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II

(Information)

INFORMATION FROM EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS, BODIES, OFFICES
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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION

**Amendments to the Communication from the Commission – Guidance on the Commission’s
enforcement priorities in applying Article 82 of the EC Treaty to abusive exclusionary conduct by
dominant undertakings**

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2023/C 116/01)

1. Over the years, the European Union ('EU') rules on competition have been instrumental in protecting the competitive process within the EU's internal market ⁽¹⁾. The enforcement of those rules, namely Articles 101 and 102 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ("TFEU"), 'serves Europe well by contributing to a level playing field where markets serve consumers' ⁽²⁾. It can moreover contribute to achieving objectives that go beyond consumer welfare, such as plurality in a democratic society ⁽³⁾.
2. Against this backdrop, it is of the utmost importance that the Union's competition rules are applied vigorously and effectively. This is all the more necessary in times of economic hardship, and in view of increasing market concentration in various industries.
3. Article 102 TFEU prohibits the abuse of a dominant position by undertakings that operate in the Internal Market. It has been instrumental in disciplining the conduct of dominant undertakings, which have a special responsibility not to allow their behaviour to impair genuine, undistorted competition on the internal market ⁽⁴⁾.
4. On 5 December 2008, the Commission adopted the Communication from the Commission – Guidance on the Commission's enforcement priorities in applying Article 82 of the EC Treaty [now Article 102 TFEU] to abusive exclusionary conduct by dominant undertakings ('Guidance on enforcement priorities') ⁽⁵⁾.

⁽¹⁾ Competition law is one of the components for the achievement of the internal market, which 'includes a system ensuring that competition is not distorted', see Protocol 27 to the Treaty on the European Union.

⁽²⁾ See Commission Communication, Shaping Europe's digital future, COM(2020) 67 final, p. 8.

⁽³⁾ Judgment of 14 September 2022, *Google and Alphabet v Commission (Google Android)*, Case T-604/18, EU:T:2022:541, paragraph 1028.

⁽⁴⁾ Judgment of 6 September 2017, *Intel v Commission*, Case C-413/14 P, EU:C:2017:632, paragraph 135 and case law cited; judgment of 19 January 2023, *Unilever Italia Mkt.Operations Srl v Autorita Garante della Concorrenza e del Mercato*, Case C-680/20, EU:C:2023:33, paragraphs 28 and 38.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ C 45, 24.2.2009, p. 7.

5. That Communication set out the Commission's enforcement priorities with regard to exclusionary abuses of dominance in order to provide greater clarity and predictability as regards the Commission's general framework of analysis in determining whether to pursue as a matter of priority certain cases of exclusionary conduct ⁽⁶⁾. The Guidance on enforcement priorities contributed to fostering an enforcement of Article 102 TFEU focused on the capability of a given conduct to harm competition, through the analysis of market dynamics, which has been described as the effects-based approach ⁽⁷⁾.
6. The Guidance on enforcement priorities, however, did not constitute a statement of the law and did not provide an interpretation of the notion of abuse of a dominant position, but merely set out the Commission's approach as to the choice of cases that it intends to pursue as a matter of priority ⁽⁸⁾.
7. The Commission's enforcement priorities have evolved over time, thanks to the experience gained through the Commission's practice which took into account the evolution of the case law of the Union Courts ⁽⁹⁾, as well as market developments. Notably, the case law of the Union Courts has confirmed an effects-based approach to Article 102 TFEU as well as clarified the meaning and scope of certain concepts included in the Guidance on enforcement priorities.
8. In light of those developments, this Communication amends parts of the Guidance on enforcement priorities that no longer reflect the Commission's approach in determining whether to pursue certain cases as a matter of priority. The amendments are done in accordance with the principle of good administration and with a view to enhancing transparency on the principles underpinning the Commission's enforcement action.
9. The amendments to the Guidance on enforcement priorities are listed in the Annex to this Communication.

⁽⁶⁾ Guidance on enforcement priorities, paragraph 2.

⁽⁷⁾ See press release of 3 December 2008, Antitrust: consumer welfare at heart of Commission fight against abuses by dominant undertakings, IP/08/1877.

⁽⁸⁾ Judgment of 6 October 2015, *Post Danmark*, C-23/14, EU:C:2015:651, paragraph 52.

⁽⁹⁾ Since the adoption of the Guidance on enforcement priorities, the Commission has adopted 27 decisions based on Article 102 TFEU (relating to exclusionary conduct), and the Union courts have issued 32 judgments.

ANNEX to the COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION

Amendments to the Communication from the Commission – Guidance on the Commission’s enforcement priorities in applying Article 82 of the EC Treaty to abusive exclusionary conduct by dominant undertakings

1. Taking into account the experience gained through the Commission’s enforcement practice and the clarifications provided by the case law of the Union Courts, it is appropriate to clarify that the concept of ‘anti-competitive foreclosure’ (Guidance on enforcement priorities, paragraph 19) refers not only to cases where the dominant undertaking’s conduct can lead to the full exclusion or marginalisation of competition but also to cases where it is capable of resulting in the weakening of competition, thereby hampering the competitive structure of the market to the advantage of the dominant undertaking and to the detriment of consumers. Moreover, in view of the Commission’s enforcement practice and the case law of the Union Courts, it is important to clarify that it is not appropriate to use the element of profitability of the dominant undertaking’s conduct in order to determine the Commission’s enforcement priorities, i.e. to pursue cases as a matter of priority only where the dominant undertaking can *profitably* maintain supra-competitive prices or *profitably* influence other parameters of competition, such as production, innovation, variety or quality of goods or services. Therefore, in paragraph 19 of the Guidance on enforcement priorities, the second sentence is replaced by the following text:

‘In this document the term “anti-competitive foreclosure” is used to describe a situation where the conduct of the dominant undertaking adversely impacts an effective competitive structure ^(1a) thus allowing the dominant undertaking to negatively influence, to its own advantage and to the detriment of consumers, the various parameters of competition, such as price, production, innovation, variety or quality of goods or services ^(1b).

^(1a) Judgment of 19 January 2023, *Unilever Italia Mkt.Operations Srl v Autorita Garante della Concorrenza e del Mercato*, Case C-680/20, EU:C:2023:33, paragraph 36.

^(1b) Judgment of 14 September 2022, *Google and Alphabet v Commission (Google Android)*, T-604/18, EU:T:2022:541, paragraph 281.’

2. Taking into account the experience gained through the Commission’s enforcement practice and the clarifications provided by the case law of the Union Courts, it is not appropriate, as regards price-based exclusionary conduct of a dominant undertaking, to pursue as a matter of priority only conduct that may lead to the market exit or the marginalisation of competitors that are as efficient as the dominant undertaking in terms of their cost structure. Indeed, in certain circumstances genuine competition may also come from undertakings that are less efficient than the dominant firm, in terms of their cost structure. Therefore, as set out below, two amendments to the Guidance on enforcement priorities are made:

- (a) In paragraph 23 of the Guidance on enforcement priorities, the last sentence is replaced with the following text:

‘With a view to preventing anti-competitive foreclosure, the Commission will generally intervene where the conduct concerned has already been or is capable of hampering competition from competitors that are considered to be as efficient as the dominant undertaking ⁽¹⁾.

⁽¹⁾ Judgment of 3 July 1991, *AKZO Chemie v Commission*, Case 62/86, EU:C:1991:286, paragraph 72, where, in relation to pricing below average total cost (ATC), the Court of Justice of the EU stated: “Such prices can drive from the market undertakings which are perhaps as efficient as the dominant undertaking but which, because of their smaller financial resources, are incapable of withstanding the competition waged against them”; see also judgment of 10 April 2008, *Deutsche Telekom v Commission*, T-271/03, EU:T:2008:101, paragraph 194, upheld on appeal by the Court of Justice (see judgment of 14 October 2010, *Deutsche Telekom AG v Commission*, C-280/08 P, EU:C:2010:603). The Court of Justice has recognised that the notion of an “as efficient” competitor refers to efficiency and attractiveness to consumers from the point of view of, among other things, price, choice, quality or innovation, see judgment of 6 September 2017, *Intel Corp. v Commission*, C-413/14 P, EU:C:2017:632, paragraph 134, and judgment of 19 January 2023, *Unilever Italia Mkt. Operations*, C-680/20, EU:C:2023:33, paragraph 37.’

- (b) In paragraph 24 of the Guidance on enforcement priorities, the first sentence is replaced with the following text:

‘At the same time, the Commission recognises that in certain circumstances a less efficient competitor may also exert a constraint which should be taken into account when considering whether particular price-based conduct leads to anti-competitive foreclosure ^(1a).

^(1a) Judgment of 6 October 2015, *Post Danmark A/S v Konkurrencerådet*, C-23/14, EU:C:2015:651, paragraphs 59-60; judgment of 19 January 2023, *Unilever Italia Mkt. Operations*, C-680/20, EU:C:2023:33, paragraph 57.’

