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Extensive descriptions	Abbreviations
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Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/673 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 May 2018 amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations	Amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/673
Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2019/493 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 March 2019 amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 regarding a verification procedure related to infringements of rules on the protection of personal data in the context of elections to the European Parliament	Amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2019/493
Authority for European Political Parties and European Political Foundations	Authority
Public funding from the general budget of the European Union	Union funding



Foreword by the Director



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The year 2022 was overshadowed by the Russian war of aggression on Ukraine. Multiple cyberattacks on IT systems in the European Union, including on the European Parliament's website, have been another feature of the year past. Malign foreign interference in democratic life is unfortunately a reality.

At the same time, European Union democracy has received attention and care. Citizens take pride in European democratic life and have ambitions for its future. The contributions to the Conference on the Future of Europe show this. It is therefore also a message of resilience of our Union's values which resonates from 2022.

In this wider context the recast of the Regulation on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations proposed by the European Commission on 25 November 2021 gave rise to an intense and important inter-institutional debate on finding the right balance between two notions: defining a framework for political cooperation with parties and foundations that share our values in a limited set of non-EU countries, on one hand, while preventing illegitimate interferences in our democratic processes, on the other. This discussion is still ongoing at the time of writing.

Meanwhile, this Report will be the occasion to recall the administrative experience under current rules. Protecting integrity of European Union democracy, including against attempts to manipulate it from outside, has formed part of the DNA of the Authority since its inception. The Regulation we currently apply contains safeguards already: A prohibition for European political parties and European political foundations to accept donations from third countries, structural limitations on non-EU relations, and the ability to defend European elections against abuse of data breaches.

But this is no time for complacency. The European Union needs to act fast and decisively to address new challenges to democratic integrity by the time of the next European elections. This also raises resources questions. It is indeed key for the Authority's ability to fully discharge its existing mandate in light of evolving threats, as well as to shoulder any legislative additions to that mandate, that a limited number of additional staff members can be recruited and are effectively present by the time of the elections.

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Executive Summary

This Annual Activity Report describes the tasks performed and the challenges tackled by the Authority during 2022, by summarising the work streams handled, methods applied and experience gained in the year of reference. It also provides an outlook on the activities planned by the Authority until the 2024 European elections.

Given the complexity of the subject matter at hand, it is appropriate to begin with an introduction to the concept of European political parties and European political foundations as well as an overview of the administrative and legal framework (Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 and its amendments). This provides readers, in particular those not familiar with the details of the rules applicable to European political parties and European political foundations, with the necessary background regarding the sections dedicated to the Authority's activities.

An overview of the Authority's standard operations follows, which focuses on the main areas falling within the remit of the Authority: registration and verification of European political parties and European political foundations, control of their compliance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 and transparency services, with the Authority's website offering the citizens an insight in European political parties and European political foundations, their structure, governance and financing.

Special emphasis in this Report is placed on the protection of the European Union's democracy against foreign interference under current rules.

The Report further offers a brief description of the Authority's internal administration, by setting out the situation regarding human resources, including constraints the Authority is facing, and budget.

The Report ends with an outlook of the Authority's preparatory work towards the European elections 2024.



1. THE AUTHORITY FOR EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTIES AND EUROPEAN POLITICAL FOUNDATIONS

1.1. Introduction

Democratic integrity, and a level playing field for European political parties and foundations, are essential for the functioning and the credibility of the European Union. The Authority, an independent body of the European Union, is part of this effort since it was established on 1 September 2016 and became fully operational on 1 January 2017.

The legislator assigned to the Authority the tasks of registering, controlling compliance and imposing sanctions, where necessary, on European political parties and European political foundations in line with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014¹ as amended². Moreover, the Authority is providing key transparency services to the citizens.

1.2. Mission of the Authority

The Authority protects the integrity of European democracy by ensuring compliance of European political parties and European political foundations with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 in full respect of procedural rights.

