

## MINUTES MB MEETING

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### Participants:

**Members/Alternates:** Sirpa Rautio (FI, Chairperson), Filippo di Robilant (IT, Vice-Chairperson), Charles Banner (UK), Jacqueline Biesheuvel-Vermeijden (NL), Pierre Calmes (LU), Rainer Hofmann (CoE), David Joyce (IE), Imre Juhász (HU), Krassimir Kanev (BG), Elżbieta Karska (PL), Julija Kiršienė (LT), Julie Lejeune (BE), Daniel Ludet (FR, alternate), Marián Mesároš (SK, alternate), Mārtiņš Pāparinskis (LV), Nuno Piçarra (PT), Kertti Pilvik (EE), Lawrence Quintano (MT), Alejandro Saiz Arnaiz (ES), Heiko Sauer (DE), Harald Scheu (CZ), Tena Šimonović Einwalter (HR, alternate), Elisavet Symeonidou-Kastanidou (EL), Verica Trstenjak (SI), Erik Wennerström (SE), Irina Zlătescu (RO)

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**Excused Members:** Elise Barbé (FR), Louise Halleskov Storgaard (DK), Peter Kostelka (AT), Eliza Savvidou (CY), Lora Vidović (HR), Pavol Žilinčík (SK)

**Observers/Guest:** Uranija Pirovska (FY), Han Entzinger (SC), Tatiana Termacic (CoE)



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## 1 Opening remarks and approval of the draft agenda, possible conflicts of interest

<b>Main Conclusions:</b>	
1.1	No new conflicts of interest were reported. The Chairperson reminded members and alternate members of the importance to submit their declarations of interest on a yearly basis and asked full members to remind their alternate members of this obligation.
1.2	The draft agenda was adopted.
<b>Decision:</b>	A. The draft agenda was approved.

## 2 Selection process for the Scientific Committee 2018-2023: final appointment

<b>Main Conclusions:</b>	
2.1	The Management Board appointed the following candidates as members of the new Scientific Committee, whose five-year term of office shall start on 4 June 2018: Kieran Bradley, François Crépeau, Theodora Kostakopoulou, Joanna Kulesza, Julia Laffranque, Anja Mihr, Francesco Palermo, Martin Scheinin, Nico Schrijver, Anne Waldschmidt, and Siniša Zrinščak.
<b>Decision:</b>	B. Kieran Bradley, François Crépeau, Theodora Kostakopoulou, Joanna Kulesza, Julia Laffranque, Anja Mihr, Francesco Palermo, Martin Scheinin, Nico Schrijver, Anne Waldschmidt, and Siniša Zrinščak were appointed members of the new Scientific Committee 2018-2023.

## 3 Approval of the draft minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> MB meeting

<b>Main Conclusions:</b>	
3.1	The draft minutes of the 28 <sup>th</sup> MB meeting were approved.
<b>Decision:</b>	C. The draft minutes of the 28 <sup>th</sup> MB meeting were approved.



### **4 - Report from the 47<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting and on the Chairperson's activities**

#### **- Report of the Director on the work of FRA in the last period**

##### **Main Conclusions:**

- 4.1 The Chairperson reported from the 47<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> Executive Board meetings. She also referred to her activities on behalf of the Agency in Finland and at EU level.
- 4.2 The Director updated on the Agency's operational activities since the 28<sup>th</sup> MB meeting on the basis of his written report. He presented key outputs and progress of work in the five strategic pillars, which were agreed by the Management Board in the FRA Strategy 2018-2022. Those are: 1) Identifying trends: collecting and analysing comparable data and evidence; 2) Contributing to better law making and implementation: providing independent advice; 3) Supporting rights-compliant policy responses with real-time assistance; 4) Effectively promoting rights, values and freedoms; and 5) strengthening cooperation with national and local fundamental rights actors: working with communities of support. He also reported on the Agency's institutional relations, in particular with current and incoming Presidencies of the Council of the EU, with the Council of Europe, the United Nations, the OSCE and its Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR). Finally, he referred to his written report for an update on internal governance. The Board welcomed the report and its new structure. It discussed specific operational activities during the reporting period.

### **5 Update and discussion on EU-Fundamental Rights Policy developments**

##### **Main Conclusions:**

- 5.1 The Commission informed about the timeline for the publication of its annual report on the application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, allowing for synergies with the Agency's Fundamental Rights Report released and presented simultaneously to the European Parliament and Council. The Commission also updated on latest fundamental rights related Commission policy and legislative activities, including initiatives related to the rule of law, actions to support civil society, whistleblowing, the EU Pillar of Social Rights, artificial intelligence, tackling online disinformation, as well as the entry into force of the General Data Protection Regulation. It also informed that the process of granting observer status to Serbia has been concluded and that Serbia will now be asked to nominate an observer to the Management Board and National Liaison Officer. The progress is also well advanced regarding Albania's observer status. Finally, the Commission reported on cooperation activities with the Agency, including in connection with the Agency's survey on discrimination and hate crime against Jews, the Commission's Annual Colloquium on Fundamental Rights in November 2018, and the joint seminar with the Austrian Presidency on the Charter, as well as the High-level Group on Racism and Xenophobia taking place in Vienna in October 2018.