3. As has emerged from the Commission’s enforcement practice and the clarifications provided by the case law of the Union Courts, the price-cost ‘as-efficient competitor test’ is only one of a number of methods for assessing, together with all other relevant circumstances, whether a conduct is capable of producing exclusionary effects. The Court of Justice has also clarified that the use of an ‘as efficient competitor test’ is optional and that a test of that nature may be inappropriate depending on the type of practice or the relevant market dynamics ⁽¹⁾. As a result, a generalised use of such test to determine which cases of price-based exclusionary conduct to pursue as a matter of priority is not warranted and, if such test is carried out, its results should in any event be assessed together with all other relevant circumstances. Therefore, as set out below, two amendments to the Guidance on enforcement priorities are made:

- (a) In paragraph 25 of the Guidance on enforcement priorities, the first sentence is replaced with the following text:

‘In order to determine whether even a hypothetical competitor as efficient as the dominant undertaking in terms of costs would likely be foreclosed by the conduct in question, the Commission may examine economic data relating to cost and sales prices, and in particular whether the dominant undertaking is engaging in below-cost pricing ^(1b).

^(1b) Judgment of 6 October 2015, *Post Danmark A/S v Konkurrencerådet*, C-23/14, EU:C:2015:651, paragraph 61; judgment of 6 September 2017, *Intel Corp. v European Commission*, C-413/14 P, EU:C:2017:632, paragraph 141; judgment of 14 September 2022, *Google and Alphabet v Commission (Google Android)*, T-604/18, EU:T:2022:541, paragraph 643; judgment of 19 January 2023, *Unilever Italia Mkt. Operations*, C-680/20, EU:C:2023:33, paragraphs 57, 58 and 62.’

- (b) Paragraph 27 of the Guidance on enforcement priorities is replaced by the following text:

‘When analysing data to assess whether an equally efficient competitor can compete effectively with the pricing conduct of the dominant undertaking, the Commission will integrate this analysis in the general assessment of anti-competitive foreclosure (see Section B above), taking into account other relevant quantitative and/or qualitative evidence ^(1c).

^(1c) Judgment of 30 January 2020, *Generics (UK) and Others*, C-307/18, EU:C:2020:52, paragraph 154; judgment of 29 March 2012, *Telefónica and Telefónica de España v Commission*, T-336/07, EU:T:2012:172, paragraph 175; judgment of 14 October 2010, *Deutsche Telekom v Commission*, C-280/08 P, EU:C:2010:603, paragraph 175; judgment of 17 February 2011, *TeliaSonera Sverige*, C-52/09, EU:C:2011:83, paragraph 28.’

4. Taking into account the experience gained through the Commission’s enforcement practice regarding access to the dominant undertaking’s input or assets and the clarifications provided by the case law of the Union Courts on such access, it is important to distinguish situations of outright refusal to supply from situations where the dominant company makes access subject to unfair conditions (‘constructive refusal to supply’). In situations of constructive refusal to supply, it is not appropriate to pursue as a matter of priority only cases concerning the provision of an

⁽¹⁾ See e.g. judgment of 19 January 2023, *Unilever Italia Mkt.Operations v Autorita Garante della Concorrenza e del Mercato*, Case C-680/20, EU:C:2023:33, paragraphs 57-58.

indispensable input or the access to an essential facility. This is in line with the case law of the Union Courts, which has clarified that such cases cannot be equated to an outright refusal to supply and therefore the criterion of indispensability of the product or service in question does not apply ⁽²⁾.

Therefore, in paragraph 79 of the Guidance on enforcement priorities, the last two sentences are deleted.

5. Taking into account the experience gained through the Commission's enforcement practice and the clarifications provided by the case law of the Union Courts, it is not appropriate to pursue as a matter of priority margin squeeze cases only where those cases involve a product or service that is objectively necessary to be able to compete effectively on the downstream market. This is in line with the case law of the Union Courts, which has clarified that a margin squeeze is not a type of refusal to supply but an independent form of abuse that is subject to different criteria of assessment. Therefore, as set out below, four amendments to the Guidance on enforcement priorities are made.

- (a) The title preceding paragraph 75 of the Guidance on enforcement priorities is replaced by the following title:

'D. Refusal to supply'

- (b) Paragraph 80, including footnotes 8 and 9, is deleted.

- (c) Paragraphs 81 to 90 are renumbered as follows:

Paragraph 81 is renumbered paragraph 80; Paragraph 82 is renumbered paragraph 81; Paragraph 83 is renumbered paragraph 82; Paragraph 84 is renumbered paragraph 83; Paragraph 85 is renumbered paragraph 84; Paragraph 86 is renumbered paragraph 85; Paragraph 87 is renumbered paragraph 86; Paragraph 88 is renumbered paragraph 87; Paragraph 89 is renumbered paragraph 88; Paragraph 90 is renumbered paragraph 89.

- (d) After new paragraph 89 of the Guidance on enforcement priorities, the following title and paragraph 90 are inserted:

'E. Margin squeeze'

90. A dominant undertaking may charge a price for the product on the upstream market which, compared to the price it charges on the downstream market ⁽³⁾, does not allow even an equally efficient competitor to trade profitably in the downstream market on a lasting basis (a so-called "margin squeeze") ⁽⁴⁾. In margin squeeze cases the benchmark which the Commission will generally rely on to determine the costs of an equally efficient competitor are the LRAIC of the downstream division of the integrated dominant undertaking ⁽⁵⁾.

⁽³⁾ This includes a situation in which an integrated undertaking that sells a "system" of complementary products sells one of the complementary products on an unbundled basis to a competitor that produces the other complementary product.

⁽⁴⁾ This conduct constitutes an independent form of abuse distinct from that of refusal to supply, judgment of 17 February 2011, *TeliaSonera Sverige*, C-52/09, EU:C:2011:83, paragraph 56.

⁽⁵⁾ In some cases, however, the LRAIC of a non-integrated competitor downstream might be used as the benchmark, for example when it is not possible to clearly allocate the dominant undertaking's costs to downstream and upstream operations.'

⁽²⁾ Judgment of 25 March 2021, *Slovak Telekom v Commission (Slovak Telekom)*, Case C-165/19 P, EU:C:2021:239, paragraphs 50-51 and judgment of 12 February 2023, *Lietuvos geležinkeliai AB v European Commission*, Case C-42/21 P, EU:C:2023:12, paragraphs 81-84 and 91.

**Information of the European Commission pursuant to Article 18(3) of Regulation (EU)
No 1257/2012 of the European Parliament and the Council of 17 December 2012, implementing
enhanced cooperation to the area of the creation of unitary patent protection ⁽¹⁾**

(2023/C 116/02)

Entry into force of the Agreement on a Unified Patent Court ⁽²⁾: 1 June 2023.

Ratification Details of the Agreement on a Unified Patent Court:

Belgium	6.6.2014
Bulgaria	3.6.2016
Denmark	20.6.2014
Germany	17.2.2023
Estonia	1.8.2017
France	14.3.2014
Italy	20.2.2017
Latvia	11.1.2018
Lithuania	14.8.2017
Luxemburg	22.5.2015
Malta	9.12.2014
Netherlands	14.9.2016
Austria	6.8.2013
Portugal	28.8.2015
Slovenia	15.10.2021
Finland	19.1.2013
Sweden	26.4.2018

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 361, 31.12.2012, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 175, 20.6.2013, p. 1.

Non-opposition to a notified concentration
(Case M.11044 – DERICHEBOURG / ELIOR)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2023/C 116/03)

On 24 March 2023, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the internal market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾. The full text of the decision is available only in French and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

- in the merger section of the ‘Competition policy’ website of the Commission (<http://ec.europa.eu/competition/mergers/cases/>). This website provides various facilities to help locate individual merger decisions, including company, case number, date and sectoral indexes,
- in electronic form on the EUR-Lex website (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html?locale=en>) under document number 32023M11044. EUR-Lex is the online point of access to European Union law.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

IV

(Notices)

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COUNCIL

List of appointments made by the Council

July-December 2022 (social field)

(2023/C 116/04)

Committee	End of term of office	Publication in OJ	Person replaced	Resignation	Member/alternate	Category	Country	Person appointed	Affiliation	Date of Council Decision
Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work	28.2.2022	OJ C 92-25.2.2022	Ms Viktoria BERGSTRÖM	Resignation	Alternate	Government	Sweden	Ms Johanna BENGTTSSON RYBERG	Regeringskansliet	12.7.2022
Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work	28.2.2022	OJ C 92-25.2.2022	Ms Maret MARIPUU	Resignation	Alternate	Government	Estonia	Ms Meeli MIIDLAVANATALU	The Labour Inspectorate of Estonia	20.9.2022
Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work	28.2.2025	OJ C 92-25.2.2022	Ms Stephanie PROPST	Resignation	Alternate	Employers	Austria	Mr Tobias SONNWEBER	Federation of Austrian Industries	17.10.2022
Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work	28.2.2025	OJ C 92-25.2.2022	Ms Heidi BOUSSEN	Resignation	Member	Government	Netherlands	Ms Hanneke VAN DEN BOUT	Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment	14.11.2022

Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work	28.2.2025	OJ C 92-25.2.2022	MS Lena SØBY	Resignation	Member	Employers	Denmark	Mr Clemens ØRNSTRUP ETZERODT	Dansk Arbejdsgiverforening	28.11.2022
Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Social Security Systems	19.10.2025	OJ C 315 I 23.9.2020	Mr Giovanni CALABRÒ	Resignation	Member	Government	Italy	Ms Caterina FRANCOMANO	Ministry of Labour and Social Policies	20.9.2022
Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Social Security Systems	19.10.2025	OJ C 315 I 23.9.2020	Ms Silvia BOLOGNINI	Resignation	Alternate	Government	Italy	Ms Cristina BURZI	Ministry of Labour and Social Policies	20.9.2022
Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Social Security Systems	19.10.2025	OJ C 315 I 23.9.2020	Ms Helene TANDERUP	Resignation	Member	Employers	Denmark	Ms Maja Kluger DIONIGI	Confederation of Danish Employers	20.9.2022
Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Social Security Systems	19.10.2025	OJ C 315 I 23.9.2020	Ms Birgitte NYMARK	Resignation	Alternate	Employers	Denmark	Ms Trine Birgitte HOUGAARD	Confederation of Danish Employers	20.9.2022
Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Social Security Systems	19.10.2025	OJ C 315 I 23.9.2020	Mr Stefan MONDORF	Resignation	Member	Employers	Germany	Mr Fiete STARCK	Bundesvereinigung der Deutschen Arbeitgeberverbände	20.9.2022
Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Social Security Systems	19.10.2025	OJ C 315 I 23.9.2020	Mr Michael STIEFEL	Resignation	Alternate	Employers	Germany	Mr Arne FRANKE	Bundesvereinigung der Deutschen Arbeitgeberverbände	20.9.2022
Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Social Security Systems	19.10.2025	OJ C 315 I 23.9.2020	Ms Caroline GRAF-SCHIMEK	Resignation	Member	Employers	Austria	Ms Christina MARX	Wirtschaftskammer Österreich	13.10.2022

Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Social Security Systems	19.10.2025	OJ C 315 I 23.9.2020	Mr Heinz WITTMANN	Resignation	Alternate	Government	Austria	Ms Silvia HOLZMANN-WINDHOFER	Bundeskanzleramt	13.10.2022
Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work	31.3.2023	OJ C 135, 11.4.2019	Ms Caroline HIELEGEMS	Resignation	Member	Trade Unions	Belgium	Ms Caroline VERDOOT	FGTB – ABVV	12.7.2022
Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work	31.3.2023	OJ C 135, 11.4.2019	Ms Caroline VERDOOT	Resignation	Alternate	Trade Unions	Belgium	Mr Kris VAN EYCK	ACV-CSC	12.7.2022
Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work	31.3.2023	OJ C 135, 11.4.2019	Ms Boel CALLERMO	Resignation	Member	Government	Sweden	Mr Magnus FALK	Arbetsmiljöverket	12.7.2022
Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work	31.3.2023	OJ C 135, 11.4.2019	Ms Viktoria BERGSTRÖM	Resignation	Alternate	Government	Sweden	Ms Johanna BENGTTSSON RYBERG	Regeringskansliet	12.7.2022
Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work	31.3.2023	OJ C 135, 11.4.2019	Ms Maret MARIPUU	Resignation	Member	Government	Estonia	Ms Silja SOON	The Labour Inspectorate of Estonia	20.9.2022
Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work	31.3.2023	OJ C 135, 11.4.2019	Ms Silja SOON	Resignation	Alternate	Government	Estonia	Ms Meeli MIIDLAVANATALU	The Labour Inspectorate of Estonia	20.9.2022
Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work	31.3.2023	OJ C 135, 11.4.2019	Ms Aija MAASIKAS	Resignation	Member	Trade Unions	Estonia	Mr Argo SOON	The Estonian Trade Union Confederation	20.9.2022

Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work	31.3.2023	OJ C 135, 11.4.2019	Mr Argo SOON	Resignation	Alternate	Trade Unions	Estonia	Ms Evelin TOMSON	The Estonian Trade Union Confederation	20.9.2022
Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work	31.3.2023	OJ C 135, 11.4.2019	Mr Ziedonis ANTAPSONS	Resignation	Member	Trade Unions	Latvia	Mr Mārtiņš PUŽULS	Free Trade Union Confederation (LBAS)	26.9.2022
Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work	31.3.2023	OJ C 135, 11.4.2019	Mr Mārtiņš PUŽULS	Resignation	Alternate	Trade Unions	Latvia	Ms Gita OŠKĀJA	Free Trade Union Confederation (LBAS)	26.9.2022
Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work	31.3.2023	OJ C 135, 11.4.2019	Ms Stephanie PROPST	Resignation	Alternate	Employers	Austria	Mr Tobias SONNWEBER	Industriellenvereinigung	25.10.2022
Management Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions	31.3.2023	OJ C 135, 11.4.2019	Ms Cheryl HABER	Resignation	Alternate	Government	Malta	Mr Anthony AZZOPARDI	Department For Industrial and Employment Relations (DIER)	12.7.2022
Management Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions	31.3.2023	OJ C 135, 11.4.2019	Mr Andreas SOMMER MØLLER	Resignation	Alternate	Government	Denmark	Mr Søren FRIIS	Ministry of Employment	26.9.2022
Management Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions	31.3.2023	OJ C 135, 11.4.2019	Mr Vatroslav SUBOTIĆ	Resignation	Member	Government	Croatia	Ms Iva MUSIĆ OREŠKOVIĆ	Ministarstvo rada, mirovinskoga sustava, obitelji i socijalne politike	13.10.2022

Management Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions	31.3.2023	OJ C 135, 11.4.2019	Ms Narcisa MANOJLOVIĆ	Resignation	Alternate	Government	Croatia	Ms Inja OGRIZOVIĆ DŽAMONJA	Ministarstvo rada, mirovinskoga sustava, obitelji i socijalne politike	13.10.2022
Management Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions	31.3.2023	OJ C 135, 11.4.2019	Ms Stephanie PROPST	Resignation	Member	Employers	Austria	Mr Tobias SONNWEBER	Industriellenvereinigung	25.10.2022
Management Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions	31.3.2023	OJ C 135, 11.4.2019	Mr Guy VAN GYÉS	Resignation	Member	Government	Belgium	Mr Yves BOLSEE	Federal Public Service Employment, Work and Social dialogue	14.11.2022
Management Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions	31.3.2023	OJ C 135, 11.4.2019	Mr Fernando CATARINO JOSÉ	Resignation	Alternate	Government	Portugal	Mr Ricardo BERNARDES	Directorate-General for Employment and industrial Relations (DGERT)	28.11.2022
Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training	31.3.2023	OJ C 136-12.4.2019	Ms Daniela SIMID-CHIEVA	Resignation	Member	Employers	Bulgaria	Ms Svetlana DONCHEVA	Bulgarian Industrial Association	20.9.2022

Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training	31.3.2023	OJ C 136-12.4.2019	Ms Anita PISARRO	Resignation	Member	Government	Italy	Mr Andrea SIMONCINI	Ministry of Labour and Social Policies	26.9.2022
Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training	31.3.2023	OJ C 136-12.4.2019	Mr Pietro TAGLIA-TESTA	Resignation	Alternate	Government	Italy	Ms Angela GRIECO	Ministry of Labour and Social Policies	26.9.2022
Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training	31.3.2023	OJ C 136-12.4.2019	Mr Ivan ŠÓŠ	Resignation	Member	Trade Unions	Slovakia	Mr Peter DANKO	OZPSAV	26.9.2022
Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training	31.3.2023	OJ C 136-12.4.2019	Mr António LEITE	Resignation	Alternate	Government	Portugal	Ana Elisa SANTOS	Ministério do Trabalho, Solidariedade e Segurança Social	13.10.2022
Management Board of the European Institute for Gender Equality	31.5.2025	OJ L 147-30.5.2022	Ms Annalise DESIRA	Resignation	Member	Government	Malta	Mr Michael CAMILLERI	Ministry for Home Affairs, Security, Reforms and Equality	20.9.2022
Management Board of the European Institute for Gender Equality	31.5.2025	OJ L 147-30.5.2022	Ms Zuzana BRIXOVÁ	Resignation	Member	Government	Slovakia	Mr Marián LIZANEC	Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic	17.10.2022

Management Board of the European Institute for Gender Equality	31.5.2025	OJ L 147-30.5.2022	Mr Ján TOMAŠTÍK	Resignation	Alternate	Government	Slovakia	Ms Lucia VLASÁKOVÁ	Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic	17.10.2022
Management Board of the European Institute for Gender Equality	31.5.2025	OJ L 147-30.5.2022	Ms Greta TUMĚNIENĚ	Resignation	Alternate	Government	Lithuania	Ms Milda JANEIKAITĚ	Ministry of Social Security and Labour	21.11.2022

COUNCIL DECISION**of 28 March 2023****appointing members and alternate members of the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)**

(2023/C 116/05)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2019/128 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 January 2019 establishing a European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop) and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 337/75 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to the lists of candidates for appointment submitted to the Council by the Governments of the Member States and by the employees' and the employers' organisations,

Whereas:

- (1) By Decisions of 9 April 2019 ⁽²⁾, of 8 July 2019 ⁽³⁾, of 16 September 2019 ⁽⁴⁾ and of 8 November 2019 ⁽⁵⁾, the Council appointed members and alternate members of the Management Board of Cedefop for the period from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2023.
- (2) Members and alternate members are to remain in office until their appointments are renewed or until they are replaced.
- (3) Members and alternate members are to be appointed for a period of four years,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following persons shall be appointed members and alternate members of the Management Board of Cedefop for the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2027:

I. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

Member State	Members	Alternate members
Belgium (Flemish community)	Mr Jeroen BACKS	Mr Bavo MEERT
Belgium (French community)	Mr Guibert DEBROUX	
Bulgaria	Ms Vania TIVIDOSHEVA	Ms Polina ZLATARSKA

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 30, 31.1.2019, p. 90.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision of 9 April 2019 appointing the members and alternate members of the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop) (OJ C 136, 12.4.2019, p. 6).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision of 8 July 2019 appointing one member and one alternate member of the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop) for Lithuania (OJ C 232, 10.7.2019, p. 5).

