

eu-LISA MANAGEMENT BOARD PROCEEDINGS SUMMARY

WHEN	20 and 21 March 2024
WHERE	Radisson Blu Astrid Hotel, Antwerp, Belgium
WHAT	The 48th Management Board meeting

On 20 and 21 March 2024, the Management Board of the European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (eu-LISA) held its **45th meeting** in Antwerp, Belgium, under the auspices of Belgium's Presidency to the Council of the European Union. The meeting was opened by the Belgian State Secretary for Asylum and Migration, Ms Nicole de Moor.

Management Board Chairperson Mr Zsolt Szolnoki (HU) welcomed the participants and introduced the **agenda**.

During the first day of the meeting, the Commission updated the Board on the state of play of the legal proposals that affect the operations of eu-LISA and information was exchanged about the assessments that the Agency has performed recently in relation to the **new initiatives** and the **upcoming governance bodies** of eu-LISA. The Commission updated the Board about the status of **the evaluation of eu-LISA** and contractor Deloitte updated the Board about the outcomes of the benchmarking exercise. The Executive Director shared feedback with the Board from **the Justice and Home Affairs Council meeting** of 4-5 March.

The focus on the first day of the meeting was on the status updates related to the implementation of the systems. The Management Board decided to **include the Central System for Yellow-Link Resolution project in the Single Programming Document 2024-2026** and supported the Agency's efforts to progressively identify possible redeployments within the existing budget and human resources. The Board was also informed about **the results of the Agency's Corporate Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)** in 2023, the contribution of eu-LISA in **research activities**, the status of eu-LISA's **building projects**, the status of the **staffing situation**, and **the implementation of the Agency's budget for 2023**.

The highlight of the second day was the **election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Management Board**. The Management Board decided to appoint **Mr Rene Vihalem (EE)** as the **Chairperson of the Board**, effective from 21 June 2024 and **Ms Hanna De Backer (BE)** as the **Deputy Chairperson of the Board**, effective from 22 March 2024.

The Head of the Internal Audit Capability (IAC) presented to the Board **the Annual Report of the IAC for 2023, the audit report on Configuration Management** and the status of **implementation of open audit recommendations**. On the latter, the Board acknowledged the good progress with the implementation of audit recommendations and looks forward to receiving confirmation on the closure of the pending recommendations, from the auditors in charge. The Head of the Agency's Corporate Services Department informed the Board about **the preliminary findings of the European Court of Auditors on the 2023 accounts** of the Agency and the discharge proceedings of the 2022 accounts. The eu-LISA **Security Officer** gave an update on the security-related points and presented the **VIS Exercise 2023 Report**. The Management Board adopted the **VIS Business Continuity Plan and the VIS Security Plan**. The **Data Protection Officer** of eu-LISA provided the status update of the data protection-related activities and the **DPO Annual Work Report for 2023**.



Under Any Other Business, the Secretary of the Management Board presented the very positive results of the 2023 eu-LISA **Management Board Secretariat External Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey**.

The next Management Board meeting is planned to be held in Tallinn, Estonia on **19-20 June 2024**.