



Minutes of the Interviews Panel for YCS Scholarship Programme – Round VII

Held on Thursday 8th, Friday 9th, and Saturday 10th April 2010, in KIPA premises

113 candidates were invited to take the interviews, and 2 interview Panels (A and B) were formed and organised.

Panel A was composed by 6 members, 4 representatives of Universities in the EU, a representative of the ACDEI and a representative of ECLO, while Panel B was composed by 7 members, 5 representatives of Universities in the EU, a representative of the ACDEI and a representative of ECLO.

Before starting the interviews, all panel members signed the declaration of absence of conflict of interests, and Edoardo Spacca explained the cases where a conflict of interests can arise following the spirit of *Art.52 of the EU Financial Regulation*.

Panel A was composed by:

Voting members:

- Mr Edon Cana, Ministry of European Integration, chairman;
- Mrs Aibina Duraku-Nura, vice-charman, ECLO
- Ms Evelien Cautart, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium
- Dr Alberta Capasso, European Institute of Public Administration, Netherlands
- Prof. Adrian Tretcher, Sussex University, UK
- Ms Asa Grunning, Lund University, Sweden

Panel B was composed by:

Voting members:

- Dr Pleurat Sejdiu, Ministry of European Integration, chairman.
- Mr Artan Osmani, ECLO, vice-chair (on Thursday), Mrs Lindita Gashi, ECLO (on Friday) and Ms Eva Stamenova, ECLO, vice-chair (on Saturday)
- Mr Goviert Coppens, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium
- Prof. Colin Farquharson, Edinburgh University – Roslin Institute, Hungary
- Dr Maria Rita Micheli, Bocconi University, Italy
- Prof. Roger Kemp, Lancaster University, UK
- Prof. Stephan Rammeloo, University of Maastricht, Netherlands

Secretariat:

- Mr Edoardo Spacca, Team Leader, EU Scholarships Scheme – Round VI, SOFRECO
- Mr Shaun Hughes, Short Term Expert, EU Scholarships Scheme – Round VI, SOFRECO
- Ms Violeta Ademi, Office Manager, EU Scholarships Scheme – Round VI, SOFRECO

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Mr Fitim Sopi, Project Assistant, EU Scholarships Scheme – Round VI, SOFRECO

Mr Spacca and Mr Hughes assisted both panels during the interviews, while Ms Ademi and Mr Sopi managed candidates registration desk.

1. Timetable

	TIME	VENUE
Thursday 8 th	09h00 – 19h30	KIPA
Friday 9 th	09h00 – 19h30	KIPA
Saturday 10 th	09h00 – 17h00	KIPA

The oral exams for the YCS Round VII Selections started as planned on the 8th of April at 9 am and ended on 10th April at 5pm. 42 candidates were invited for Day 1, 43 candidates for Day 2, and 28 candidates for Day 3.

These minutes cover the whole 3 days of selections.

For each candidate a total of 20 minutes was allocated, 15 of interviews and 5 of panel close doors discussions. Then each panel was also allocated time, if it so wished, to revise the individual files and the overall results for a sector, either at the end of the day, or during each break, as well as at the end of the 3 days during the final consensus meeting, in order to ensure consistency and accuracy in the marking. The panels reached consensus on all candidates on whether or not they were suitable to be awarded a grant. The panels also agreed on the number of reserve for each sector during the final consensus meeting.

The following 2 candidates did not show at the interviews and were therefore excluded:

- Ardita Haxhijaj (Panel A, Thursday 8th April)
- Argjend Zhubi (Panel B, Saturday 10th April – the candidate registered but withdraw before the interview)

Candidates were required to come one hour before to the scheduled time of their interview to prepare for presentation on a topic they randomly picked-up from a list of 10 short papers (each ca 3.5 pages long). The following topics were take from the EU website (from the Scadplus database):

- 1) Civil Society Dialogue with Candidate Countries;
- 2) Climate Change in the context of development cooperation;
- 3) Energy cooperation with developing countries;
- 4) Enlargement, two years after - an economic success
- 5) Health and poverty reduction
- 6) Instruments for Pre-Accession Assistance
- 7) Productivity: The Key to Competitiveness of European Economies and Enterprises
- 8) Strategy for sustainable development
- 9) The mutual recognition principle in the single market
- 10) Towards an EU Aid for trade strategy

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The Interviews timetable was the following:

Thursday 8th (a total of 42 candidates interviewed, 21 for each panel)

- 09h00/10h40 start of interviews (5 candidates x panel)
- 10h40/11h10 break
- 11h10/12h50 interviews (5 candidates x panel)
- 12h50/14h00 lunch break
- 14h00/15h20 interviews (4 candidates x panel)
- 15h20/15h50 break
- 15h50/17h30 (5 candidates x panel)
- 17h30/18h00 break
- 18h00/18h40 (2 candidates x panel)
- 18h40/19h10 Consensus meeting

Friday 9th (a total of 43 candidates interviewed, 21 for each panel)

- 09h00/10h40 start of interviews (5 candidates x panel)
- 10h40/11h10 break
- 11h10/12h50 interviews (5 candidates x panel)
- 12h50/14h00 lunch break
- 14h00/15h20 interviews (4 candidates x panel)
- 15h20/15h50 break
- 15h50/17h30 (5 candidates x panel)
- 17h30/18h00 break
- 18h00/18h40 (2 candidates x panel)
- 18h40/19h00 (1 candidates for panel B)
- 19h00/19h30 Consensus meeting

Saturday 10th (a total of 28 candidates interviewed, 14 for each panel)

- 09h00/10h40 start of interviews (5 candidates x panel)
- 10h40/11h10 break
- 11h10/12h50 interviews (5 candidates x panel)
- 12h50/14h00 lunch break
- 14h00/15h20 interviews (last 4 candidates x panel)
- 15h20/15h50 break
- 15h50/17h00 Final Consensus meeting and sectors rankings

This has been the interviews schedule:

Time of interview	Panel A			Panel B		
Thursday 8th April						
09.00 – 09.20	Floridë	Shatri	8	Vigan	Ramadani	7
09.20 – 09.40	Mrika	Pepa	5	Jeta	Bakija	5
09.40 – 10.00	Kestrina	Bakija	2	Flamur	Krasniqi	4
10.00 – 10.20	Lisander	Avdiu	4	Valon	Lepaja	5
10.20 – 10.40	Arianit	Osmani	10	Vullnet	Hyseni	6
Break						
11.10 – 11.30	Borebardha	Sadiku	9	Amir	Zhegrova	1
11.30 – 11.50	Delfine	Elshani	2	Ajtene	Berisha-Arifi	1
11.50 – 12.10	Erëmirë	Berisha	9	Kujtesa	Hajredini	8

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