
Decision n°: 2007/03 FRA MB

Subject: Creation of a Budget Committee

Person responsible: Director

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR
FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

HAVING REGARD to Article 7, paragraph 5 of the Provisional Rules of Procedure of the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA).

WHEREAS:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 creating FRA provides the Management Board with a number of responsibilities over financial matters.
- (2) The creation of a Budget Committee with the task of assisting the preparation of the discussions of the Management Board and the Executive Board on budgetary matters of the Agency, shall contribute to the better preparation of the discussions of these bodies on these matters.

HAS ADOPTED the following decision:

Article 1

1. The Management Board hereby sets up a Budget Committee. The members of the Budget Committee shall not be more than four including one representative of the European Commission.
2. With the exception of the Commission's representative, the members of the Budget Committee shall be elected by the Management Board, from among its members, to serve for a two-and-a-half year term. Their mandate can be renewed once.
3. The members of the Budget Committee shall be elected by the Management Board through a vote by simple majority.

Article 2

1. The Budget Committee shall assist in the preparation of the discussions of the Management Board and of the Executive Board on budgetary matters.
2. In particular, it shall consider:
 - i) annual and other financial reports to be presented to the Management Board;
 - ii) financial matters contained in auditors' reports.
3. The Budget Committee shall report in the first instance to the Executive Board which is charged with preparing Management Board decisions. The Chair of the Budget Committee shall be charged with reporting to the Executive Board and can participate in its meetings as an observer for the agenda points concerning financial issues.

Article 3

The Budget Committee shall elect the Chair of the Budget Committee from among its members. The term of the Chair of the Budget Committee and the procedure for his or her election shall be identical to the ones described in Article 1.

Article 4

The members of the Budget Committee shall have knowledge, competence and experience in dealing with budgetary and financial matters.


Article 5

1. The Budget Committee shall normally meet alongside meetings of the Executive Board which take place in conjunction with Management Board meetings.
2. In exceptional circumstances, and at the request of the Chair of the Management Board, it may meet at a time other than the one stipulated in the preceding paragraph.
3. The conclusions of the Budget Committee shall be taken by consensus. If the Budget Committee is not in a position to reach a conclusion by consensus, then the matter shall be referred to the Executive Board.

Article 6

The Director and the Agency services shall take part in the meetings of the Budget Committee, without voting rights.

Vienna, 22 October 2007

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Anastasia Crickley

Chairperson of the FRA Management Board