

Call for expressions of interest: Group of Economic Advisers for ESMA's Committee for Economic and Markets Analysis

Background

1. The three-year term of the current Group of Economic Advisers ('GEA') for ESMA's Committee for Economic and Markets Analysis ('CEMA') is due to expire. Therefore, ESMA is today launching the process to renew the GEA of CEMA.
2. ESMA has established the GEA to benefit from the expertise of stakeholders who are specialised in the analysis and risk assessment related to the markets under ESMA's remit (securities markets, market infrastructures, institutional and retail investors) and with a view to ESMA's institutional objectives, in particular to promote investor protection, orderly markets and financial stability. CEMA looks to this group to provide expert advice regarding ESMA market analytical activities.
3. The GEA is a Consultative Working Group under the ESMA "Procedures for ESMA groups" of March 2012. Members of such groups are to be selected following an open call for candidates published on the ESMA website and are appointed for a period of three years. The relevant extracts of the procedures are set out in the Appendix. When the selection is completed, ESMA will inform the applicants of the outcome and publish the composition of the 2021-2024 GEA on its website.

Committee for Economic and Markets Analysis (CEMA)

4. ESMA carries out economic analysis covering the markets in the area of its competence including the monitoring, assessing and measuring of market developments, systemic risk and other impediments to financial stability, and the provision of information about micro-prudential trends, potential risks and vulnerabilities to the relevant EU institutions. The Board of Supervisors (BoS) of ESMA established to this purpose CEMA and specified its mandate in its terms of reference for CEMA.
5. CEMA contributes to ESMA's mission by monitoring developments in financial markets, assessing systemic risks and providing economic background analysis for the general tasks of ESMA. In particular by:
 - *Assessing Risks to Investors, Markets and Financial Stability:*
 - o CEMA contributes to the identification, the monitoring, and the assessment of trends, potential risks and vulnerabilities in financial markets from a micro-prudential and investor protection perspective;

- CEMA contributes to the regular reporting on risks and vulnerabilities to the relevant EU institutions pursuant to Art. 32 of the ESMA Regulation;
 - CEMA contributes to the exploration and exploitation of ESMA proprietary data, by supporting ESMA work on enhancing the completeness and the quality of these data, and by contributing to the development and generation of market indicators and risk metrics for the analytical and monitoring tasks of ESMA.
- *Promoting Supervisory Convergence:*
- CEMA contributes to ESMA's objective of supervisory convergence by participating in the development of a harmonized framework for the assessment of systemic risks and financial stability issues in cooperation with the ESRB and other ESAs and by providing economic and risk analysis on supervisory convergence issues.
- *Completing a Single Rulebook for EU financial markets:*
- CEMA may contribute to better regulation by actively supporting ESMA's commitment to Impact Assessments of existing, planned or proposed regulation and supervisory practice, through analysing the impact of effects, including unintended side-effects.

Description of main GEA tasks

6. In accordance with ESMA's 'Procedures for ESMA groups', ESMA expects members of the GEA group to provide technical assistance in the field of their expertise to ESMA's efforts in the area of risk monitoring, market analysis, developing methodologies for impact assessment and stress testing, and providing background information for the design of regulatory and supervisory policies.
7. ESMA will look to the GEA to contribute actively to our discussions about the identification and construction of appropriate measures for general and systemic risks in our semi-annual meetings as well as to provide advice in the areas of their expertise in the periods in between the semi-annual meetings. In particular, we invite GEA members to provide input to our semi-annual meetings by presenting relevant topics in the field of their expertise.
8. ESMA relies upon GEA members to provide mentoring and support to CEMA's various research task forces and analytic work streams. These services typically include the provision of advice to the planning and the implementation of research projects, methodological input, the constructive discussion of intermediary or final outcomes as well as the reviewing of draft research reports. This may for GEA members with an academic background and working for academic institutions or public authorities also include joint risk analysis projects with ESMA staff and CEMA members.

9. ESMA expects GEA members to be available for the refereeing of articles submitted to the ESMA Working Paper Series. This task includes the provision of refereeing reports and the engagement in an active discussion of the contents of submitted Working Papers with their authors.
10. ESMA looks to the GEA to support the extension of our research network by providing contacts to other experts and provide recommendations on which institutions or experts to contact with regard to specific issues and topics. To this purpose, we invite GEA members to raise any relevant data, events or institutions to ESMA's attention.

Terms of Appointment

11. GEA members are selected for a renewable term of three years.
12. GEA members are appointed on a personal basis and are bound by confidentiality requirements in relation to all non-public information they are provided with while performing their tasks.

Selection criteria

13. This call for expressions of interest is open to relevant stakeholders from the European Union (EU).
14. The GEA, which will not exceed 18 members in total, will be composed of individuals representing as balanced a proportion as possible of the relevant areas of expertise in the field of financial stability, research on financial markets or the financial sector, risk surveillance on an aggregate level as well as general economic research or analysis related to financial markets (areas covered by CEMA).
15. The selection of GEA members will aim to ensure, to the extent possible, an appropriate geographical and gender balance, and representation of all relevant stakeholders across the EU affected by the work of CEMA. In particular, ESMA will be seeking to ensure a balanced representation of the following types of stakeholders:
 - a. financial market participants / financial services' intermediaries / financial consumer representatives;
 - b. academics.
16. Assessment of eligibility will be based on the following criteria:
 - a. a minimum of 10 years of relevant experience in the financial services sector related to economic analysis, risk monitoring and financial stability will be required for those representing financial institutions;

- b. a minimum of 10 years of experience relevant to research related to financial services field will be required for academics.

