

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0805/09  
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to the Commission

Subject: Rigged selection procedures for six OLAF heads of unit

At present, there are six selection procedures to fill vacant posts for heads of unit at OLAF. According to my information, the names of the successful applicants have already been known for months, i.e. before the end of the selection procedures that still need to be finished. The six vacant head-of-unit posts at OLAF are reportedly to be filled as follows:

Unit B.2 Customs (English) AD9/AD14: by David Murphy;  
Unit B.3 Customs (English) AD9/AD14: by Austin Rowan;  
Unit B.4 Structural Measures (English) AD9/AD14: by James Sweeney;  
Unit D.4 Corporate Planning and Policy AD13/AD14 (English/French): by Lothar Kuhl;  
Unit D.5 Administration and Human Resources AD9/AD14 (English/French): by Harald Spitzer;  
Unit D.6 Budget AD9/AD14 (English/French): by Jean-Philippe Lienard.

For posts where an English mother tongue candidate is envisaged, the published vacancy notice requires excellent knowledge of English. Where non-English mother tongue candidates are envisaged, English/French is required.

Can the Commission inform me whether these selection procedures are rigged?