	2 690 076	704 799	97 284	2,87%	802 083
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 13 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	16 463	0	0	0	16 463	-16 463	-100,00%	0
13 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	3 094 285	0	0	2 040 125	1 054 160	16 463	0,53%	1 070 623
14 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	2 773 625	0	0	2 435 537	338 088	151 912	5,48%	490 000
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 14 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	151 912	0	0	0	151 912	-151 912	-100,00%	0
15 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	3 361 487	0	0	2 223 263	1 138 224	29 933	0,89%	1 168 157
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 15 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	29 933	0	0	0	29 933	-29 933	-100,00%	0
16 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter vedrørende Generaldirektoratet for Kommunikation: hovedsædet								
IOB	3 299 156	0	0	2 900 975	398 181	5 987	0,18%	404 168
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 16 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter inden for politikområdet kommunikation: hovedsædet								
IOB	5 987	0	0	0	5 987	-5 987	-100,00%	0

IOB/ Forpligtelser/ Betalinger	Oprindeligt budget ± ÆB (1A)	Budgetpost						
		EFTA (1B)	Overførsler (2)	Gennemførelse (3)	Disponible beløb (4)=(1A)+(1B)+(2)-(3)	Foreslået overførsel (5)	Forskel (4/1A)	I alt (4±5)
17 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	9 661 525	0	-20 063	8 351 000	1 290 462	280 045	2,90%	1 570 507
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 17 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	280 045	0	0	0	280 045	-280 045	-100,00%	0
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 18 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	39 662	0	0	0	39 662	-39 662	-100,00%	0
18 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	1 810 130	0	0	1 730 000	80 130	39 662	2,19%	119 792
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 19 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter vedrørende "Tjenesten for Udenrigspolitiske Instrumenter"								
IOB	16 345	0	0	0	16 345	-16 345	-100,00%	0
19 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter vedrørende "Tjenesten for Udenrigspolitiske Instrumenter"								
IOB	567 077	0	0	306 800	260 277	16 345	2,88%	276 622
20 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter i Generaldirektoratet for Handel								
IOB	4 359 091	0	-163	3 961 171	397 757	37 417	0,86%	435 174
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 20 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter i Generaldirektoratet for Handel								
IOB	37 417	0	0	0	37 417	-37 417	-100,00%	0
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 21 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter i Generaldirektoratet for Udvikling og Samarbejde - EuropeAid								
IOB	29 933	0	0	0	29 933	-29 933	-100,00%	0
21 01 02 11 Andre administrationsudgifter i Generaldirektoratet for Udvikling og Samarbejde - EuropeAid								
IOB	6 767 892	0	0	3 535 967	3 231 925	29 933	0,44%	3 261 858
22 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter i Generaldirektoratet for Udvidelse								
IOB	1 769 647	0	-146	1 026 643	742 858	8 082	0,46%	750 940
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 22 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter i Generaldirektoratet for Udvidelse								
IOB	8 082	0	0	0	8 082	-8 082	-100,00%	0
23 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	2 010 969	0	0	1 533 663	477 306	13 470	0,67%	490 776
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 32 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	13 470	0	0	0	13 470	-13 470	-100,00%	0
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 26 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter								
IOB	2 275	0	0	0	2 275	-2 275	-100,00%	0

IOB/ Forpligtelser/ Betalinger	Budgetpost								
	Oprindeligt budget ± ÆB (1A)	EFTA (1B)	Overførsler (2)	Gennemførelse (3)	Disponible beløb (4)=(1A)+(1B)+(2)-(3)	Foreslået overførsel (5)	Forskel (4/1A)	I alt (4±5)	
26 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter									
IOB	17 676 594	0	0	5 144 081	12 532 513	2 275	0,01%	12 534 788	
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 27 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter i Generaldirektoratet for Budget									
IOB	10 028	0	0	0	10 028	-10 028	-100,00%	0	
27 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter i Generaldirektoratet for Budget									
IOB	7 758 058	0	0	769 557	6 988 501	10 028	0,13%	6 998 529	
27 01 02 19 - Andre administrationsudgifter - ikke-decentraliseret forvaltning									
IOB	9 309 894	0	0	0	9 309 894	90 265	0,97%	9 400 159	
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 27 01 02 19 - Andre administrationsudgifter - ikke-decentraliseret forvaltning									
IOB	90 265	0	0	0	90 265	-90 265	-100,00%	0	
29 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter									
IOB	3 928 587	0	0	2 864 165	1 064 422	29 933	0,76%	1 094 355	
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 29 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter									
IOB	29 933	0	0	0	29 933	-29 933	-100,00%	0	
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 32 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter									
IOB	23 947	0	0	0	23 947	-23 947	-100,00%	0	
32 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter									
IOB	1 917 719	0	0	1 357 518	560 201	23 947	1,25%	584 148	
40 01 - RESERVER TIL ADMINISTRATIVE UDGIFTER - 33 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter									
IOB	6 413	0	0	0	6 413	-6 413	-100,00%	0	
33 01 02 11 - Andre administrationsudgifter									
IOB	1 441 795	0	0	1 323 300	118 495	6 413	0,44%	124 908	
						FRAFØRSEL IOB i alt	- 2 000 000		
						FORHØJELSE IOB i alt	2 000 000		

