

Secretariat of the Transparency Register

Minutes Management Board Meeting 24 September 2021

Chair: Klaus WELLE

EP: Nikolas LANE, Tim PETERS

EC: Ilze JUHANSONE, Pascal LEARDINI, María OLIVÁN AVILÉS

Council: Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN, Inga ROSIŃSKA, Fernando FLORINDO GIJON

The Secretary-General of the European Parliament welcomed the participants to the first meeting, in particular the Council, and recalled that the new IIA establishes a two-level governance structure, with a joint operational Secretariat entrusted with the daily management of the Register under the authority of this Management Board.

GOVERNANCE DECISIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLES 7 AND 8 OF THE IIA

Chair of the Management Board:

The Management Board agreed that the Secretary-General of the Parliament would chair the Management Board for its first term and until the end of 2022, followed by the Secretary-General of Council for the year 2023 and the Secretary-General of the Commission for 2024.

Appointment of the Secretariat Coordinator:

The Management Board appointed the Head of the Unit responsible for transparency in the Secretariat General of the Commission, Ms Maria OLIVÁN-AVILÉS, as Coordinator for the Secretariat for the remaining period of 2021 and for a renewable term of one year as of 2022.

STATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW IIA

The Management Board heard an overview from the Coordinator on the current state of play on implementation and welcomed the progress already made and the work done by the Secretariat since the entry into force of the IIA.

ANNUAL PRIORITIES AND BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2022, INCLUDING FOR IT DEVELOPMENT

The Management Board determined, based on the proposals of the Secretariat, the annual priorities for the Transparency Register in 2022.

The Management Board instructed the Secretariat to undertake an assessment of the performance of the 10-year old IT platform underpinning the Transparency Register and to present the results of that assessment to the Management Board at its next meeting.

The Secretariat should make full use of IT expertise available, through the setting up of an IT working group, where the relevant IT services of the three institutions are represented.

The Management Board approved the budget estimates for the implementation of the annual priorities for 2022, as proposed by the Secretariat, and agreed on the following shares:

EC: 57%; EP: 33%; Council: 10%.

The Management Board instructed the Secretariat to make the necessary arrangements and liaise with the competent authorising officers of the signatory institutions in order to ensure that the agreed annual financial commitments for 2022 are fully implemented.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2023

The Management Board took note of the draft preliminary budget estimates for 2023, as proposed by the Secretariat, on the understanding that these will be aligned with the annual priorities for 2023 and subject to a decision at its next meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The Management Board agreed to hold its annual meetings during the 2nd quarter of the year, to allow for due consideration of the annual Transparency Register budget estimates and to ensure their inclusion as part of the annual budgetary procedures of each of the signatory institutions. In line with this decision, the Management Board agreed to hold its next meeting during the last week of April 2022 (week 17).