⁽⁴⁾ Council Decision of 16 September 2019 appointing one alternate member of the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop) for Romania (OJ C 316, 20.9.2019, p. 3).

⁽⁵⁾ Council Decision of 8 November 2019 appointing one member and one alternate member of the Management Board of the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop) for Luxembourg (OJ C 385, 13.11.2019, p. 6).

Member State	Members	Alternate members
Czech Republic	Ms Marta STARÁ	Ms Martina KAŇÁKOVÁ
Denmark	Mr Morten HOLM-HEMMINGSEN	Mr Torben SCHUSTER
Germany		
Estonia	Ms Rita KASK	Mr Teet TIKO
Ireland		
Greece		
Spain	Ms Lydia BERROCOSO RUFO	Ms María Antonia AGUDO RIAZA
France	Ms Nadine NERGUISIAN	Mr Gauthier DONNEZAN
Croatia	Mr Božo PAVIČIN	Ms Irena BAČELIĆ
Italy	Mr Andrea SIMONCINI	Ms Angela GRIECO
Cyprus	Mr Yiannis MOUROUZIDES	Mr Spyros SPYROU
Latvia	Ms Rūta GINTAUTE-MARIHINA	Ms Jeļena MUHINA
Lithuania	Mr Julius JAKUČINSKAS	Ms Joana VILIMIENĖ
Luxembourg		
Hungary	Ms Krisztina VUJKOV	Ms Katalin ZOLTÁN
Malta	Mr Jeffrey PULLICINO ORLANDO	Mr Mario CARDONA
Netherlands	Ms Emmelie VAN DEN BERGH	Mr Wouter VERHEIJ
Austria	Mr Eduard STAUDECKER	Mr Wolfgang SLAWIK
Poland	Mr Piotr BARTOSIAK	Ms Beata DZIEMIŃSKA-SKOWRON
Portugal	Ms Ana OLIM	Ms Ana Elisa SANTOS
Romania	Ms Ana RĂDULESCU	Ms Dalia-Maria MIRCEA-DĂRĂMUŞ
Slovenia	Ms Slavica ČERNOŠA	
Slovakia	Mr Karol JAKUBÍK	
Finland	Mr Kari NYSSÖLÄ	Ms Hanna AUTERE
Sweden	Ms Carina LINDÉN	Mr Jacob JOHANSSON

II. REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYEES' ORGANISATIONS

Member State	Members	Alternate members
Belgium	Ms Sarah LAMBRECHTS	Mr Cédric HEYLEN
Bulgaria	Ms Leontina ISRAEL	Mr Adrian ILIEV
Czech Republic	Mr Lukáš NĚMEC	Ms Gabriela TLAPOVÁ

Member State	Members	Alternate members
Denmark	Mr Thomas FELLAND	Ms Maria BJERRE
Germany	Mr Marion PATUZZI	Mr Hans Ulrich NORDHAUS
Estonia	Mr Jaan-Hendrik TOOMEL	Ms Kaja TOOMSALU
Ireland		
Greece	Mr Konstantinos KALLONIATIS	Mr Christos GOULAS
Spain	Mr Vicente SÁNCHEZ JIMÉNEZ	Mr Juan Carlos MORALES SAN JUAN
France	Mr Nicolas FAINTRENIE	
Croatia	Ms Dijana ŠOBOTA	Mr Jere BILAN
Italy	Mr Francesco LAURIA	Ms Milena MICHELETTI
Cyprus	Mr Evangelos EVANGELOU	Mr Christos KARYDIS
Latvia	Ms Linda ROMELE	Ms Anda GRĪNFELDE
Lithuania	Ms Tatjana BABRAUSKIENĖ	
Luxembourg	Mr Carlo FRISING	Ms Jeannine KOHN
Hungary	Mr László KOZÁK	Mr Tamás BÉKÉSI
Malta	Ms Elaine GERMANI	Mr Josef VELLA
Netherlands	Ms Isabel COENEN	
Austria	Mr Bernhard HORAK	Mr Alexander PRISCHL
Poland	Ms Dagmara IWANCIW	Ms Katarzyna PAWLACZYK
Portugal	Mr Hugo Filipe RODRIGUES DIONÍSIO	Mr José Manuel da LUZ CORDEIRO
Romania	Mr Gheorghe SIMION	
Slovenia	Ms Laura WEBER	
Slovakia	Mr Peter KOLESÍK	Mr Peter DANKO
Finland	Ms Riina NOUSIAINEN	Ms Kirsi RASINAHO
Sweden	Ms Hedvig MODIN	Ms Mia NIKALI

III. REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYERS' ORGANISATIONS

Member State	Members	Alternate members
Belgium	Ms Sandra COENEGRACHTS	Mr Joris VANDERSTEENE
Bulgaria	Ms Svetlana DONCHEVA	
Czech Republic	Mr Miloš RATHOUSKÝ	Ms Vladimíra DRBALOVÁ
Denmark	Ms Elisabeth LUND NYBORG	Ms Louise HOEJ LARSEN
Germany	Ms Barbara DORN	Mr Christian SPERLE
Estonia		Ms Pillie MEIER

Member State	Members	Alternate members
Ireland	Mr Tony DONOHOE	Mr Adam Mark WEATHERLEY
Greece	Mr Christos IOANNOU	Mr Nikos GAVALAKIS
Spain	Mr Juan Carlos TEJEDA HISADO	Ms Sandra MISO GUAJARDO
France	Ms Siham SAÏDI	Ms Florence GELOT
Croatia	Mr Marko JURČIĆ	Ms Gordana NIKOLIĆ
Italy	Mr Alfonso BALSAMO	Ms Paola ASTORRI
Cyprus	Ms Maria STYLIANOU THEODOROU	Ms Maria PIREA
Latvia	Ms Ilona KIUKUCĀNE	Ms Inese STEPĪNA
Lithuania		
Luxembourg	Mr Marc GROSS	Mr Gilles WALERS
Hungary	Ms Adrienn BÁLINT	
Malta	Mr Robert MICALLEF	Ms Daniela GRECH
Netherlands	Ms Hanneke ACKERMANN	
Austria	Mr Gerhard RIEMER	Mr Thomas MAYR
Poland	Ms Magdalena ZABŁOCKA	Mr Sławomir SZYMCZAK
Portugal	Mr Duarte VEIGA DA CUNHA	Mr Nuno BERNARDO
Romania	Ms Adriana RADA	Mr Vlad ILIESCU
Slovenia	Mr Simon OGRIZEK	
Slovakia	Mr Peter BENCKO	Mr Lubomír GROMOŠ
Finland	Mr Mikko VIELTOJÄRVI	Ms Maiju KORHONEN
Sweden	Mr Pär LUNDSTRÖM	Mr Georgios SIDERAS

Article 2

The Council shall appoint the members and alternate members not yet nominated at a later date.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 28 March 2023.

For the Council
The President
 E. BUSCH

COUNCIL DECISION**of 28 March 2023****appointing members and alternate members of the Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)**

(2023/C 116/06)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2019/126 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 January 2019 establishing the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA), and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 2062/94 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to the lists of candidates for appointment submitted to the Council by the Governments of the Member States and by the employees' and the employers' organisations,

Having regard to the lists of members and alternate members of the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work,

Whereas:

- (1) By Decisions of 9 April 2019 ⁽²⁾, of 6 June 2019 ⁽³⁾, of 8 July 2019 ⁽⁴⁾, of 14 June 2021 ⁽⁵⁾ and of 2 June 2022 ⁽⁶⁾, the Council appointed members and alternate members of the Management Board of the EU-OSHA for the period from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2023.
- (2) Members and alternate members are to remain in office until their appointments are renewed or until they are replaced.
- (3) Members and alternate members are to be appointed for a period of four years,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following persons shall be appointed members and alternate members of the Management Board of EU-OSHA for the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2027:

I. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

Member State	Members	Alternate members
Belgium	Ms Véronique CRUTZEN	Ms Aurore MASSART
Bulgaria	Ms Darina KONOVA	Mr Nikolay ARNAUDOV

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 30, 31.1.2019, p. 58.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision of 9 April 2019 appointing the members and alternate members of the Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) (OJ C 135, 11.4.2019, p. 7).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision of 6 June 2019 appointing the government members and alternate members of the Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work for Greece, France and Luxembourg (OJ C 195, 11.6.2019, p. 4) and Council Decision (EU) 2019/963 of 6 June 2019 appointing one alternate member of the Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work for France (OJ L 156, 13.6.2019, p. 3).

⁽⁴⁾ Council Decision of 8 July 2019 appointing one member of the Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) for Hungary (OJ C 232, 10.7.2019, p. 4).

⁽⁵⁾ Council Decision of 14 June 2021 appointing one member and one alternate member of the Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) for Latvia (OJ C 234I, 17.6.2021, p. 3).

⁽⁶⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2022/896 of 2 June 2022 appointing one member and one alternate member of the Management Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) for Romania (OJ L 155, 8.6.2022, p. 49).

