

Valletta Harbour, 28 October 2025  
EUAA/MB/2025/187

**57<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting  
29-30 September 2025  
Valletta, Malta (hybrid format)**

**Summary of Proceedings**

New Members and Alternate Members of the Management Board were introduced:

- Mr Ivan Ivanov, Member representing Bulgaria
- Mr Alain Espinasse, Alternate Member representing France
- Ms Doris Manot, Alternate Observer representing Liechtenstein

**Highlights of the meeting**

- **EUAA Pact Programme:** The representative of the Commission gave an update on the implementation of the Pact on Migration and Asylum; the Management Board discussed and adopted the 'Practical guide on free legal counselling'; and took note of and discussed the ongoing implementation of the Agency's Pact Programme and the Screening toolbox/Vulnerability check tool.
- **EUAA's Operations:** The Agency updated the Management Board on the current state of play, the plans for future EUAA activities and the associated budgetary and planning exercises underway in relation to its operations. The Management Board exchanged views on the topic.
- **EUAA Transition Programme: Proposal of a draft Management Board Decision on the provision of material support to Member States:** The Management Board exchanged views on the Agency's proposal for a Management Board Decision on the provision of material support to Member States.
- **Use of thematic multi-country Operational Plan for the purpose of relocation support:** The Agency presented a proposal for the use of a thematic multi-country Operational Plan for the purpose of relocation support, and the Management Board exchanged views on the topic.
- **Update from the Fundamental Rights Officer:** The Fundamental Rights Officer gave an update on the Complaints Mechanism. Both the Executive Director and the Fundamental Rights Officer presented their respective updates on the status of implementation of the

measures set out in the 2025 action plan for the implementation of the EUAA's 2024–2028 fundamental rights strategy as of Q2.

#### Administrative points

- **Work Programme 2025 and Budget 2025:** The Management Board took note of the state of play of the implementation of the Work Programme 2025 in Q2 2025 and was updated on the status of human resource and budget indicators as of 1 September 2025.
- **Governance:** The Management Board was informed about the outcome of the 2025 risk management exercise as well as the latest developments in relation to audit engagements and follow-up to reports from control bodies addressed to EUAA.

#### Main decisions taken by the Management Board:

- Country Guidance: Somalia
- Practical Guide on Free Legal Counselling
- Single Programming Document (SPD) 2025 -2027 including work Programme 2025 and Budget 2025 (Amendment 2)
- Single Programming Document (SPD) 2026 -2028 including work Programme 2026 and Budget 2026

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#### Key facts about EUAA:

EUAA budget for 2026: EUR 252.018 million

**EUAA staff foreseen in 2026:** 648 which includes: 371 Temporary Agents, 237 Contract Agents and Seconded National Experts (SNEs) and 40 Short-Term Contract Agents.

Currently, the EUAA provides **operational and technical assistance** to 10 Member States: BE, BG, CY, DE, EL, IT, MT, NL, RO and ES as set out in their respective [Operational Plans](#).