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EUAA Management Board elects Ms. Evelina Gudzinskait? as Chair



The EUAA Management Board has elected its Lithuanian member, Ms. Evelina Gudzinskait?, as its new Chair. A graduate of the University of Vilnius, she has served as Director of the Migration Department under the Ministry of Interior in Lithuania since 2015.

The European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA) has just concluded its 50th meeting of the Management Board, between 28 and 29 November 2023.

During the two-day session, Members had a strategic discussion on the Agency's Strategy and prioritisation mechanism, took stock of the asylum situation in the EU+ and discussed the ongoing implementation of the EUAA Transition Programme, which governs the implementation of the Agency's new mandate. In addition, participants reviewed proposed methodologies for the upcoming EUAA Monitoring Mechanism, as well as the key findings of a draft EUAA Convergence Analysis, the latter initially requested by the French Presidency of the Council in 2022.

On the beginning of the second day, the Management Board elected Ms. Evelina Gudzinskait? as its Chair. She currently leads the Migration Department under the Lithuanian Ministry of Interior and has been Deputy Chairperson of the Management Board since March 2023.

Following her election, **Ms. GUNZINSKAIT?** said: *"With some of the EUAA's most important new functions entering into force over the coming year, I am proud to take on this new role as Chair of the Management Board to help steer its work; and am grateful to my colleagues for electing me. I want to thank Mikael Ribbenvik for his leadership over the last years, and wish him every success with his future*

endeavours.”

The Executive Director, **Nina GREGORI**, added: “*I am delighted to welcome our new Chair, Evelina Gundzinskait? to her role; the first woman to hold the position, and to continue to build with her, on the strong partnership between the Management Board and the Agency in the months and years to come.*”

The CV of the Chair of the Management Board is available here.

Background

The Management Board is the EUAA's planning and monitoring authority and is responsible for giving general orientation to the Executive Director in the discharge of the Agency’s mandate. It is composed of representatives of the EU Member States, the European Commission, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Members are appointed on the basis of their expertise in the field of asylum, while also considering relevant managerial experience.

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