
Executive Summary

- The Secretariat of the ECA has collected nominations for the positions in the Executive Committee through an open call.
- The list of candidates is presented by the Secretariat in a separate document.
- The Commission is invited to elect the Chairperson of the ECA, the first Vice-Chairperson of the ECA, the second Vice-Chairperson of the ECA, and six other members of the Executive Committee, for a term of two years.

Introduction

1. According to the Rules of Procedure of the European Commission on Agriculture (ECA), the Commission elects from among the representatives a Chairperson, a first and a second Vice-Chairperson and six other members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is the executive body of the Commission and acts on its behalf between sessions. It is presided over by the Chairperson of the Commission.

2. Elections take place at the end of a regular session.

3. In order to ensure the rotation of members and the continuity of service, when electing members of the Executive Committee, due consideration should be given to the desirability of replacing no more than four members at the same time and avoiding the overall term of office of an individual – irrespective of the nature of the mandate – exceeding eight years.
4. Elections are decided by secret ballot, but in the case of an election in which there are not more candidates than vacancies, the Chairperson may submit to the Commission that the appointment be decided by clear general consent.

Background

5. Following the successful implementation of the call for nominations for positions in the Executive Committee prior to the Forty-second Session of the ECA (19–21 January 2022), and considering the contribution of the call to ensuring the openness, inclusiveness and transparency of the election process, the Executive Committee decided that it be a standing modality for the preparation of the elections.

6. The Secretariat of the ECA opened a call for nominations on 28 April 2023 and invited all Members to nominate their candidates.

7. The Secretariat has collected the nominations and confirmed the eligibility of the nominees, considering the requirements specified in Rule II.1 and Rule III.1 of the Rules of Procedure.

8. The list of eligible candidates for positions in the Executive Committee is presented by the Secretariat in a separate document. Should late nominations be submitted, the Secretariat will update the list of candidates and will share it with Members without undue delay.

9. The Commission is invited to elect the Chairperson of the ECA, the first Vice-Chairperson of the ECA, the second Vice-Chairperson of the ECA, and six other members of the Executive Committee from among the representatives presented in the list of candidates.