

The Director-General of the World Health Organization presents his compliments to Members of the European Region and has the honour to refer to his [Note Verbale dated 16 October 2018](#), which indicated that proposals for names of candidates for nomination by the Regional Committee for Europe for the post of Regional Director should be communicated or dispatched in such a manner as to arrive at the headquarters of the Organization no later than Friday, 15 February 2019 at 18:00 Central European Time.

Furthermore, the Director-General has the honour to refer to the [Code of Conduct for the Nomination of the Regional Director of the European Region of the World Health Organization](#), which was adopted by the Sixty-third session of the Regional Committee for Europe and enclosed with his Note Verbale of 16 October 2018.

The Director-General has the honour to inform Members of the European Region that the following proposals (in alphabetical order) were received by 15 February 2019:

<u>Name of the candidate</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>
AUER, Clemens Martin	Austria
EMIROGLU, Nedret	Turkey
HAKOBYAN, Tatul	Armenia
HINKOV, Hristo Ruskov	Bulgaria
KLUGE, Hans	Belgium
MENABDE, Natela (Nata)	Georgia

Copies of these proposals and of the accompanying particulars of each person's qualifications and experience are enclosed with this Note Verbale. In accordance with Section B.II.12 of the Code of Conduct, the Regional Office will also post this information on its website along with the candidates' contact information, insofar as candidates have so requested. The Regional Office's website dedicated to the election of the next Regional Director for the European Region can be accessed at:

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/regional-director/election-of-regional-director-2020>

The Regional Office's website will also provide links to individual websites of candidates insofar as candidates have so requested. Further information on the nomination process and the applicable rules and decisions is available on the Regional Office's website.

The Director-General will, in accordance with Section B.II.11 of the Code of Conduct, open a password-protected question-and-answer **web forum** on the WHO website **from 25 March 2019 to 21 April 2019**, open to all Members of the European Region and candidates who request to participate in it.

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The username and password for accessing the web forum, as well as the related instructions, are enclosed with this Note Verbale. The web forum will be open for questions and answers for two weeks, from Monday, 25 March 2019 at 09:00 Central European Time to Sunday, 7 April 2019 at 23:59 Central European Time. The forum will then be closed for further questions. Candidates may, if they so wish, continue to provide answers to questions until Sunday, 21 April 2019 at 23:59 Central European Time. After its closure, the web forum will remain available in read-only mode until the end of the 146th session of the WHO Executive Board. The webforum will be available at the following web address:

<https://applications-uat.who.int/sites/EURORDElectionWebForum>

The Director-General takes this opportunity to recall that the Code of Conduct seeks to promote an open, fair, equitable and transparent process for the nomination of the Regional Director. It is the responsibility of Members of the European Region and candidates to observe and respect the Code, and Members of the European Region are called upon to implement the Code, in part, by making it publicly known and easily accessible.

As requested by the Regional Evaluation Group, the Director-General further takes this opportunity to inform the Members of the European Region that the Chairperson of the Regional Evaluation Group will send to the President, to the Executive President and Deputy Executive President of the Regional Committee, to each Member State of the Region and to the Director-General the evaluation report of the Regional Evaluation Group by 5 July 2019 in accordance with [Rule 47.10 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for Europe](#).

The Director-General renews to the Members of the European Region the assurance of his highest consideration.

GENEVA, 15 March 2019