



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL
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**PROGRAMME FOR PROFESSIONAL TRAINING FOR NATIONAL EXPERTS (NEPT)
SPECIFIC INFORMATION RELATING TO THE EXERCISE:
CALENDAR AND QUOTA FOR APPLICATIONS**

October 2026 exercise

PROVISIONAL CALENDAR

By 22 May 2026	Submission of applications via the Permanent Representations
Mid-June 2026	Internal selection procedure by Directorates-General / Cabinets. Candidates inform whether they accept the offer.
End of June 2026	DG Human Resources & Security provides the Permanent Representations with the finalised list of the selected candidates and their DG.
June-July 2026	DG Human Resources & Security confirms to the candidates their participation in the NEPT programme.

QUOTAS

- The annual total number of participants in the NEPT programme should not exceed the quota set out for each participating state.
- A quota may be increased by 50% for a full yearly exercise at the request of an EU Member State holding the Presidency of the Council within the next 2 years. The request must be submitted to DG Human Resources & Security (HR-ENFP@ec.europa.eu).
- Quotas cover the two exercises (March and October) of the year. It is therefore recommended not to use the full quota during the first exercise (March), in order to have positions available for the second one (October).

Countries	Annual quota for 2026	Specifics	March 2026 participants	Maximum for October
AT	15		12	3
BE	12		6	6
BG	10		0	10
CY	9	Presidency 2026 '=> 6 + 3	1	8
CZ	15		9	6
DE	35		17	18
DK	10		5	5
EE	6		1	5
EL	18	Presidency 2027 '=> 12 + 6	5	13
ES	27		10	17
FI	10		2	8
FR	30		3	27
HR	8		0	8
HU	15		2	13
IE	12	Presidency 2026 '=> 8 + 4	8	4
IT	29		11	18
LT	12	Presidency 2027 '=> 8 + 4	0	12
LU	6		2	4
LV	4		0	4
MT	5		0	5
NL	18		8	10
PL	30		3	27
PT	15		0	15
RO	14		0	14
SE	14		6	8
SI	6		0	6
SK	7		3	4
TOTAL EU	392		114	278