COMMISSION POSITION ON THE FOUR CONDITIONS SET BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT FOR LIFTING THE RESERVE OF EUR 2.000.000 IN COMMITMENTS AND PAYMENTS

- **First condition - Scrap exceptions in the obligation to have a balanced composition of expert groups (technical nature + experts in "personal capacity"). Prohibit a single interest category (business, union or other) from having the majority of the non-government and non-EU seats in any expert group. Provide safeguards against capture from special interests and corporate interests.**

In light of the diversity of tasks carried out by expert groups, setting pre-defined quotas per category of stakeholders as members of expert groups is not appropriate.

The Commission shall conduct a review of existing expert groups which are not exclusively composed of national authorities, with a view to assessing their composition. Any possible modification of the composition of groups will be the result of a specific assessment of the membership of individual groups, taking into account the work to be carried out, interests at stake, as well as other opportunities that citizens and stakeholders are given to express their views. Indeed, the degree of overall participation and representation of stakeholders should be assessed in light of all initiatives taken by the Commission on a particular subject, which often go far beyond expert groups¹. The Commission will report to the Parliament on the outcome of the above review by the summer.

- **Second condition - Ban lobbyists and corporate executives sitting in expert groups in a 'personal capacity'. The Commission should clarify whether members of an expert group are there as stakeholders or as experts committed to acting in the public interest. The second should be thoroughly checked for conflicts of interest and their "declaration of professional activities" should be in the public domain.**

The Commission is determined to ensure that the new, more stringent provisions on conflicts of interest are fully implemented for future expert groups.

The Commission will conduct a review of existing groups which include members appointed in a personal capacity, with a view to ensuring that the rules are fully respected in all existing groups. Should this not be the case, the Commission will take action in order to remedy inconsistencies, inter alia by clarifying whether members of an expert group are there as stakeholders or as experts appointed in a personal capacity acting in the public interest. The Commission will report to the Parliament on the outcome of the above review by the summer.

- **Third condition - Common selection criteria throughout all DGs that guarantee balance among different categories of stakeholders and absence of Conflict of Interests for experts and establish an obligatory open selection process with a public call and a published mandate of each expert group which goes beyond a simple representation of Member States authorities.**

The Commission is committed to ensure that all relevant provisions concerning selection of members of expert groups are fully implemented, including on public calls for application.

In light of the diversity of circumstances in which expert groups operate, it is not appropriate to draw up common criteria for the selection of groups' members; selection should continue to be done on a case by case basis.

The Commission ensures transparency on the procedures used to select members of expert groups by publishing information on this issue for each group listed in the Register of Commission Expert Groups and Other Similar Entities (hereinafter referred to as "the Register").

¹ SEC (2010) 1360, p.3

- **Fourth condition - All membership information (incl. affiliations), agendas, minutes and participants' submissions should be available on-line unless if there is a clear and published reason for not providing this info. Reports of groups should be published before getting adopted by the Commission.**

With the new Register set up in December 2010, the Commission has enhanced transparency in the area of expert groups in many ways. This new Register now provides more accurate information, notably on the type of entities listed, the groups' membership, the procedures used to select members of groups, as well as the activities carried out by groups. The presentation and readability of data encoded has also been improved. This constitutes real progress compared to the previous Register.

The Commission is ready to further increase transparency. In principle, from April 2012, all relevant documents (such as agendas, minutes and participants' submissions) will be made available, either in the Register itself or via a link from the Register to a dedicated website, where information can be found.

Exceptions to systematic publication should be foreseen where disclosure of a document would undermine the protection of a public or private interest as defined in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) N° 1049/2001².

The Commission does not adopt reports or any other document submitted by expert groups. The Commission and its departments remain fully independent regarding the way they take into account the expertise and views gathered via expert groups.

² These exceptions are intended to protect public security, military affairs, international relations, financial, monetary or economic policy, privacy and integrity of the individual, commercial interests, court proceedings and legal advice, inspections/investigations/audits and the institution's decision-making process.