Member State	Members	Alternate members
Czech Republic	Mr Jaroslav HLAVÍN	Ms Lucie KYSELOVÁ
Denmark	Ms Annemarie KNUDSEN	Ms Anne-Marie VON BENZON
Germany	Mr Kai SCHÄFER	Mr Sebastian HAUS-RYBICKI
Estonia	Ms Silja SOON	Ms Marika LIIV
Ireland	Ms Marie DALTON	Mr Stephen CURRAN
Greece	Mr Ioannis KONSTANTAKOPOULOS	Ms Aggeliki MOIROU
Spain	Mr Carlos ARRANZ CORDERO	Ms Mercedes TEJEDOR AIBAR
France	Ms Lucie MEDIAVILLA	Ms Anne AUDIC
Croatia	Ms Marina PRELEC	Ms Žanna JANČIEV
Italy	Mr Antonio VALENTI	Ms Laura TOMASSINI
Cyprus	Mr Aristodemos ECONOMIDES	Mr Chrysanthos SAVVIDES
Latvia	Mr Renārs LŪSIS	Ms Jolanta GEDUŠA
Lithuania	Ms Aldona SABAITIENĖ	Ms Gintarė BUŽINSKAITĖ
Luxembourg	Mr Marco BOLY	Ms Patrice FURLANI
Hungary	Mr Attila LUMNICZKY	Mr Gyula MADARÁSZ
Malta	Mr Melhino MERCIECA	Mr Silvio FARRUGIA
Netherlands	Ms Tanja WESSELIUS	Mr Martin DEN HELD
Austria	Ms Gertrud BREINDL	Ms Anna RITZBERGER-MOSER
Poland	Ms Agnieszka WOLSKA	Ms Agnieszka GAJEK
Portugal	Mr Nelson FERREIRA	Ms Paula SOUSA
Romania	Ms Elena PERJU	Ms Veronica HAȘ
Slovenia	Mr Nikolaj PETRIŠIČ	Ms Vladka KOMEL
Slovakia	Ms Martina KOSTURÁKOVÁ	Mr Adam ŠULÍK
Finland	Mr Raimo ANTILA	Ms Liisa HAKALA
Sweden	Mr Magnus FALK	Ms Johanna BENGTTSSON RYBERG

II. REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYEES' ORGANISATIONS

Member State	Members	Alternate members
Belgium	Ms Caroline VERDOOT	Mr Kris VAN EYCK
Bulgaria		
Czech Republic		
Denmark	Mr Ulrik SPANNOV	Mr Can SARIALTUN
Germany	Mr Sebastian SCHNEIDER	Mr Moriz-Boje TIEDEMANN

Member State	Members	Alternate members
Estonia		
Ireland	Mr Dessie ROBINSON	Mr Sylvester CRONIN
Greece	Mr Andreas STOIMENIDIS	Mr Markos KONTIZAS
Spain	Ms Ana GARCÍA DE LA TORRE	Mr Rubén PINEL BALLESTEROS
France	Mr Abderrafik ZAIGOUCHE	
Croatia		
Italy		Ms Cinzia FRASCHERI
Cyprus	Mr Evangelos EVANGELOU	Mr Stelios CHRISTODOULOU
Latvia	Mr Mārtiņš PUŽULS	Ms Gita OŠKĀJA
Lithuania	Ms Inga RUGINIENĖ	Mr Ričardas GARUOLIS
Luxembourg		
Hungary		
Malta	Mr Victor CARACHI	Mr Anthony CASARU
Netherlands	Mr Wim VAN VEELLEN	
Austria	Ms Julia NEDJELIK-LISCHKA	Ms Petra STREITHOFER
Poland	Mr Tomasz NAGÓRKA	Ms Paulina BARAŃSKA
Portugal	Mr Eduardo Manuel NOGUEIRA CHAGAS	Ms Vanda Teresa ROGADO MADEIRA PEREIRA DA CRUZ
Romania		
Slovenia		
Slovakia	Mr Peter RAMPÁŠEK	Mr Vladimír KMEC
Finland	Mr Erkki AUVINEN	Ms Lotta SAVINKO
Sweden	Ms Karin FRISTEDT	Ms Cyrene MARTINSSON WAERN

III. REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYERS' ORGANISATIONS

Member State	Members	Alternate members
Belgium	Mr Kris DE MEESTER	Mr Marc DE WILDE
Bulgaria	Mr Georgi STOEV	Ms Petya GEOREVA
Czech Republic	Mr Jiří PUTNA	Mr Martin RÖHRICH
Denmark	Mr Clemens ØRNSTRUP ETZERODT	Mr Jens SKOVGAARD LAURITSEN
Germany	Mr Eckhard METZE	Mr Stefan ENGEL
Estonia	Ms Marju PEÄRNBERG	
Ireland	Mr Michael GILLEN	Ms Katharine MURRAY
Greece	Ms Katerina DASKALAKI	

Member State	Members	Alternate members
Spain	Ms Miriam PINTO LOMEÑA	Ms Laura CASTRILLO NÚÑEZ
France	Mr Franck GAMBELLI	Mr Patrick LÉVY
Croatia	Mr Nenad SEIFERT	Ms Nuša ŽUNEC
Italy	Ms Fabiola LEUZZI	Mr Pier Paolo MASCIOCCHI
Cyprus	Mr Emiliós MICHAEL	Mr Polyvios POLYVIOU
Latvia		
Lithuania	Ms Rūta JASIENĖ	
Luxembourg	Mr Thierry GRIMÉE	Mr Marc KIEFFER
Hungary	Mr István KOMORÓCZKI	
Malta	Mr Martin BONDIN	Mr Joseph DELIA
Netherlands	Mr Mario VAN MIERLO	
Austria	Ms Christa SCHWENG	Mr Tobias SONNWEBER
Poland		
Portugal	Mr Manuel Marcelino PERALTA DA PENA COSTA	Mr Luís HENRIQUE
Romania	Ms Victorița Mihaela GRIGORE	
Slovenia	Mr Jože SMOLE	
Slovakia	Mr Robert MEITNER	Ms Silvia SUROVÁ
Finland	Ms Auli RYTIVAARA	Ms Anne SALOMAA
Sweden	Ms Cecilia ANDERSSON	Mr Anders WESTLUND

Article 2

The Council shall appoint the members and alternate members not yet nominated at a later date.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 28 March 2023.

For the Council
The President
 E. BUSCH

COUNCIL DECISION**of 28 March 2023****appointing members and alternate members of the Management Board of the European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions (Eurofound)**

(2023/C 116/07)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2019/127 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 January 2019 establishing the European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions (Eurofound), and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 1365/75 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 4 thereof,

Having regard to the lists of candidates for appointment submitted to the Council by the Governments of the Member States and by the employees' and the employers' organisations,

Whereas:

- (1) By Decisions of 9 April 2019 ⁽²⁾, of 25 June 2019 ⁽³⁾, of 8 July 2019 ⁽⁴⁾, of 16 September 2019 ⁽⁵⁾ and of 14 June 2021 ⁽⁶⁾, the Council appointed members and alternate members of the Management Board of Eurofound for the period from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2023.
- (2) Members and alternate members are to remain in office until their appointments are renewed or until they are replaced.
- (3) Members and alternate members are to be appointed for a period of four years,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The following persons shall be appointed members and alternate members of the Management Board of Eurofound for the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2027:

I. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

Member State	Members	Alternate members
Belgium	Mr Yves BOLSÉE	Mr Alain PIETTE
Bulgaria	Mr Nenko SALCHEV	Ms Teodora TODOROVA

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 30, 31.1.2019, p. 74.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision of 9 April 2019 appointing the members and alternate members of the Management Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound) (OJ C 135, 11.4.2019, p. 1).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision of 25 June 2019 appointing the members and alternate members of the Management Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound) for Lithuania, Luxembourg and Slovenia (OJ C 216, 27.6.2019, p. 1).

⁽⁴⁾ Council Decision of 8 July 2019 appointing the members and alternate members of the management Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working conditions (Eurofound) for France and Hungary (OJ C 232, 10.7.2019, p. 3).

⁽⁵⁾ Council Decision of 16 September 2019 appointing one member of the Management Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound) for Luxembourg (OJ C 314, 18.9.2019, p. 2).

⁽⁶⁾ Council Decision of 14 June 2021 appointing one alternate member of the Management Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound) for the Netherlands (OJ C 234I, 17.6.2021, p. 1).

