

# **CSISAC Steering Committee Election Process**

The CSISAC Steering Committee is composed by 6 to 8 members, selected either as individuals or as organizations' representatives. The selection of the Steering Committee's is performed through two phases:

- 1. In the first phase, 5 CSISAC's members are elected through a voting process among those who entered the nomination process (see below).
- 2. In the second phase, the elected nominees appoint a maximum of 3 additional CSISAC's members in order to ensure regional, gender and expertise balance.

This system allows CSISAC to conduct a fair election process, while ensuring that the Steering Committee will not be dominated by members with too similar a profile<sup>1</sup>. This process has been used by other international organizations in order to enhance, for example, the representation of members from developing countries.

### Nomination:

All CSISAC members<sup>2</sup> are eligible for the Steering Committee. Members can nominate themselves or nominate another member<sup>3</sup>. The nomination is the act of sharing in the mailing list of CSISAC's members<sup>4</sup> a statement of interest during the nomination period.

The statement of interest is a document that contains all the necessary information to identify the nominee and to express the interest of the nomination. All statements of interest should include:

- Indication of whether the nominee is an individual or organization.
- Full name and contact e-mail address of the nominee.
- Country/Region of the person and, if applicable, organization and gender.
- A selection of CSISAC's goals<sup>5</sup> related to the nominee's main competences.
- A brief biography including achievements relevant to the CSISAC steering committee (please, refer to the already sent description of the Steering Committee's composition and role, past work with CSISAC and the Public Voice Coalition and other relevant committees or processes.
- A brief statement of what you or your organization can contribute to the coalition and the issues at the OECD Information, Computer and Communications Committee (ICCP).

The nomination period starts on 29.10.2012 00:01 ECT, ending 15.11.2012 23:59 ECT.

<sup>1:</sup> E.g. If 4 out of 5 elected members are from the same region or have the same expertise, we would want to appoint the extra two people from other regions or with different expertise.

<sup>2</sup> CSISAC's members are those Individuals and organizations included in the published voters list. An extensive period of two months was allowed to ensure all CSISAC members to confirm their membership.

<sup>3</sup> If not self-nomination, the nominee should have agreed to have their name put forward.

<sup>4</sup> Send your statement of interest to: <u>csisac-members@csisac.org</u>

<sup>5</sup> Identified under the heading 'CSISAC Goals', top of the right column at http://csisac.org/



## Deliberation

A deliberation period will be allocated to allow CSISAC's members to address the nominees with regard to their respective statements of interest.

This period is intended to ensure a proper understanding of the statements of interest, allowing CSISAC's members to address the nominees, and nominees to explain and foster their candidacy. Nominees are allowed to amend their nominations during this period before the final nominations are published at CSISAC' public website.

The deliberation period starts 16.11.2012 00:01 ECT, ending 22.11.2012 23:59 ECT.

### Voting:

All CSISAC members are encouraged to vote. Voting will take place through a platform that ensures the necessary conditions to ensure a fair and transparent process<sup>6</sup>.

The ballot form will list all nominated candidates. The voting list will have 3 columns:

- 1. Name of organization or "individual".
- 2. Name of the person.
- 3. E-mail of the person.

Each CSISAC member can vote for up to 5 of the nominated candidates. In the case of organizations:

- Even if you have more than one representative involved in OECD policy areas, your organization may cast only one ballot in the CSISAC Steering Committee election.
- The same person can cast a ballot for more than one organization (e.g. Anna could cast a ballot once for NCC and once for PI, if she is representing both organisations).
- A person can cast a ballot as an individual and another ballot as a representative of an organization(s).

The voting process will **start 23.11.2012 00:01 ECT, ending 30.11.2012 23:59 ECT.** The result of the election process will be posted as soon as the plaform provides the result.

#### **Proclamation:**

The 5 individuals or organizations with the largest number of votes are elected to the Steering Committee. A maximum of 3 positions will be filled by appointment of the elected members in order to ensure balance of regional, gender and expertise representation.

The final composition of the Steering Committee will be announced to the CSISAC membership by 7.12.2012 23:59 ECT the latest.

<sup>6</sup> The NIC.br voting platform was proposed to be used provided the positive experience in the past. Thanks to Carlos A. Afonso and Graciela Selaimen, and also for Katitza Rodriguez for all their help to manage that!