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DECISION n° 157

of the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Railways amending the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR RAILWAYS,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2016/796 Regulation (EU) 2016/796 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Railways¹ (hereinafter referred to as “the Agency”) and repealing Regulation (EC) No. 881/2004 (hereinafter called “the Regulation”), and in particular Articles 1, 46 point (b), 49, 50, 51 § 1 points (l)-(m) and 53;

Having regard to Decision n° 135 of the Management Board establishing the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board dated 23 June 2016, and in particular Article 17 thereof;

Having regard to the “Paper on the Role of the Executive Board” endorsed by the Management Board on 27 June 2017;

Whereas:

Some provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board should be aligned with the principles enunciated in the above-mentioned paper on the role of the Executive Board mainly as regards the introduction of the idea of EB rapporteurs, the management of the frequency of the EB meetings and the establishment of a strategic calendar.

HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Article 1

1. Article 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board is hereby amended as follows:

“Article 2 – Tasks

1. *The Executive Board shall prepare decisions to be adopted by the Management Board.*
2. *Together with the Management Board, the Executive Board shall ensure adequate follow-up to the findings and recommendations stemming from investigations by OLAF and the various internal or external audit reports and evaluations, including by means of appropriate actions of the Executive Director.*

¹ OJ L 138 26.5.2016, p. 1-43.

3. *Without prejudice to the responsibilities of the Executive Director, as set out in Article 54 of the Agency Regulation, the Executive Board shall assist and advise the Executive Director in the implementation of decisions of the Management Board, with a view to reinforcing supervision of administrative and budgetary management.*
 4. *A strategic calendar for the Executive Board shall be established with a view to providing an overview of all areas related to issues of strategic importance and with substantial impact on the resources of the Agency to which the Executive Board should pay particular attention in the performance of its tasks in support of the work of the Management Board. The precise scope of this calendar shall be decided upon by the Management Board on an annual basis.*
 5. *The members of the Executive Board may be assigned by the Management Board the specific role of “rapporteur” for the purpose of monitoring and following more closely the progress made on issues falling within the scope of their tasks from the preparatory phase until the adoption of a final decision on the matter. The rapporteurs shall provide both the Executive Board and the Management Board with regular reports on the issues falling within their mandate as appropriate.*
2. Article 7 of the Rules of Procedure is hereby amended as follows:

“Article 7 – Convening of meetings

1. *The Executive Board shall meet as necessary, namely prior to the meetings of the Management Board and prior to decisions of the Management Board on important administrative and budgetary matters, in particular those referred to in Article 53(2) of the Agency Regulation. It shall normally meet at least once every three months and, where possible, not less than two weeks and not more than six weeks prior to the meetings of the Management Board. The meetings of the Executive Board shall be scheduled taking fully into consideration both the planning of the decision-making of the Management Board as well as the need to allow sufficient time for the necessary preparatory work to be performed between the Executive Board meeting(s) and the immediately following meeting(s) of the Management Board.*
2. *The meetings shall be convened by the Chairperson with reasonable prior notice to the members of the Executive Board, except in urgent cases.*
3. *The date of the meetings shall be decided by the Executive Board at least at its preceding meeting.*
4. *Additional meetings shall be organised at the request of its members or of the Management Board.*
5. *Meetings shall normally be held at any of the seats of the Agency, either in Lille or in Valenciennes.*

Article 2

The present decision shall enter into force on the day following the date of its adoption. It will be published to the Agency’s website.

Done at Lille on 26-09-2017
For the Management Board

The Chairperson
Clio LIÉGEOIS

Annex: Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board – Consolidated version adopted on 26-09-2017