

Nominations of Irish candidates for election to the Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA)

The Minister for Justice and Equality, Mr Charlie Flanagan TD, is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified and experienced persons for consideration for nomination as candidate in elections to the Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA).

Role of the GRETA

GRETA is responsible for monitoring implementation of the *Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings* by the States who have ratified the Convention. GRETA regularly publishes reports evaluating the measures taken by the States who are party to the Convention.

Please refer to the Council of Europe website for further information on the Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/anti-human-trafficking/about-the-convention>

The Convention entrusts the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to carry out an election procedure of the members of GRETA. Article 36 of the Convention stipulates that GRETA shall have a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 15 members and stresses the need to ensure geographical and gender balance, as well as a multidisciplinary expertise. GRETA's members shall be nationals of States Parties to the Convention.

Further details on the work of GRETA and its current membership are available at the following link:

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/anti-human-trafficking/greta>

Qualifications

Members of GRETA should have recognised competence in the fields of human rights, of assistance and protection of victims or of action against trafficking in human beings, or professional experience in the areas covered by the Convention. They must serve in their individual capacity, be independent and impartial.

Commitment

Members of GRETA must have sufficient time and capacity to participate in meetings of GRETA, carry out country visits and be able to work online for the preparation of reports and conclusions of GRETA. Currently there are 3 plenary meetings of 5 days each, i.e. a total of 15 days per year. In addition, each GRETA member participates in one to two country visits per year, each lasting some 5 days.

Expenses

A scheme of expenses is in place. Members of GRETA receive a per diem of €323 per session day and an allowance for work at home of €147 per day. *(Note: Rates are determined by the Council of Europe and may be subject to change. Above amounts are taken from 'Rates of Honoraria and Other Allowances for 2017', Council of Europe).*

Nomination Process

Selection will be based on an examination of the applications received and a shortlist of the most suitable applicants will be placed before the Minister for consideration. The Minister may, at his discretion, consider and select additional persons from outside this list.

The name of the person(s) selected will be forwarded to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for submission to the Secretary General to the Council of Europe for consideration by the Committee of the Parties at the GRETA membership election in November 2018.

Applicants should note that the Minister may select up to three candidates for nomination to the GRETA elections. Selection as the Irish candidate(s) does not guarantee election to GRETA.

Term of Office

The normal term is for four years and a member may be re-elected once.

How to apply

Applicants must submit:

- (a) a detailed CV in the required format (available from the GRETA website [here](#))
- (b) a covering letter outlining your significant achievements and experience and relevance of your expertise to the requirements of membership of GRETA.

Both documents must be emailed to gretanominations@justice.ie

Closing Date:

The CV and covering letter should reach the above mentioned email address not later than **12:00 midnight on 16th July, 2018.**

Questions

If there are issues on which you require clarification please email gretanominations@justice.ie.

Data Protection

The Department of Justice and Equality will treat all information and personal data in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act, 2018. The full text of the Department's Data Protection Policy can be found at: http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Data_Protection