The Authority also contributes to political awareness at European level by providing transparency services to the citizens of the Union by publishing key information on European political parties and European political foundations, which includes structural information on membership and governance, lists of donations and contributions received, and political programmes of European political parties.

Comprehensive information on European political parties and European political foundations is contained in the Register of European political parties and European political foundations, and publications are made in accordance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014.

¹ OJ L 317, 4.11.2014, p. 1–27

² Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/673, OJ L 114I, 4.5.2018, p. 1; Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2019/493, OJ L 85I, 27.3.2019, p. 7.



The Authority's director and team conduct this mission independently and in respect of political pluralism in the EU. In close cooperation with the European Parliament, other Union institutions, bodies and agencies, as well as national authorities, we build a strong "Team democratic integrity" for the European Union.



2. EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTIES AND FOUNDATIONS

European political parties have begun to appear in advance of the first direct European elections of 1979 and have since gradually developed in number and as regards their activities.

Formally recognised by the Treaty of Maastricht³, the role of the European political parties is set out in Article 10(4) of the Treaty on European Union⁴ and in Article 12(2) of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union⁵. This role is more than a cooperation of existing political families across borders: Indeed, according to these Treaty provisions, European political parties ***“contribute to forming European political awareness and to expressing the will of citizens of the Union”***. European political parties are therefore the recognised manifestation of a political transmission mechanism directly between the citizens and their European Union.

Financial support by the Union’s budget, as well as conditions and prohibitions relating thereto, were initially governed by Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003 on the regulations governing political parties at European level and the rules regarding their funding⁶. The rules on the statute and financing of European political parties are currently provided for in Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 based on Article 224 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union⁷.

3 OJ C 191, 29.7.1992, p. 1-112.

4 OJ C 326, 26.10.2012, p. 13-390.

5 OJ C 326, 26.10.2012, p. 391-407.

6 OJ L 297, 15.11.2003, p. 1-4, based on Article 191 of the Treaty establishing the European Community as amended by the Treaty of Nice amending the Treaty on European Union, the Treaties establishing the European Communities and certain related acts, OJ C 80, 10.3.2001, p1-87.

7 OJ C 326, 26.10.2012, p. 1-390.



3. THE CURRENT LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK



3.1. Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014

Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 has set up a new legal framework on the statute and funding of European political parties and their affiliated European political foundations requiring European political parties and European political foundations to provide a strong link between citizens of the Union and European democracy, with particular focus on integrity and transparency. Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 established the Authority and introduced a series of rights and obligations for European political parties and European political foundations.

Following a registration procedure with the Authority, European political parties and foundations obtain a fully-fledged European legal personality and can apply for Union funding. At the same time, they must respect conditions and obligations, in particular those related to donations and contributions they receive, their activities and the key requirement to observe the values upon which the Union is founded.

The rules on the statute and financing of European political parties and European political foundations have already been amended twice since the adoption of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014. In 2018, Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 was amended by Amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/673 to avoid undesirable consequences of multi-party membership and to modify financing rules, and in 2019 it was amended by Amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2019/493 to strengthen the protection of personal data ahead of the 2019 European elections. The European Parliament called to amend Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014, in its resolution of 26 November 2020 on stocktaking of European elections (2020/2088(INI))⁸ and in its resolution of 11 November 2021 on the application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations (2021/2018(INI))⁹. Following European Parliament's calls, and the European democracy action plan¹⁰ (2020), the European Commission presented a new legislative proposal on 25 November 2021¹¹.

⁸ OJ C 425, 20.10.2021, p. 98–106.

⁹ OJ C 205, 20.5.2022, p. 37–43.

¹⁰ [European Democracy Action Plan](https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/new-push-european-democracy/european-democracy-action-plan_en) (https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/new-push-european-democracy/european-democracy-action-plan_en)

¹¹ Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations (recast), COM(2021)734 final, 2021/0375 (COD), 25.11.2021.

