



Brussels,  
DG JUST/E6/VC

**Subject: Renewal of the European Consumer Consultative Group for the period 2016-2019**

Dear Mr Votta,

I am pleased to inform you that the Commission has decided to appoint you as a Full Member of the European Consumer Consultative Group (ECCG). The relevant Decision of 18 August C(2016) 5417 is attached. This Decision shall enter into force on the first day following the day of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU).

The role of ECCG members, according to the Commission Decision 2009/705/EC<sup>1</sup>, is to advocate for the full range of consumer interests from their respective Member States, and bring the national perspective into the discussions at EU level, providing the Commission with advice and opinions. In this respect, ECCG members must ensure they represent all consumer organisations from their respective Member States, and not only their own organisation.

ECCG members should act as the main liaison point between the Commission and these organisations and be responsible for consulting them and keeping them informed of all consumer policy developments relevant to the ECCG. They also have to provide the Commission with an annual report on how this has been achieved as well as a summary of national consumer policy developments.

In accordance with the Commission's decision of 30 May 2016 establishing horizontal rules on the creation and operation of Commission expert groups<sup>2</sup>, the list of members of the Group and its proceedings will be published on the Commission's website. The first meeting of the ECCG will take place on 18 October 2016 and will take place in the context of the European Consumer Summit. A separate invitation letter will be sent.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://publications.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/334ff17e-9962-4353-9cbb-d9e1e93521f2/language-en>

<sup>2</sup> <http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/rep/3/2016/EN/3-2016-3301-EN-F1-1.PDF>

I look forward to working with you and benefiting from your experience and your daily contact with the consumer movement in your country. Your contribution to this group is a very important parameter in the shaping of actions in consumer policy.

Yours sincerely,



Despina Spanou

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