



Secretariat of the Transparency Register

Minutes Management Board Meeting 12 July 2022 15:00 (Brussels)

- Chair:** Klaus WELLE, Secretary General of the European Parliament
- EP:** Nikolas LANE, Chiara MALASOMMA, Tim PETERS
- Council:** Didier SEEUWS, Inga ROSIŃSKA, Fernando FLORINDO GIJON, Caroline GERKENS
- EC:** Ilze JUHANSONE, Christos SAKELLARIOU
- Secretariat:** María OLIVÁN AVILÉS (Coordinator of the Secretariat)

The Chair welcomed the participants and recalled that one year after the entry into force of the 2021 Interinstitutional Agreement, the joint framework has been implemented successfully.

GOVERNANCE DECISIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLES 7 AND 8 OF THE IIA

Chair of the Management Board

The Management Board confirmed the chairing rotation agreed at its inaugural meeting and the Council's chairing in 2023.

Appointment of the Coordinator of the Secretariat

The Management Board thanked Ms Maria OLIVÁN-AVILÉS, for her work performed as Coordinator of the Secretariat, and reappointed her for an additional term of one year, until the end of 2023.

STATE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IIA

The Coordinator of the Secretariat presented the state of play of implementation of the 2021 Interinstitutional Agreement. The Management Board welcomed the progress and work performed by the Secretariat in implementing the mandatory register framework.

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

The Management Board adopted the annual report for 2021, agreed to submit it to the signatory institutions and to publish it on the Transparency Register website.

ANNUAL PRIORITIES AND BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2023

The Management Board took note of the Secretariat's assessment of the 10-year-old IT platform supporting the functioning of the Transparency Register, based on the expertise of the relevant information technology (IT) services of the signatory institutions.

The Management Board adopted the annual priorities and budget estimates for 2023 and the share that each signatory institution undertakes to finance.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2024

The Management Board agreed on the draft preliminary budget estimates for 2024, on the understanding that these will be aligned with the annual priorities for 2024 and the state of implementation of the remake of the Transparency Register's IT architecture, and subject to a decision at its next meeting.

RUSSIAN INTEREST REPRESENTATIVES AND THE REGISTER

The Management Board noted that the EU has taken several actions in response to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, including economic sanctions and measures taken by the Union institutions to help curb the spread of false narratives and influence coming from the Russian Federation.

The Management Board noted both the Council's and the Commission's positive replies to Parliament's call to take joint action and agreed to instruct the Secretariat to implement this agreement. The Secretariat will suspend those interest representatives headquartered in Russia in the framework of the investigations to be launched concerning them. As a next step, the Secretariat will investigate other cases of registered entities clearly promoting Russian government interests, where it emerges that their registration damages the reputation of the register.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The Council, holding the Chair of the Management Board in 2023, declared its readiness to host the next meeting in the second quarter of 2023.