

Call for Candidates

1. Context

The Luxembourg Climate Policy Observatory (*Observatoire de la politique climatique*, OPC) is a scientific council currently composed of 6 members with expertise in climate change and climate action.¹

The OPC was created in accordance with Article 7 of the [Luxembourg Climate Law](#), and in October 2021 the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg appointed the members of the OPC.

2. General Mandate and Objective

The mission of the OPC is (1) to give opinions on projects, actions or measures that may have an impact on climate policy; (2) to scientifically evaluate the measures carried out or envisaged in the field of climate policy and to analyse their effectiveness; (3) to propose new measures; (4) to draw up an annual report for the government on the implementation of climate policy; and (5) to propose research and studies in relevant fields.

The OPC strives to make a significant contribution to informing climate change policy and practice in a science-based and impactful way. Identifying the leverage points for achieving the broadest and fastest possible climate action is a priority shared by all its members, given the urgency of the situation.

Based on the legal mandate and the diversity of expertise and experience of its members, the OPC believes it has several unique strengths that will enable it to add value in areas that are particularly difficult to address from the position of a single department or organization. The OPC is particularly well positioned to respond to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) assessment that “climate governance is most effective when it interacts with multiple policy areas, helps to build synergies and minimize trade-offs,” and connects different actors across sectors and levels of governance (national, municipal, individual actor level). In addition,

¹ <https://opc-luxembourg.lu/en/>

the IPCC emphasizes that effective governance will rely on the empowerment of diverse actors to engage in profound changes in dominant ways of thinking and acting.

3. Members and Governance

The OPC is a scientific council currently composed of 6 members chosen among people with expertise in a field directly related to the Observatory's mandate. Other selection criteria include complementary expertise in relevant knowledge areas and gender diversity. Current members' areas of expertise range from climate economics and finance, economic geography and political science, multi-criteria analysis and life cycle assessment, biochemistry and systems science. three members are based in Luxembourg and three members are based abroad. Members are appointed for a 5-year term that is renewable in addition to their main job elsewhere and have an annual budget from the state budget.

For more information on the OPC and its current members, please see the website: <https://opc-luxembourg.lu/en/>

A Secretariat supports the mission of the OPC with three other highly qualified experts in climate modelling, greenhouse gas (GHG) projections, climatology, adaptation, climate policy and environmental regulation. The Ministry of Environment, Climate and Biodiversity hosts the Secretariat. The OPC Bureau consists of the President, Vice-President, and Secretariat.

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4.1 Member attendance

OPC members commit themselves to attending 8-10 Plenary meetings per year, held mainly online with some in-person sessions, as well as contributing to the reports written by the OPC members.

The OPC conducts its meetings and writes its reports in English.

4.2 Member compensation and budget

OPC Members are compensated for attending OPC meetings. In addition, when members travel for the OPC, their travel costs are compensated according to the criteria of civil servants and employees of the State.

The OPC has a budget of about 100,000 euro per year to pay for members' attendance fees and travel, as well as to finance the work of the OPC, such as to conduct research, maintain the website, or edit and layout its reports.

4.3 Profiles sought and application procedure

The Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg is seeking to expand the OPC from 6 to maximum 9 members. Interested applicants should have:

- a PhD degree
- expertise in one or more of the following topics: climate science, climate/energy policy, climate/energy economics, climate finance, climate-resilient development, climate mitigation or adaptation, climate impacts on health, climate communications, behavioural science or psychology in climate action, or climate justice or law.

The Government seeks to maintain gender balance in the OPC. In addition, an understanding of the Luxembourgish context is considered an advantage.

Interested applicants should email their CV (max 4 pages) and a 1-2 page letter of motivation detailing their expertise and how they would like to contribute to the work of the OPC to opc.secretariat@mev.etat.lu by 23h59 on ~~31-January-2025~~ 2 February 2025.

Applicants may receive an invitation to interview with the final selection being made by March 2025.

Selected candidates are then proposed in and approved by the Government Council for a renewable mandate of 5 years.