

Agreement of EU Independent Fiscal Institutions

We, the undersigned heads of European Union independent fiscal institutions (EU IFIs), on behalf of our national institutions, agree on the establishment of a Network of EU Independent Fiscal Institutions.

EU IFIs are independent oversight bodies responsible for the monitoring of fiscal performance in our respective Member States. Independence, statutory as well as perceived, vis-à-vis the national authorities as well as EU institutions is central to our existence. The comparative advantage of EU IFIs lies in our clearly specified mandates, in the understanding of national economies and public finances, and close familiarity with domestic challenges and risks. Our independence, legitimacy and expertise in the eyes of the domestic public and national authorities are the foundations of the contribution we make to the effective functioning of our national fiscal frameworks and the EU fiscal framework.

The Network is a voluntary and inclusive institution open to all independent fiscal oversight bodies operating in the EU. It provides a platform to exchange views, expertise and pool resources in areas of common concern.

The Network appoints José Luis Escrivá, Chair of the Spanish Independent Authority for Fiscal Responsibility, to serve as the Chair for an initial term of two years. He works closely with Ľudovít Ódor, member of the Slovak Council for Budget Responsibility, his Deputy, appointed for a term of the same length. Their main responsibility is to represent the common interests of the members of the Network to external stakeholders, inter alia on matters pertaining to the EU fiscal framework.

Their work in this regard receives legitimacy from a Committee for EU Affairs of the Network. The Committee adopts positions on issues concerning relations with EU institutions, including on the EU fiscal framework. Membership in the Committee, as in the Network, is voluntary and open to any EU IFI. The Committee decides, as a rule, by consensus of participating IFIs. Administrative and technical support to the Committee is provided by the Secretariat, supplied as a voluntary contribution by selected EU IFIs.

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