Selection process

17. Applications will be accepted from natural persons only. Only the natural person selected will be admitted to the GEA. No substitution (alternates) of natural persons will be permitted throughout the full duration of the appointment, or during possible renewals.
18. Applicants not selected may be included on a list of experts, with the possibility of being invited to become a GEA member at a later stage.
19. ESMA's Executive Director, in consultation with the Head of Risk Analysis and Economics and the Chair of CEMA, will make the final selection of GEA members.
20. ESMA reserves the right to exclude at any time from the CWG those members who breach the terms of reference contained in the annex in a serious manner, particularly when it comes to a minimum level of attendance, breaches of confidentiality or misrepresentation of their status of CWG members (points 3.B.iv, 3.B.v and 6 of the Annex 1).

Place of provision of services

21. The GEA will meet at least two times a year. The meetings are organised by ESMA and take place in virtual form (video-conference) unless it is agreed differently between GEA members and the Committee rapporteur. Periodic interactions between meetings through conference calls with members of the GEA are also anticipated.
22. GEA members are expected to attend all meetings; the first meeting of the new GEA will take place on 23 November 2021.

Compensation, travel expenses

23. Compensation for services as a GEA member is not paid.
24. GEA members are expected to meet their own travel expenses. However, academics and consumer representatives may be eligible for reimbursement of travel expenses and a daily allowance in accordance with ESMA policy.

Application procedure, closing date

25. Relevant stakeholders meeting the required selection criteria and wishing to apply for a position on the GEA are invited to submit, in English:
 - a. a completed [application form](#) (see separate document), and

- b. a detailed curriculum vitae (CV), preferably in the EU CV format - the link to the template for this is:

<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/europass/home/hornav/Downloads/EuropassCV/CVTemplate.csp>

- 26. It is optional for applicants to attach a motivation letter (2 pages maximum).
- 27. Unclear or incomplete applications will not be considered.
- 28. Applications must be submitted no later than midnight 22 October 2021 by email to risk.analysis@esma.europa.eu, with “APPLICATION GEA” and your first name and last name in the reference line.
- 29. Current CWG members can be renewed, but any current CWG member interested in being considered for renewal needs to re-apply through the above process and will be considered at the same time as the other candidates against the same criteria and objectives described in this document.
- 30. Successful applicants will be informed in due course following the conclusion of the application process.
- 31. ESMA will publish the composition of the Group on its website.

Appendix: Relevant extracts for CWGs from ESMA's 'Procedures for ESMA groups'

II. EXTERNAL CONSULTATIVE WORKING GROUPS

10. ESMA groups reporting to the Board of Supervisors may establish Consultative Working Groups (CWGs) in order to benefit from the expertise of market participants who are specialised in the specific area for which the group is responsible. The purpose of CWGs is to provide advice to the ESMA group during the course of developing a policy line in relation to specific technical matters, or to give a view on specific aspects of the proposals. The role and responsibilities of CWGs are without prejudice to those of the Securities and Markets Stakeholder Group.

11. CWG members are selected following an open call for candidates published on the ESMA website, including advice from members of the Board of Supervisors and the Standing Committee, with a final selection being made by the Executive Director in consultation with the relevant Head of Division/Unit of ESMA and the Chair of the relevant group. CWG members are appointed on a personal basis. Members of the CWG may be removed upon decision of the Executive Director in consultation with the Chair of the relevant group.

12. Terms of reference of CWGs are given in Annex 1.

Annex 1

These Terms of Reference are without prejudice to the role and responsibilities of the Securities and Markets Stakeholders Group

Terms of Reference of Consultative Working Groups

1. The purpose of the Consultative Working Group (CWG) is to provide technical assistance to ESMA in relation to all aspects of a particular group's work, such as the preparation of draft regulatory and implementing technical standards, Article 16 guidelines and the delivery of advice to the European Commission on the delegated and implementing acts required under a Directive/Regulation. The group is formed under the terms of ESMA's Public Statement on Consultation Practices (ESMA/2011/11). The CWG should be composed of market participants, consumers and end-users. Members of the CWG are selected according to the procedure set out in Section II of the Procedures for ESMA groups. The composition of the CWG is made public.

2. In meeting the above purpose, the group may be called upon to provide input at all stages of the policy formulation process.

3. In meeting the above objectives, the ESMA group and the CWG will apply the following principles.

A. Members of the CWG will have:

- i. Access to evolving thinking of the ESMA group, including of any specific issues causing difficulty.
- ii. The possibility to express their views to the ESMA group. Members of the ESMA group will be encouraged to attend meetings of the CWG.
- iii. A work plan, including the dates of the main meetings of the CWG for the year ahead. Additional meetings can be called either at the request of members of the Consultative Working Group or of ESMA. Meetings are called by the Chair of the ESMA group in consultation with the rapporteur.
- iv. The support of ESMA staff and the contact details of all members of the relevant ESMA group.

B. ESMA can expect the following from the members of the CWG:

Members will provide their independent expertise and not lobby for specific national or institutional positions. Members of the CWG are appointed and participate in their personal capacity.

- i. Practical examples to illustrate the implications of policy proposals.

- ii. A sounding board that is prepared to provide alternative solutions and not just identification of problems.
 - iii. That all information provided by ESMA will be handled with due confidentiality and not circulated to third parties.
 - iv. That members will endeavour to make themselves available both to attend meetings and provide timely written submissions where required.
 - v. The identification of specific issues that might require a subset of the CWG to consider. ESMA may call on additional experts where appropriate.
4. The final output of the work-stream is under ESMA's authority and is without prejudice to the opinion of the CWG.
5. Members of the Consultative Working Group are selected for a renewable term of two years.
6. Members of the CWG should make clear in their professional engagements that they are not representatives of ESMA.