Member State	Members	Alternate members
Czech Republic	Mr Vlastimil VÁŇA	Mr Ondřej KRÝSL
Denmark	Mr Søren FRIIS	Ms Lærke Thorø Borch SLOTH
Germany	Mr Thomas VOIGTLÄNDER	Ms Ina HINZER
Estonia	Ms Marian JUURIK	Ms Marion PAJUMETS
Ireland	Mr Marcus BREATHNACH	Ms Olivia CLARKE
Greece	Ms Triantafyllia TOTOU	Mr Georgios GOURZOULIDIS
Spain	Ms Marina GRIÑÓN MONTES	Ms Gloria María ORTEGA GONZÁLEZ
France	Ms Nathalie VAYSSE	Ms Lucile CASTEX-CHAUVE
Croatia	Ms Iva MUSIĆ OREŠKOVIĆ	Ms Inja OGRIZOVIĆ DŽAMONJA
Italy	Mr Romolo de CAMILLIS	Ms Rosanna MARGIOTTA
Cyprus	Mr Orestis MESSIOS	Mr Panayiotis SAVVA
Latvia	Ms Ineta TĀRE	Ms Ineta VJAKSE
Lithuania	Ms Donata ŠLEKYTĖ	Ms Rita SKREBIŠKIENĖ
Luxembourg	Mr Tom OSWALD	Mr Bob GREIS
Hungary	Ms Krisztina PELEI	Ms Vera Judit ÁCS
Malta	Ms Diane VELLA MUSCAT	Mr Christopher GALEA
Netherlands	Mr Wilm GEURTS	Ms Alexandra NICOLAI
Austria	Mr Harald FUGGER	Ms Petra PENCS
Poland	Mr Jerzy CIECHAŃSKI	Ms Magdalena ZAWADZKA
Portugal	Ms Cristina RODRIGUES	Mr Ricardo BERNARDES
Romania	Ms Bianca Diana MIHĂIȚĂ	Ms Ioana DUMITRESCU
Slovenia	Ms Vladka KOMEL	Mr Andraž BOBOVNIK
Slovakia	Ms Silvia GREGORCOVÁ	Mr Ján GABURA
Finland	Mr Antti NÄRHINEN	Ms Maija LYLÿ-YRJÄNÄINEN
Sweden	Ms Aurora LEWÉN	Mr Håkan NYMAN

II. REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYEES' ORGANISATIONS

Member State	Members	Alternate members
Belgium	Mr Stijn GRYP	Ms Caroline VERDOOT
Bulgaria	Mr Todor KAPITANOV	Mr Veselin MITOV
Czech Republic	Mr Jiří VAŇÁSEK	Ms Jana MALÁČOVÁ
Denmark	Ms Maria BJERRE	Ms Käthe Munk RYOM
Germany	Ms Tanja BERGRATH	Ms Livia HENTSCHEL
Estonia	Mr Jaan-Hendrik TOOMEL	Mr Madis IGANÕMM

Member State	Members	Alternate members
Ireland	Mr David JOYCE	Mr Ger GIBBONS
Greece	Mr Ioannis POUPKOS	Mr Panagiotis KORDATOS
Spain	Ms Valérie PARRA BALAYÉ	Mr Fernando ROCHA SÁNCHEZ
France	Mr Charles PARMENTIER	Mr Romain LASSERRE
Croatia	Ms Marija HANŽEVAČKI	Ms Dijana ŠOBOTA
Italy	Mr Salvatore MARRA	Ms Rossella BENEDETTI
Cyprus	Mr Panicos ARGYRIDES	Mr Evangelos EVANGELOU
Latvia	Ms Linda ROMELE	Mr Mārtiņš SVIRSKIS
Lithuania	Ms Daiva KVEDARAITĖ	Ms Sigita MYKOLAITYTĖ
Luxembourg	Ms Véronique EISCHEN	Mr Patrick DURY
Hungary	Mr Szabolcs BEŐTHY-FEHÉR	Ms Viktória SZÚCS
Malta	Mr Joseph BUGEJA	Mr Paul PACE
Netherlands	Mr Jan KOUWENBERG	Ms Lottie Van KELLE
Austria	Ms Dinah DJALINOUS-GLATZ	Mr Adi BUXBAUM
Poland	Ms Katarzyna BARTKIEWICZ	Ms Katarzyna PIETRZAK
Portugal	Ms Vanda Teresa ROGADO MADEIRA PEREIRA DA CRUZ	Mr Hugo Filipe RODRIGUES DIONÍSIO
Romania	Mr Sabin RUSU	Ms Mihaela DÂRLE
Slovenia	Ms Maja KONJAR	Mr Matija DRMOTA
Slovakia	Mr Miroslav HAJNOŠ	
Finland	Mr Juha ANTILA	Mr Seppo NEVALAINEN
Sweden	Mr Håkan GUSTAVSSON	Ms Carola LÖFSTRAND

III. REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYERS' ORGANISATIONS

Member State	Members	Alternate members
Belgium	Mr Kris DE MEESTER	Mr Phillipe VAN WALLEGHEM
Bulgaria	Mr Dimiter BRANKOV	Mr Theodor DETCHEV
Czech Republic	Ms Vladimíra DRBALOVÁ	Ms Pavla BŘEČKOVÁ
Denmark	Ms Christiane MIŚLBECK-WINBERG	Ms Maja KLUGER DIONIGI
Germany	Mr Matthias ROHRMANN	Mr Sebastian HOPFNER
Estonia	Ms Kristi SÖBER	Mr Raul EAMETS
Ireland	Ms Maeve McELWEE	Ms Pauline O'HARE
Greece	Mr Christos IOANNOU	Ms Katerina DASKALAKI
Spain	Ms Celia FERRERO ROMERO	Mr Miguel CANALES GUTIÉRREZ
France	Mr Sébastien DARRIGRAND	Ms Anne VAUCHEZ
Croatia	Ms Nuša ŽUNEC	Mr Dario ĆORIĆ

Member State	Members	Alternate members
Italy	Ms Stefania ROSSI	Mr Giovanni MORLEO
Cyprus	Mr Polyvios POLYVIUO	Mr Georges HADJIKALLIS
Latvia	Ms Ilona KIUKUCĀNE	Ms Inese STEPĪNA
Lithuania	Ms Ineta RIZGELĖ	Ms Monika GABALYTĖ
Luxembourg	Mr Philippe HECK	Mr Marc KIEFFER
Hungary	Ms Adrienn BÁLINT	Ms Andrea MAGYAR
Malta	Mr Joseph FARRUGIA	Ms Marthese MICALLEF
Netherlands	Mr Mario VAN MIERLO	Ms Nurcan YILMAZ
Austria	Mr Tobias SONNWEBER	Mr Josef WIRTH
Poland	Mr Andrzej RUDKA	Ms Katarzyna SIEMIENKIEWICZ
Portugal	Mr Manuel Marcelino PERALTA DA PENA COSTA	Mr Luís HENRIQUE
Romania	Ms Adelina DABU	Mr Radu BURNETE
Slovenia	Mr Miroslav SMREKAR	Ms Nataša CVETEK
Slovakia	Ms Alexandra ŠARINOVÁ	Ms Katarína MARENČÁK
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Article 2

The Council shall appoint the members and alternate members not yet nominated at a later date.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 28 March 2023.

For the Council
The President
E. BUSCH

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾

30 March 2023

(2023/C 116/08)

1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate		
USD	US dollar	1,0886	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,4740
JPY	Japanese yen	144,42	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	8,5455
DKK	Danish krone	7,4493	NZD	New Zealand dollar	1,7462
GBP	Pound sterling	0,88164	SGD	Singapore dollar	1,4465
SEK	Swedish krona	11,3037	KRW	South Korean won	1 413,65
CHF	Swiss franc	0,9963	ZAR	South African rand	19,6460
ISK	Iceland króna	148,10	CNY	Chinese yuan renminbi	7,4898
NOK	Norwegian krone	11,3570	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	16 376,04
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9558	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	4,8143
CZK	Czech koruna	23,547	PHP	Philippine peso	59,166
HUF	Hungarian forint	380,63	RUB	Russian rouble	
PLN	Polish zloty	4,6813	THB	Thai baht	37,252
RON	Romanian leu	4,9483	BRL	Brazilian real	5,5531
TRY	Turkish lira	20,8653	MXN	Mexican peso	19,6843
AUD	Australian dollar	1,6263	INR	Indian rupee	89,3575

⁽¹⁾ Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

New national side of euro coins intended for circulation

(2023/C 116/09)



National side of the new commemorative 2-euro coin intended for circulation and issued by Finland

Euro coins intended for circulation have legal tender status throughout the euro area. For the purpose of informing the public and all parties who handle the coins, the Commission publishes a description of the designs of all new coins ⁽¹⁾. In accordance with the Council conclusions of 10 February 2009 ⁽²⁾, euro-area Member States and countries that have concluded a monetary agreement with the European Union providing for the issuing of euro coins are allowed to issue commemorative euro coins intended for circulation, provided that certain conditions are met, particularly that only the 2-euro denomination is used. These coins have the same technical characteristics as other 2-euro coins, but their national face features a commemorative design that is highly symbolic in national or European terms.

Issuing country: Finland

Subject of commemoration: Finland's First Nature Conservation Act

Description of the design: The theme of the coin is a stylized beetle. On the top in semi-circle is the lettering 'NATURE CONSERVATION' in Finnish and at the bottom in semi-circle are the lettering 'NATURE CONSERVATION' in Swedish and the year of issuance '2023'. The right-hand side of the inner part of the coin bears the lettering 'FI'. The left-hand side of the inner part of the coin bears the mintmark of the Mint of Finland.

The coin's outer ring depicts the 12 stars of the European flag.

Estimated number of coins to be issued: 400 000

Date of issue: Spring 2023

⁽¹⁾ See OJ C 373, 28.12.2001, p. 1 for the national faces of all the coins issued in 2002.

⁽²⁾ See the conclusions of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council of 10 February 2009 and the Commission Recommendation of 19 December 2008 on common guidelines for the national sides and the issuance of euro coins intended for circulation (OJ L 9, 14.1.2009, p. 52).

New national side of euro coins intended for circulation

(2023/C 116/10)

*National side of the new commemorative 2-euro coin intended for circulation and issued by Spain*

Euro coins intended for circulation have legal tender status throughout the euro area. For the purpose of informing the public and all parties who handle the coins, the Commission publishes a description of the designs of all new coins ⁽¹⁾. In accordance with the Council conclusions of 10 February 2009 ⁽²⁾, euro-area Member States and countries that have concluded a monetary agreement with the European Union providing for the issuing of euro coins are allowed to issue commemorative euro coins intended for circulation, provided that certain conditions are met, particularly that only the 2-euro denomination is used. These coins have the same technical characteristics as other 2-euro coins, but their national face features a commemorative design that is highly symbolic in national or European terms.