## 6 In camera session

<b>Main Conclusions:</b>
6.1 The members of the Management Board discussed confidential matters.

## 7 a) Adoption of the Fundamental Rights Report 2018 b) Fundamental Rights Report 2019: Focus section

<b>Main Conclusions:</b>	
7.1 The Chair of the Annual Report Editorial Committee (AREdit) presented the Fundamental Rights Report (FRR) 2018. The Management Board adopted the FRR 2018.	
7.2 The Management Board selected the following topic for the focus section of the FRR 2019: " <i>The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the EU from a human rights perspective</i> ".	
<b>Decision:</b>	D. The Management Board adopted the Fundamental Rights Report 2018.
<b>Decision</b>	E. The Management Board selected the topic " <i>The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the EU from a human rights perspective</i> " for the focus section of the Fundamental Rights Report 2019.

## 8 Financial matters

<b>Main Conclusions:</b>
8.1 The Management Board heard a report from the Chair of the Budget Committee on financial matters, which covered the final accounts 2017, the Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2017, the amendment of the Programming Document 2018-2020, as well as the amending budget 2018_01.

## 9 Opinion of the MB on the Final Accounts 2017

<b>Main Conclusions:</b>	
9.1 The Management Board adopted its opinion on the Final Accounts 2017.	
<b>Decision:</b>	F. The Management Board adopted its opinion on the Final Accounts 2017.



## 10 Adoption of the Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2017

<b>Main Conclusions:</b>	
10.1 The Management Board adopted the Consolidated Annual Activity Report (CAAR) 2017. It underlined the utility of this report and suggested to include FRA achievements drawn from it into the next FRR.	
<b>Decision:</b>	G. The Management Board adopted the CAAR 2017.

## 11 a) Budgetary transfer 2018\_01 and amendment of the Programming Document 2018-2020

### b) Amending budget 2018\_01

<b>Main Conclusions:</b>	
11.1 The Head of the Corporate Services Department introduced the first amendment of the Programming Document 2018-2020, which was adopted by the Management Board.	
11.2 The Head of the Corporate Services Department presented the proposed Amending Budget 2018_01, which was adopted by the Management Board.	
<b>Decision:</b>	H. The Management Board adopted amendment 1 of the Programming Document 2018-2020. I. The Management Board adopted the proposed amending budget 2018_01.

## 12 Update on the Programming Document 2019-2021

<b>Main Conclusions:</b>	
12.1 The Director presented the updated Programming Document (PD) 2019-2021, as well as the proposal for a new structure of the PD 2019-2021.	
12.2 The Management Board discussed the updated PD 2019-2021 which will be adopted in December. While the Commission will submit its statutory formal opinion on the draft by July 2018, it provided a number of informal comments for consideration by the Board.	
12.3 The Director presented a possible new format to be applied starting with the Programming Document 2020-2022.	



### 13 Director's note on the development of the Annual Work Programme 2020

<b>Main Conclusions:</b>	
13.1	The Director outlined the proposed priorities for 2020. The Management Board expressed appreciation for the quality of the note.

### 14 FRA Surveys

<b>Main Conclusions:</b>	
14.1	The Management Board was informed about the Agency's approach regarding FRA surveys 2020 and beyond, in order to respond to requests to repeat FRA's surveys.

### 15 Revision of the Agency's Rules of Procedure

<b>Main Conclusions:</b>	
15.1	The Management Board discussed the proposal for a revision of the Agency's Rules of Procedure. A number of comments were received and will be taken into account. The Commission, the Scientific Committee and the MB member appointed by the CoE will be consulted before the revision can be adopted by the MB.
15.2	The adoption of the revision is envisaged for December 2018.

### 16 New internal control framework

<b>Main Conclusions:</b>	
16.1	The Management Board adopted the proposed new internal control framework.
<b>Decision:</b>	J. The Management Board adopted the proposed new internal control framework.

### 17 Impact of the withdrawal of the UK from the EU on FRA's work

<b>Main Conclusions:</b>	
17.1	The Management Board discussed the withdrawal of the UK from the Agency. The MB decided to establish an ad hoc Working Group on the matter.



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### 18 Fundamental Rights Forum (FRF) 2018: update

#### Main Conclusions:

- 18.1 The MB received an update regarding the FRF 2018, which also highlighted the strong involvement of the Council of Europe and the United Nations (including by linking the discussions to the Sustainable Development Agenda). The format and contents of the event were welcomed.

### 19 Any other business

#### Main Conclusions:

- 19.1 The Management Board thanked the Chair of the outgoing Scientific Committee, Mr Han Entzinger, and expressed its appreciation for the good cooperation over the past years.

Date of the next meeting: 13 – 14 December 2018

Approved on:	13 DEC. 2018
By the Chair:	S. Ranta