3.2. Amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/673

Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/673 was the result of the first amendment of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014. Amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/673¹² has, among other things, tightened the conditions for registration as a European political party. This led to the removal of two European political parties and one affiliated European political foundation from the Register of European political parties and European political foundations. Consequently, these three entities were no longer eligible to receive the contributions and grants from the general budget of the European Union. The amendment also refined the regulatory powers conferred upon the Authority and modified the notion of National Contact Point(s), the entities/persons designated at national level to exchange information in the context of the application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014.

3.3. Amending Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2019/493

In March 2019, the European Parliament and the Council adopted Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2019/493¹³ which amended Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 as regards a verification procedure related to infringements of rules on the protection of personal data in the context of elections to the European Parliament.

The specific verification procedure which it introduced aims at enabling the Authority to sanction European political parties and/or European political foundations that deliberately influence, or attempt to influence, the outcome of European elections by taking advantage of an infringement by a natural or legal person of the applicable rules on the protection of personal data. This verification procedure can only be triggered after a decision of the national supervisory authority, and depends in practice additionally on the Authority being informed of this decision. It is therefore essential that the communication between national authorities and the Authority takes place smoothly and without any delay. The Authority therefore invested considerable effort in raising awareness among competent authorities at European Union level and in the Member States throughout 2022.



12 OJ L 114I, 4.5.2018, p. 1–6.

13 OJ L 85I, 27.3.2019, p. 7–10.

4. STANDARD OPERATIONS AT THE AUTHORITY

4.1. Registration/ Verification

4.1.1. Conditions

There are several conditions for a European political party to be registered, *inter alia*:

- A European political party must at all times be composed of member parties in at least a quarter of Member States. These parties must be represented by an elected mandate-holder at either European, national or regional level.
- A European political party must have its seat in a Member State and this must be indicated in its statutes. The statutes must follow all the provisions set out by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014. The Member State of the seat can impose additional requirements for the statutes which have to be consistent with the Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014.
- A European political party must observe the values on which the Union is founded, comply with the rule of law and respect for human rights and they cannot seek profits in their functioning.

There are several conditions for a European political foundation to be registered, *inter alia*:

- A European political foundation must be affiliated with European political party already registered with the Authority and comply with the governance provisions set out by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014.
- A European political foundation must have its seat in a Member State and this must be indicated in its statutes. The statutes must follow all the provisions set out by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014. The Member State of the seat can impose additional requirements for the statutes which have to be consistent with the Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014.
- A European political foundation must observe the values on which the Union is founded, comply with the rule of law and respect for human rights and they cannot seek profits in their functioning.

4.1.2. Implementation in 2022

The Authority regularly verifies whether the registration conditions continue to be complied with by the European political parties and the European political foundations. In 2022, the Authority carried out several verification exercises.



These verifications took place at several instances:

- in a regular cycle of verifications regarding structure and governance of the European political parties and European political foundations;
- following relevant elections in Member States;
- in the context of evolving administrative set-ups of certain European political parties and European political foundations;
- in the context of the funding applications to the European Parliament for budgetary year 2023, in particular verification of the number of Members of the European Parliament to be counted to each European political party as at 30 September 2022.

New templates have been made available to European political parties and foundations to increase process efficiency and to reduce red tape.

The Authority sent several preventive compliance recommendations to European political parties and European political foundations to address foreseeable compliance risks in light of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014, especially regarding governance provisions and internal structures. Upon individual requests to the Authority, European political parties and European political foundations have been provided with individualised guidance.

In the course of this work, the Authority identified a number of risk factors and corresponding action points. The Authority continuously monitors that these are respected in practice.