Issuing country: Spain

Subject of commemoration: UNESCO: Cáceres

Description of the design: The Old Town of Cáceres is an urban ensemble located in the Autonomous Community of Extremadura in the west of the Iberian Peninsula. It was registered on the World Heritage Site list for being unique due to its historic features, which (from the Middle Ages to the classical period) bear the traces of highly diverse and contradictory influences, such as Northern Gothic, Islamic, Italian Renaissance and arts of the New World.

The design depicts a panoramic view of the monumental complex, specifically of the main square. At the top and in capital letters are the word 'ESPAÑA' and the year of minting '2023'. On the upper right hand is the mintmark. At the bottom and in capital letters is the word 'CÁCERES'.

The coin's outer ring depicts the 12 stars of the European flag.

Estimated number of coins to be issued: 1 500 000

Date of issue: First quarter 2023

⁽¹⁾ See OJ C 373, 28.12.2001, p. 1 for the national faces of all the coins issued in 2002.

⁽²⁾ See the conclusions of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council of 10 February 2009 and the Commission Recommendation of 19 December 2008 on common guidelines for the national sides and the issuance of euro coins intended for circulation (OJ L 9, 14.1.2009, p. 52).

New national side of euro coins intended for circulation

(2023/C 116/11)



National side of the new commemorative 2-euro coin intended for circulation and issued by Slovakia

Euro coins intended for circulation have legal tender status throughout the euro area. For the purpose of informing the public and all parties who handle the coins, the Commission publishes a description of the designs of all new coins ⁽¹⁾. In accordance with the Council conclusions of 10 February 2009 ⁽²⁾, euro-area Member States and countries that have concluded a monetary agreement with the European Union providing for the issuing of euro coins are allowed to issue commemorative euro coins intended for circulation, provided that certain conditions are met, particularly that only the 2-euro denomination is used. These coins have the same technical characteristics as other 2-euro coins, but their national face features a commemorative design that is highly symbolic in national or European terms.

Issuing country: Slovakia

Subject of commemoration: The 100th anniversary of the first blood transfusion in Slovakia

Description of the design: The design features an equilateral cross as an internationally recognised symbol of medical aid, hope and humanity. Inscribed in each arm is one of the four blood groups: A, B, O, and AB. Incused within the cross are two more equilateral crosses, one within the other, with a drop of blood appearing at the centre of this image. Depicted around the central cross are the equally spaced lower parts of eight test tubes, each containing an incused stylised blood drop. Between each tube is a blood drop in relief. To the right of the bottom tube are the stylised initials 'MP', referring to the national side's designer Mária Poldaufová; to the left is the mint mark of the Kremnica Mint (Mincovňa Kremnica), consisting of the letters 'MK' placed between two dies. Around most of the edge of the coin's inner part is the inscription 'PRVÁ TRANSFÚZIA KRVI 1923 – 2023' (in English the words mean 'first blood transfusion'). Along the lower part of the edge is the name of the issuing country 'SLOVENSKO', with a dot on either side separating it from the inscription.

The coin's outer ring depicts the 12 stars of the European flag.

Estimated number of coins to be issued: 1 000 000

Date of issue: March 2023

⁽¹⁾ See OJ C 373, 28.12.2001, p. 1 for the national faces of all the coins issued in 2002.

⁽²⁾ See the conclusions of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council of 10 February 2009 and the Commission Recommendation of 19 December 2008 on common guidelines for the national sides and the issuance of euro coins intended for circulation (OJ L 9, 14.1.2009, p. 52).

New national side of euro coins intended for circulation

(2023/C 116/12)



National side of the new commemorative 2-euro coin intended for circulation and issued by France

Euro coins intended for circulation have legal tender status throughout the euro area. For the purpose of informing the public and all parties who handle the coins, the Commission publishes a description of the designs of all new coins ⁽¹⁾. In accordance with the Council conclusions of 10 February 2009 ⁽²⁾, euro-area Member States and countries that have concluded a monetary agreement with the European Union providing for the issuing of euro coins are allowed to issue commemorative euro coins intended for circulation, provided that certain conditions are met, particularly that only the 2-euro denomination is used. These coins have the same technical characteristics as other 2-euro coins, but their national face features a commemorative design that is highly symbolic in national or European terms.

Issuing country: France

Subject of commemoration: Olympic Games Paris 2024

Description of the design: One hundred years after the Paris 1924 Olympic Games, the French capital will once again host the Summer Games in 2024. One year before the launch of the Olympic Games, the Monnaie de Paris is continuing the celebration by counting down to the start of the Games by highlighting its heritage and that of Paris. An event with international echo whose intensity gradually increases in the years leading up to the event, with already several €2 commemorative coins dedicated to the Olympic Games over the past years.

The design of the coin depicts the Sower, a national figure and icon of French numismatics, practicing pugilism, the forerunner of boxing, in reference to the Antic Olympic Games. Her silhouette is in the foreground in front of the Pont-Neuf and its surroundings, typical of the Ile de la Cité area, a key element of the Parisian landscape. In the background, an athletic track, into which the emblem of Paris 2024 is inserted on the right-hand side, is represented. The year date, the RF mention and the mintmarks are inserted under the arch, on the bridge railing and in the Seine.

The coin's outer ring depicts the 12 stars of the European flag.

Estimated number of coins to be issued: 260 000

Date of issue: January 2023

⁽¹⁾ See OJ C 373, 28.12.2001, p. 1 for the national faces of all the coins issued in 2002.

⁽²⁾ See the conclusions of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council of 10 February 2009 and the Commission Recommendation of 19 December 2008 on common guidelines for the national sides and the issuance of euro coins intended for circulation (OJ L 9, 14.1.2009, p. 52).

V

(Announcements)

PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION
POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case M.11099 – CINVEN / MBCC DIVESTMENT BUSINESS)

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2023/C 116/13)

1. On 24 March 2023, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾.

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

- Cinven, Cinven Capital Management (VII) General Partner Limited (Guernsey), controlled by Cinven Partnership LLP ('Cinven', United Kingdom),
- certain businesses located in Australia, Canada, the countries of the EEA, New Zealand, Switzerland, the UK and the US ('MBCC Divestment Business') and currently controlled by LSF11 Skyscraper Midco 2 S.à.r.l. (Luxembourg).

Cinven will acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of the MBCC Divestment Business.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares in the entities holding the MBCC Divestment Business.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are the following:

- Cinven, a private equity firm engaged in the provision of investment management and investment advisory services to a number of investment funds. The companies in the Cinven funds' portfolio of investments are active in a wide range of subsectors, mainly business services, consumer, financial services, healthcare, industrial and technology, media and telecommunications,
- The MBCC Divestment Business comprises the admixture systems business of the MBCC Group in Australia, Canada, the countries of the EEA, New Zealand, Switzerland, the UK and the US, and the construction systems business of the MBCC Group located in Australia and New Zealand.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').

Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ^(?) it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. The following reference should always be specified:

M.11099 – CINVEN / MBCC DIVESTMENT BUSINESS

Observations can be sent to the Commission by email or by post. Please use the contact details below:

Email: COMP-MERGER-REGISTRY@ec.europa.eu

Postal address:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Competition
Merger Registry
1049 Bruxelles/Brussel
BELGIQUE/BELGIË

^(?) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

OTHER ACTS

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Publication of the single document referred to in Article 94(1)(d) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and of the reference to the publication of the product specification for a name in the wine sector

(2023/C 116/14)

This publication confers the right to oppose the application pursuant to Article 98 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁾ within two months from the date of this publication.

SINGLE DOCUMENT

' Terras da Beira '

PGI-PT-02355

Date of application: 22.3.2017

1. Name to be registered

Terras da Beira

2. Geographical indication type

PGI - Protected Geographical Indication

3. Categories of grapevine products

1. Wine

4. Sparkling wine

8. Semi-sparkling wine

4. Description of the wine(s)

1. *Wine (white, rosé and red)*

The white wines are clear, bright and pale yellow to straw yellow in appearance. Their primary aromas are of white, tropical and citrus fruit; when aged in barrels they have ripe fruit aromas. They have a fruity, acidic and fresh taste, with mineral notes.

The rosé wines are clear and bright in appearance, with shades ranging from red and cherry red to light pink. They have fruity to red fruit aromas. They have a fruity, acidic and fresh taste, with mineral notes.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 671.

The red wines are clear and bright, with tones ranging from bright to brick red. They have red fruit aromas. They have a fruity, acidic and fresh taste, with mineral notes.

The remaining analytical characteristics comply with the limits laid down in EU legislation.

General analytical characteristics	
Maximum total alcoholic strength (in % volume)	
Minimum actual alcoholic strength (in % volume)	9,0
Minimum total acidity	
Maximum volatile acidity (in milliequivalents per litre)	
Maximum total sulphur dioxide (in milligrams per litre)	

2. Sparkling wine (white, rosé and red)

The sparkling white wine is greenish white to straw yellow in appearance, and is clear with fine and long-lasting bubbles. It has primary aromas of white and tropical fruit and a fruity, acidic and fresh taste, with notes of ageing where applicable.

