



## Secretariat of the Transparency Register

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### **Minutes Management Board Meeting 31 March 2023 - 11h00 Brussels**

- Chair:** Thérèse BLANCHET, Secretary General of the Council
- EP:** Alessandro CHIOCCHETTI, Nikolas LANE, Michael WEISS, Chiara MALASOMMA, Edouard DIRRIG
- Council:** Inga ROSIŃSKA, Fernando FLORINDO GIJÓN, Jérôme GUICHARD, Caroline GERKENS
- EC:** Ilze JUHANSONE, Tatjana VERRIER, Christos SAKELLARIOU
- Secretariat:** María OLIVÁN AVILÉS (Coordinator of the Secretariat)

The Chair welcomed the participants, noting that the Transparency Register has been the focus of much attention and scrutiny in the past months, and that this is likely to continue in the upcoming year, in the run-up to the European elections. In this context, the Management Board took note of the ongoing actions to strengthen integrity, independence and accountability in the Parliament.

#### **GOVERNANCE DECISIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLES 7 AND 8 OF THE IIA**

##### Appointment of the Coordinator of the Secretariat

The Management Board appointed the head of the transparency unit in the General Secretariat of the Council, Mr. Fernando FLORINDO GIJÓN, as Coordinator of the Secretariat for a term of one year (1st of January until 31 of December 2024).

#### **STATE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MANDATORY TRANSPARENCY REGISTER**

The Coordinator of the Secretariat Ms. Maria OLIVÁN-AVILÉS presented the state of play of implementation of the mandatory transparency register.

The Management Board took note of the increasing challenges for the register and the Secretariat's work in terms of significant number of complaints, sensitive own-initiative investigations and the ever-increasing demand for high quality data in the Transparency Register. The Management Board stressed the importance of targeted quality checks and proactive awareness-raising.

The Management Board thanked the Coordinator and the Secretariat for the intensive work carried out so far since the last Management Board meeting.

#### **ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT**

The Management Board adopted the annual report for 2022, agreed to submit it to the signatory institutions and to publish it on the Transparency Register website.

#### **ANNUAL PRIORITIES AND BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2024**

The Management Board adopted the annual priorities, the budget estimates for 2024 and agreed to maintain the shares that each signatory institution undertakes to finance.

#### **PRELIMINARY BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2025**

The Management Board agreed on the draft preliminary budget estimates for 2025, on the understanding that these will be aligned with the annual priorities for 2025 and, as budget estimates, will be subject to a decision at the next meeting of the Management Board.

#### **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The Commission, holding the Chair of the Management Board in 2024, declared its readiness to host the next meeting in the second quarter of 2024.