MANAGEMENT BOARD DECISION 29/2019
2 December 2019

on the composition of the Consultative Forum on Fundamental Rights

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Having regard to the European Border and Coast Guard Regulation\(^1\) (hereinafter the “Regulation”), in particular Article 70(2) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The Agency established a Consultative Forum on Fundamental Rights in 2012 (hereinafter the “Forum”). According to Article 70(1) of the Regulation, the Forum shall assist the Executive Director and the Management Board with independent advice in fundamental rights matters.

(2) Pursuant to Management Board Decision No 29/2015\(^2\), the term of mandate of the current Forum - as subsequently extended - ends on 31 December 2019\(^3\).

(3) Pursuant to Article 70(2) of the Regulation, the European Asylum Support Office (EASO), the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) shall be invited to the Forum. The Council of Europe (CoE), the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe - Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE ODIHR) are also to be invited to participate due to their mandate and expertise in the promotion and respect of fundamental rights in the field of border and migration management.

(4) Pursuant to Management Board Decision 26/2019\(^4\) an open call for applications was launched with the view of soliciting applications from civil society organisations to be part of a new composition of the Forum for a period of three years from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2022.

(5) In response to the open call a number of organisations indicated an interest in becoming a member of the Forum. A Selection Committee composed of the Executive Director, the Chairperson of the Management Board, the Head of the Fundamental Rights Office, the Chair of the current Consultative Forum and an expert nominated jointly by the European Asylum Support Office, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, the Director of Operational Response Division and the Director of Situational Awareness and Monitoring Division examined all applications and held interviews with

\(^2\) Management Board Decision 29/2015 of 9 September 2015 on the composition of the Frontex Consultative Forum on Fundamental Rights. See also Management Board Decision 24/2017 of 1 September 2017 selecting and inviting the proposed Civil Society Organisation to become a member of the Consultative Forum.
\(^4\) Management Board Decision 26/2019 of 14 October 2019 on the launch of an open call of applications for the new composition of the Consultative Forum and on setting out main composition criteria.
applicants using the main criteria to guide the composition of the Forum, as set out in the Annex to Management Board Decision 26/2019. Upon a proposal by the Executive Director, seven (7) civil society organisations were selected from among the applicants to be invited to participate in the Forum.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
Object

The Management Board hereby decides to establish a new composition of the Forum for a period of three years from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2022.

Article 2
Agencies of the European Union and International Organisations

1. Pursuant to Article 70(2) of the Regulation, the following Agencies of the European Union and an International Organisation are invited to participate in the Forum:
   a. The European Asylum Support Office (EASO);
   b. The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA);
   c. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

2. The following International Organisations are currently invited to participate in the Forum due to their mandate and expertise in the promotion and respect of fundamental rights in the field of border and migration management:
   a. The Council of Europe (CoE);
   b. The International Organization for Migration (IOM);
   c. The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe - Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE ODIHR).

This list may be reviewed and updated upon a proposal by the Executive Director by 31 December 2019.

Article 3
Civil Society Organisations

1. Seven (7) civil society organisations are invited to participate in the Forum following the public call for applications.

2. The seven selected organisations are:
   a. Amnesty International European Institutions Office (EIO),
   b. Churches’ Commission for Migrants in Europe (CCME),
   c. International Commission of Jurists (ICJ),
   d. Jesuit Refugee Service Europe (JRS),
   e. Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM),
   f. Red Cross EU Office (RCEU), and
   g. Save the Children (SC).

3. In the event that a civil society organisation decides to withdraw from the Forum during its mandate, the Management Board shall decide on a proposal by the Executive Director whether to launch an open call to fill in the vacancy.
Article 4
Working methods of the Forum

The rules regarding participation in the meetings of the Forum are laid down in Management Board Decision 18/2012\(^5\) pursuant to Article 70(2) of the Regulation.

Article 5
Entry into force and application

This Decision enters into force on the day of its adoption. It shall apply from 1 January 2020.

Done by written procedure, 2 December 2019.

For the Management Board

[signed]
Marko Gašperlin
Chairperson

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\(^5\) Management Board Decision 18/2012 of 26 September 2012 on the working methods of the Frontex Consultative Forum and the modalities of the transmission of information to the Frontex Consultative Forum.