Selection procedure appeals - further details

A candidate who feels that a mistake has been made regarding eligibility may ask to have her/his application reconsidered by sending, within 30 calendar days of the date postmarked on the letter of notification, a request for review, quoting the number of the selection procedure concerned to:

The Chair of the Selection Committee,
European Institute for Gender Equality,
Gedimino pr. 16,
01103 Vilnius,
Lithuania.

The Selection Committee will reconsider the application and notify the candidate of its decision within 45 calendar days of receipt of the letter.

If a candidate considers that she/he has been adversely affected by a particular decision, he/she can lodge a complaint under Article 90(2) of the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Communities and Conditions of employment of other servants of the European Communities, to:

The Director,
European Institute for Gender Equality,
Gedimino pr. 16,
01103 Vilnius,
Lithuania.

The complaint must be lodged within 3 months. The time limit for initiating this type of procedure (see Staff Regulations as modified by Council Regulation No 723/2004 of 22 March 2004 published in the Official Journal of the European Union L 124 of 27 April 2004) starts to run from the time the candidate is notified of the act adversely affecting her/him.

You can submit a judicial appeal under Article 270 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (ex Art. 236 TEC) and Article 91 of the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Communities to:
The Registry,
European Union Civil Service Tribunal,
L-2925 Luxembourg.

Please note that the Appointing Authority does not have the power to amend the decisions of a Selection Committee. The Civil Service Tribunal has consistently held that the wide discretion enjoyed by Selection Committees is not subject to review by the Civil Service Tribunal unless rules which govern the proceedings of Selection Committees have clearly been infringed.

For details of how to submit an appeal, please consult the website of the European Union Civil Service Tribunal.

Pursuant to Article 195(1) of the Treaty establishing the European Community and in accordance with the conditions laid down in the Decision of the European Parliament of 9 March 1994 on the Staff Regulations and the general conditions governing the performance of the Ombudsman's duties, published in Official Journal of the European Union L 113 of 4 May 1994, it is also possible to complain to:

The European Ombudsman,
1 Avenue du Président Robert Schuman,
CS 30403 67001 Strasbourg Cedex,
France.

Complaints made to the Ombudsman have no suspensive effect on the period laid down in Articles 90(2) and 91 of the Staff Regulations for lodging, respectively, a complaint or an appeal with the European Union Civil Service Tribunal under Article 270 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (ex Art. 236 TEC).

Under Article 2(4) of the general conditions governing the performance of the Ombudsman's duties, any complaint lodged with the Ombudsman must be preceded by the appropriate administrative approaches to the institutions and bodies concerned. Thus candidates must have submitted a complaint/an appeal to EIGE and received a negative reply before contacting the Ombudsman.