



**EUAA/MB/2025/091**

**Management Board Decision No 183  
of 17 June 2025**

**on the annual programme 2026 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 Asylum<sup>1</sup> (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 (the ‘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 Management Board adopted the multiannual monitoring programme for the period 2026-2030 and the preceding pilot phase by means of its Decision No 165 of 14 May 2024<sup>2</sup> (hereinafter ‘MB Decision No 165’), which indicates which Member States’ asylum and reception systems are to be monitored in a particular year, with each Member State being monitored at least once in every five-year period (hereinafter ‘monitoring cycle’).
- 3) Chapter 11 of the Annex to Management Board Decision No 161 of 13 March 2024<sup>3</sup> (hereinafter ‘MB Decision No 161’) requires, *inter alia*, the adoption of an annual monitoring programme, which is to confirm the Member States that will be subject to country monitoring exercises in the next year along with the order and the provisional timeline of the respective on-site visits in cooperation with the Member States, as well as the exact number and topics of thematic monitoring exercises along with the provisional timeline.

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.





- 4) Pursuant to Article 2(1) of MB Decision No 165, the Member States to be monitored during each year of the monitoring cycle are to be determined by the order of the Presidency of the Council of the European Union established by Council Decision 2009/908/EU<sup>4</sup> in line with the first paragraph of sub-section 11.1 of the Annex to MB Decision No 161.
- 5) The multiannual monitoring programme in the Annex to MB Decision No 165 establishes that the Member States to be monitored in 2026 are Slovakia, Malta and Bulgaria. As referred to in recital 3, the provisional timeline of the respective on-site visits is to be confirmed in the annual monitoring programme,

**HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:**

**Article 1**  
**Annual monitoring programme**

The annual monitoring programme for the year 2026 as laid down in this Decision is hereby adopted.

**Article 2**  
**Country monitoring**

1. The following Member States shall be monitored in 2026:
  - a) Slovakia;
  - b) Malta;
  - c) Bulgaria.
2. On-site visits shall be organised in line with the order set out in paragraph 1, and following the stages outlined in the monitoring methodology laid down in Management Board Decision No 161 and after consultation with the Member States. The timeline of the on-site visits will be as follows:
  - a) Slovakia (fourth quarter of 2026);
  - b) Malta (fourth quarter of 2026);
  - c) Bulgaria (first quarter of 2027).

**Article 3**  
**Thematic monitoring**

No thematic monitoring exercise shall be organised in 2026.

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<sup>4</sup> Council Decision 2009/908/EU of 1 December 2009, 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, (OJ L 322, 9.12.2009, p. 28), as amended by Council Decision (EU) 2016/1316 of 26 July 2016, (OJ L 208, 2.8.2016, p. 42).



**Article 4**  
**Transparency**

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

**Article 5**  
**Entry into force**

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

Done at Valletta Harbour

For the Management Board

*Signature on file*

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Chairperson of the Management Board