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**Management Board Decision No 165
of 14 May 2024**

on the multiannual programme for the period 2026-2030 and the preceding pilot phase for monitoring the operational and technical application of the Common European Asylum System

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD,

HAVING REGARD to Regulation (EU) 2021/2303 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 2021 on the European Union Agency for Asylum¹ (hereinafter ‘the EUAA Regulation’), and in particular Articles 15(1) and 41(1)(y) thereof,

WHEREAS:

- 1) Article 15(1) of the EUAA Regulation provides that the Management Board, on the basis of a proposal of the Executive Director and in consultation with the Commission, is to adopt a programme for the purposes of the monitoring mechanism referred to in Article 14 of the EUAA Regulation (hereinafter ‘multiannual monitoring programme’), which covers the operational and technical application of all aspects of the Common European Asylum System (‘CEAS’) in each Member State, and thematic or specific aspects of the CEAS with regard to all Member States.
- 2) Pursuant to Article 15(1) of the EUAA Regulation the multiannual monitoring programme is to indicate which Member States’ asylum and reception systems are to be monitored in a particular year, provided that each Member State is monitored at least once in every five-year period (hereinafter ‘monitoring cycle’).
- 3) In accordance with Article 15(1) of the EUAA Regulation, the Commission has been consulted on the multiannual monitoring programme through bilateral exchanges and in writing.
- 4) The Monitoring Advisory Group established on 22 February 2023 composed of Member States, the Commission and UNHCR as an observer under the coordination of the EUAA, provided technical expertise in the preparation of the common methodology for the monitoring

¹ Regulation (EU) 2021/2303 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 2021 on the European Union Agency for Asylum and repealing Regulation (EU) No 439/2010, (OJ L 468, 30.12.2021, p. 1).





mechanism² through extensive discussions on deliverables in writing and during the seven meetings organised between April 2023 and February 2024.

- 5) The Management Board held a thematic meeting on monitoring on 29 February 2024 and further discussed the implications of the New Pact on Migration and Asylum on the monitoring programme during its plenary meeting held on 13 March 2024. In view of the preparations required to adapt to the changes to the CEAS introduced by the legislative instruments of the aforementioned New Pact and the associated implementation tasks of the Member States, the Management Board agreed to start the first monitoring cycle in the second half of 2026 and conduct monitoring exercises in two Member States in a preceding pilot phase.
- 6) Section 11 of the Annex to MB Decision No 161 lays down the criteria for the multiannual monitoring programme whereby the Management Board adopts the multiannual monitoring programme for each monitoring cycle setting out the provisional schedule of Member States to be monitored under point (a) of Article 15(1) of the EUAA Regulation (hereinafter 'country monitoring') in each monitoring cycle, and the provisional number of monitoring exercises on the implementation of thematic or specific aspects of the CEAS across all Member States, insofar as these can be forecast for the duration of a monitoring cycle.
- 7) Pursuant to Article 41(1)(y) of the EUAA Regulation, the Management Board is to adopt the multiannual programme for monitoring the operational and technical application of the CEAS in accordance with Article 15(1) of the EUAA Regulation.
- 8) The Netherlands and Estonia voluntarily expressed their interest to be the two Member States participating in the preceding pilot phase referred to in recital (5),

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 **Multiannual monitoring programme**

The multiannual monitoring programme for the monitoring cycle covering the period 2026-2030 and the preceding pilot phase, as annexed to this Decision, is hereby adopted.

² Established by Management Board Decision No 161 of 13 March 2024 establishing a common methodology for the monitoring mechanism on the operational and technical application of the Common European Asylum System (hereinafter 'MB Decision No 161').



Article 2

Country monitoring

1. The Member States to be monitored during each year of the monitoring cycle shall be determined by the order of the Presidency of the Council European Union as established by Council Decision 2016/1316³ in line with the first paragraph of sub-section 11.1 of the Annex to MB Decision No 161.
2. The exact order and the timeline for the country monitoring exercises in a specific year shall be defined in the annual monitoring programme to be adopted by the Management Board by 30 June of the preceding year in line with the fifth paragraph of section 11 of the Annex to MB Decision No 161.

Article 3

Thematic monitoring

During the monitoring cycle for the period 2026-2030, the Agency shall perform at least one thematic monitoring exercise. The exact number and topics of thematic monitoring exercises, as well as the provisional timeline, shall be confirmed in the annual monitoring programmes referred to in Article 2(2).

Article 4

Pilot exercises

1. Pilot exercises shall be conducted exceptionally in 2025, the year preceding the start of the monitoring cycle referred to in Article 1, and shall be considered as an integral part of the first monitoring cycle thus having no impact on the multiannual programme 2026-2030.
2. Preparations for the pilot exercises shall start in 2024.

Article 5

Transparency

This Decision shall be made public on the Agency's website.

³ Council Decision (EU) 2016/1316 of 26 July 2016 amending Decision 2009/908/EU, laying down measures for the implementation of the European Council Decision on the exercise of the Presidency of the Council, and on the chairmanship of preparatory bodies of the Council.



Article 6
Entry into force

This Decision enters into force on the date of its adoption.

Done by written procedure

For the Management Board

Signature on file

Evelina Gudzinskaitė
Chairperson of the Management Board

Annex: Multiannual monitoring programme: period 2026-2030 and the preceding pilot phase.



Annex

Multiannual monitoring programme: period 2026-2030 and the preceding pilot phase

The Member States to be monitored in each year of the first monitoring cycle shall be as follows.

2025 ⁴	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Netherlands	<i>Review of the methodology⁵</i>	Austria	Portugal	Spain	Lithuania
		Romania	Slovenia	Belgium	Greece
Estonia	Slovakia	Finland	France	Hungary	Italy
	Malta	Croatia	Czech Republic	Poland	Latvia
	Bulgaria	Germany	Sweden	Cyprus	Luxembourg
				Ireland	

⁴ Pilot exercises to be conducted under Article 4 of this Decision.

⁵ Pursuant to Article 4 of MB Decision No 161.