The sparkling rosé wine is cherry-red to light pink in appearance, and is clear with fine and long-lasting bubbles. It has primary aromas of red fruits and a fruity, acidic and fresh taste, with notes of ageing where applicable.

The sparkling red wine is bright red to ruby red in appearance, and is clear with fine and long-lasting bubbles. It has primary aromas of red fruit. It has a fruity, acidic and fresh taste, with notes of ageing where applicable.

All analytical characteristics comply with the limits laid down in EU legislation.

General analytical characteristics	
Maximum total alcoholic strength (in % volume)	
Minimum actual alcoholic strength (in % volume)	
Minimum total acidity	
Maximum volatile acidity (in milliequivalents per litre)	
Maximum total sulphur dioxide (in milligrams per litre)	

3. Semi-sparkling wine (white, red and rosé)

The semi-sparkling white wine is greenish white to straw yellow in appearance, and is clear with short-lasting bubbles. It has primary aromas of white and tropical fruit and a fruity, acidic and fresh taste.

The semi-sparkling rosé wine is cherry-red to light pink in appearance, and is clear with short-lasting bubbles. It has primary aromas of red fruit and a fruity, acidic and fresh taste.

The semi-sparkling red wine is bright red to lighter red in appearance, and is clear with short-lasting bubbles. It has primary aromas of red fruit and a fruity, acidic and fresh taste.

All analytical characteristics comply with the limits laid down in EU legislation.

General analytical characteristics	
Maximum total alcoholic strength (in % volume)	
Minimum actual alcoholic strength (in % volume)	
Minimum total acidity	
Maximum volatile acidity (in milliequivalents per litre)	
Maximum total sulphur dioxide (in milligrams per litre)	

5. Wine making practices

a. *Essential oenological practices*

1. Wine – natural alcoholic strength by volume – minimum level

Restriction relating to winemaking

Wine

The must of wines that may use the ‘Terras da Beira’ GI must have a minimum natural alcoholic strength by volume of 9 %.

2. Winemaking technique – rosé wines

Specific oenological practice

Wine, sparkling wine and semi-sparkling wine

Rosé wine must be produced using the ‘off skins’ process or with a light fermentation ‘on skins’.

3. Soils and growing methods

Growing methods

Wine, sparkling wine and semi-sparkling wine

The growing practices used in vineyards intended for the production of wines entitled to use the ‘Terras da Beira’ GI must be the traditional practices of the region or recommended by the certifying authority.

Vines intended for the production of wines with the ‘Terras de Beira’ GI must be planted in soils of the following types:

- humic litholic schist and granite soils
- litholic granite soils
- brown and red Mediterranean schist soils.

b. *Maximum yields*

1. Wine (white and rosé), sparkling wine and semi-sparkling wine

90 hectolitres per hectare

2. Wine (red)

85 hectolitres per hectare

6. Demarcated geographical area

The geographical area for the production of the 'Terras da Beira' GI covers:

- all parishes in all municipalities in the district of Castelo Branco;
- in the district of Guarda, the municipalities of Almeida, Celorico da Beira, Figueira de Castelo Rodrigo (excluding the parish of Escalhão), Guarda, Manteigas, Meda (excluding the parishes of Fonte Longa, Longroiva, Meda and Poço do Canto), Pinhel, Sabugal and Trancoso.

7. Main wine grapes variety(ies)

Alfrocheiro - Tinta-Bastardinha

Alicante-Bouschet

Alicante-Branco

Alvar

Alvarelhão - Brancelho

Alvarinho

Aragonez - Tinta-Roriz; Tempranillo

Arinto - Pedernã

Arinto-do-Interior

Azal

Baga

Barcelo

Bastardo - Graciosa

Batoca - Alvaraça

Bical - Borrado-das-Moscas

Cabernet Franc

Cabernet-Sauvignon

Caladoc

Camarate

Campanario

Castelão - João-de-Santarém(1); Periquita

Cercial - Cercial-da-Bairrada

Chardonnay

Chasselas

Códega-do-Larinho

Durif - Petite-Syrah

Encruzado

Fernão-Pires - Maria-Gomes

Folgasão - Terrantez

Folha de Figueira - Dona-Branca

Fonte Cal

Gewürztraminer

Gouveio

Grand-Noir

Jaen - Mencia
Loureiro
Malvasia-Fina - Boal; Bual
Malvasia Fina Roxa
Malvasia Preta
Malvasia Rei
Marufo - Mourisco-Roxo
Merlot
Monvedro
Moreto
Moscatel-Galego-Branco - Muscat-à-Petits-Grains
Mourisco
Nebbiolo
Petit-Bouschet
Petit-Verdot
Pilongo
Pinot-Blanc
Pinot-Noir
Português-Azul - Blauer-Portugieser
Rabigato
Rabo-de-Ovelha
Riesling
Rufete - Tinta-Pinheira
Sangiovese
Sauvignon - Sauvignon-Blanc
Semillon
Sercial - Esgana-Cão
Sercialinho
Syrah - Shiraz
Síria - Roupeiro, Códega
Tamarez - Molinha
Terrantez
Tinta -Barroca
Tinta -Carvalha
Tinta-Francisca
Tinta-Negra - Mole, Saborinho
Tinto-Cão
Touriga-Franca
Touriga-Fêmea
Touriga-Nacional

Trincadeira - Tinta-Amarela, Trincadeira-Preta

Tália - Ugni-Blanc; Trebbiano-Toscano

Uva-Cão

Verdejo

Verdelho

Verdial-Branco

Vinhão - Sousão

Viognier

Viosinho

Vital

Água -Santa

8. Description of the link(s)

Wine, sparkling wine and semi-sparkling wine

Natural factors

Located in the centre/north of inland Portugal, the 'Terras da Beira' GI is the highest winegrowing region in Portugal, with vines planted between 300 and 750 metres above sea level. The region's landscape is dominated by the Estrela, Gardunha, Açor, Marofa and Malcata mountains.

The far north of the 'Terras da Beira' GI is occupied by the Côa and Águeda river basins, and the far south by the Zézere and Alto Tejo (upper Tagus) river basins.

Most soils are granitic in origin, the remainder being mainly schist, with some seams of quartz between the two.

The climate of the region is very harsh, falling to below zero in winter and with very hot and dry summers. Average annual precipitation is between 400 and 700 mm/m², but concentrated in the winter and spring months. This usually gives rise to excess water in the soil during this period. In summer, on the other hand, it hardly rains. The months of July and August are the driest of the year, with an average rainfall of less than 10 mm/m².

Human factors

This vast region of Portugal, once an integral part of Roman Lusitania (25 BC), has been closely associated with vineyards and wine production ever since. The presence of presses carved in the granite is clear proof that wine has held major significance and importance for this region ever since Roman times. However, at the turn of the 12th century, it was at the hands of the monks of the Santa Maria de Aguiar Monastery in Figueira de Castelo Rodrigo that winegrowing underwent some very significant developments.

The characteristics of the wines are attributable to the range of varieties used in the region and to these being well adapted to the local climate and soils, which is reflected in the expertise accumulated over the years as well as from more recent experiences.

Specific characteristics of the products associated with the geographical area

The white wines are fresh and aromatic, with noticeable acidity and minerality.

The rosé wines are fruity, with mineral, acidic and fresh notes.

The red wines are full-bodied, fresh, acidic, and aromatic, with mineral notes and red fruit aromas.

The sparkling wines are fruity, acidic and fresh, with a fine and long-lasting bubble.

The semi-sparkling wines are fruity, fresh and acidic.

Causal link

The link between soil and climatic factors on the one hand and the region's grape varieties on the other gives rise to wines with distinctive characteristics, marked by minerality, acidity and freshness.

The granitic soils of the region give a distinctive minerality to the wines, semi-sparkling wines and sparkling wines produced here.

The mountainous landscape of the region calls for the practice of mountain winegrowing, with vines planted at considerable altitudes. This slows the ripening process, which is important for the development of the phenolic compounds and aromatic precursors found in the grapes. As a result, the wines, the semi-sparkling wines and the sparkling wines are more aromatic.

In turn, the wide variation in daily temperatures in summer, with hot, dry days and cool nights, influences the slow and smooth ripening of the grapes. This results in a lower natural sugar content and ensures a good level of acidity, giving a characteristic freshness to the region's wines, semi-sparkling wines and sparkling wines.

The human factor, which preserves traditions going back thousands of years and is reflected in the choice of varieties that have adapted best to the conditions in the geographical area, is of decisive importance in producing grapes that give the region's wines, semi-sparkling wines and sparkling wines their salient characteristics.

9. Essential further conditions

Production outside the geographical area – derogation

Legal framework:

National legislation

Type of further condition:

Derogation concerning production in the demarcated geographical area

Description of the condition:

It is permissible to produce wines with the 'Terras da Beira' GI from grapes produced within that geographical area but processed outside it, if the area where the wines are produced is adjacent to the 'Terras da Beira' region.

All GI Terras da Beira wines

Legal framework:

National legislation

Type of further condition:

Additional provisions relating to labelling

Description of the condition:

Additional provisions relating to labelling

- Prior approval of labelling. The labels to be used on 'Terras da Beira' GI products must first be submitted for approval by the certifying authority.
- The trade mark must be registered with the INPI [National Institute for Industrial Property], but is not exclusive to the GI.

Link to the product specification

<http://www.ivv.gov.pt/np4/8616.html>

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