

Observers' Feedback Checklist

Observer:

Interviewee:

Position being Interviewed for:

Would you recommend this person for the position? Y/N

What	Feedback
Overall Impression e.g.	
Fit with Post	
Potential	
Capacity to learn	
Leadership	
Management	
Understanding of the post, the role &	
the challenges	
Non Verbal Language:	
Eye Contact	
Body language	
Use of STAR stories	
Examples:	
Answering the Questions:	
Clarity	
Conciseness	
Completeness	
Other:	



Common HoU Interview Questions

- 1. Tell us about yourself in a few words
- 2. Why did you apply for this post? What interests you most about the post?
- 3. How do you see your own role as a Head of Unit?
- 4. List 3 major achievements in your career
- 5. What is the ideal Manager for you?
- 6. What management style do you think you would adopt?
- 7. In what way do you think you are qualified for this post?
- 8. If you were to be a HoU, how would you organize the work in the unit?
- 9. What is your vision of management at the European commission?
- 10. What do you think could be improved in the way Managers manage at the Commission?
- 11. If you had to take someone on for this job, what qualities would you look for?
- 12. In order be quickly operational, what resources would you need? Could there be obstacles? How would you overcome them then?
- 13. What are the strengths you feel you could bring as a manager? In what areas do you feel you should still improve?
- 14. What do you have to offer as a Head of Unit?
- 15. What kind of people do you not get along with?
- 16. How do you react when your ideas are rejected by your hierarchy (SM) and by your staff?
- 17. How do you cope with pressure? Could you give an example of a recent situation where you had to cope with pressure and how?
- 18. Describe the way you plan your day, week?
- 19. What do you see yourself doing in five ten years time?
- 20. How do you deal with a major reorganisation in the DG where you know your staff will have to be redeployed?
- 21. How do you deal with a person who is not performing well (underperformance case)?
- 22. How do you deal with demotivated staff?
- 23. How do you deal with conflicts within your unit? Conflicts with another unit?
- 24. How do you react when you realize you have many short deadlines at the same time and you do not have the time to respect them all?
- 25. Could you tell us of a recent issue you experienced at work and how you coped with it?
- 26. What will you do if you are *not* recruited?

