

Strasbourg, 18 September 2019

Object: Letter of application for the position of European Ombudsman and solemn declaration

Honourable President Sassoli,

I hereby submit my application for the position of European Ombudsman, as per the call for applications, which was published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 30 August 2019.

I declare with my signature that I am a citizen of the European Union and that I enjoy full civil and political rights.

I further declare that in the case of my appointment, I will not engage in any other professional occupation, whether gainful or not, during my term of office. Furthermore, I undertake to perform the duties required by the office of the European Ombudsman with the highest degree of independence.

I am currently the European Ombudsman and I was National Ombudsman of Ireland for over ten years. As such, I have the acknowledged competence and experience to undertake the duties of the European Ombudsman.

I enclose with this application a copy of the notice of my appointment as European Ombudsman from 2014.

I further enclose nominations I have received from over 40 Members of the European Parliament who are citizens of several Member States of the European Union.

I remain at your disposal for any further information you might require.

Sincerely,

Emily O'Reilly

Emily O'Reilly
European Ombudsman
2019 Candidate

- Experience**
- European Ombudsman**
Strasbourg, France/ Brussels, Belgium
2013 - present

 - National Ombudsman and Information Commissioner of Ireland**
Dublin, Ireland
2003-2013

 - Chair of the British and Irish Ombudsman Association**
Dublin, Ireland
2007

 - Newspaper Editor and Correspondent**
Dublin, Ireland
1981 - 2003
 - Newspaper editor for Sunday Times
 - Newspaper editor for Irish Press
 - Northern Ireland correspondent in Belfast for Sunday Tribune

 - Education**
 - Nieman Journalism Fellowship**
Harvard University
1988

 - Graduate Diploma in Education**
Trinity College, Dublin
1980

Degree in Modern Languages and Literature

(French and Spanish)

University College Dublin

1979

**Prizes and
Achievements**

Vision for Europe Award at the Prague European Summit

Prague, Czech Republic

2017

Schwarzkopf Europe Award

Berlin, Germany

2017

Honorary Doctorate of Law

University College Dublin

2014

Honorary Doctorate in Law

National University of Ireland

2008

Journalist of the Year

Dublin, Ireland

1994

Woman Journalist of the Year

Dublin, Ireland

1986

Author of critically acclaimed books on Irish society and media

1991, 1992, 1998

Residence

Strasbourg