

Regarding the manner and principles for selecting members of the Economic Council to the Prime Minister (EC)

The activity of EC shall be governed by the Regulation on the organization and functioning of the Economic Council to the Prime Minister, approved by Government decision n.631 of 22 august 2011.

In the area related to EC members, Chapter III of this Regulation provides as follows:

- members of EC are appointed by the Prime Minister;
- representatives of business environment and business associations, scientific community, international organizations active in the area of business environment reforms and state institutions are part of the EC;
- the composition of the EC is approved by the decision of the Prime Minister;
- to be approved as member it is necessary to confirm the availability of persons invited by the Prime Minister;
- membership of the EC is voluntary and entails high civic responsibility;
- membership of the EC ceases in the following cases: voluntary withdrawal; abolition of the organization in which he/she works and upon the proposal of the Prime Minister.
- The EC Secretariat informs the Prime Minister who will decide, as appropriate to initiate the procedure for selecting new EC members.

From 2014 when EC has been operationalized, substantial changes to its composition have been conducted only in the part related to businesses and business associations. Representatives of scientific community, given their small number in the country, remained almost unchanged. Representatives of international organizations active in the area of business environment reforms have changed only with and due to the emergence of new supporters / donors of the EC. At the moment, virtually all state institutions related to regulation, policy making, issuing permissive acts, carrying out control actions in the area of business environment, have their representatives in the EC.

As regards the selection of new EC members from business representatives and business associations, the EC Secretariat applies the following rules and criteria:

- the existence of a written request to the EC by the candidate confirming the availability of participation in the EC;
- analysis of individual from the point of view of civic responsibility, (its integrity and honesty based on accessible public information);
- analysis of the association represented by the candidate:
 - o number of members of the association, confirming the level of representativeness;
 - o activity of the association, covering a major and important segment of the national economy;
 - o composition of members of the association from the point of view of representing a category of persons (i.e. women – entrepreneurs, persons with disabilities, etc.)
 - o presence of the association in the public sphere, the degree of activism and participation in political and social life.

Individuals who meet the above requirements and criteria are proposed by the Secretariat to the Prime Minister.

Individuals accepted by the Prime Minister shall be included by the Secretariat in the draft Decree of the Prime Minister amending the EC composition.