EXAMPLES OF RISK FACTORS	CORRESPONDING ACTION POINTS
Governance interaction between European political parties and their affiliated foundation	While European political parties and their affiliated foundation are formally bound to each other (see Article 2(4) of the Regulation) and hence may cooperate intensely, their decision-making processes and finances cannot be merged. More particularly, the respective day-to-day managements, governing structures and financial accounts of European political parties and their affiliated European political foundation must remain separate (Article 3(3) of the Regulation). Consequently, they: • shall ensure effective separation, where necessary by avoidance of double office holders and/or, depending on the individual case, by ascertaining in a legally reliable form that double office holder(s) cannot impose on behalf of the party of foundation a course of action on the respective other entity; • additionally take appropriate statutory measures to clarify the separation.
Notification of incomplete list of member parties represented by member of (European) parliament	While European political parties are required to demonstrate having member parties fulfilling the representativeness criterion in only ¼ of Member States (currently seven), they are strongly encouraged, if possible, to notify more member parties fulfilling the criterion to avoid sudden compliance issues if one of the notified parties ceases to be a genuine member or loses its political representativeness.

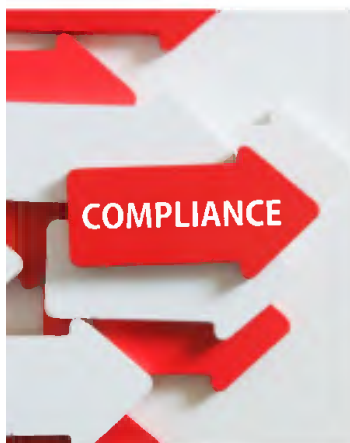


At the end of 2022, 10 European political parties and 10 affiliated European political foundations continued to be registered with the Authority. The Authority did not register any new applicant for registration and no de-registration occurred. Currently registered European political parties are listed in Appendix 1, along with their full member parties and respective affiliated European political foundations.

4.1.3. Union values

The Authority's mandate includes the verification of respect of the values on which the Union is founded, as expressed in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union. A specific procedure is foreseen for assessing whether European political parties and European political foundations comply with the set of values as listed in Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014. Should any of the registered entities be found, in accordance with the procedure foreseen in the Regulation upon request of the European Parliament, the Council or the Commission, to be in manifest and serious breach of the obligation to observe Union values, this would result in the Authority's decision to de-register the registered entity concerned.

The procedure also involves an advisory opinion of the Committee of Independent Eminent Persons, established by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014. The European Parliament and the Council have appointed, respectively, two members to the committee for the current legislative term¹⁴.



4.2. Compliance controls

4.2.1. Background

The Authority controls compliance by European political parties and European political foundations with their obligations under Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 in cooperation with the Authorising Officer of the European Parliament and the competent Member States' authorities. In line with its mandate, the Authority controls compliance of the donations and contributions accepted by European political parties and European political foundations as well as the use of funding, irrespective of whether it originates from own resources or the Union budget, and taking into consideration the prohibitions laid down in Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014.

The controls are conducted independently and within the limits of the Authority's mandate: the Authority conducts its checks of democratic integrity pursuant to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 even if Union funding is not involved. The Authorising Officer of the European Parliament controls compliance by European political parties and European political

¹⁴ [Currently appointed members of the Committee of Independent Eminent Persons](https://www.appf.europa.eu/appf/en/other-information/committees-appf/) (https://www.appf.europa.eu/appf/en/other-information/committees-appf/)

foundations with the obligations relating to Union funding in accordance with the Financial Regulation¹⁵. For matters not regulated by Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014, the Member State of the European political parties' and foundations' seat, and of the place of their activities, respectively, remains competent to apply national law.

The following table summarises some key substantive rules of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014, for which the Authority is competent to check compliance:

DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	
Principle	Non-compliant
European political parties and European political foundations may accept donations from natural or legal persons of up to a value of EUR 18 000 per year and per donor.	• donations exceeding EUR 18 000 per year and per donor • anonymous donations or contributions • donations from the budgets of political groups in the European Parliament • donations from any public authority from a Member State or a third country • donations from any private entities or individuals (not having the right to vote in the European elections) based in a third country

ACTIVITIES	
EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTIES	
Principle	Non-compliant
The funding of European political parties from the general budget of the European Union or from any other source may be used to finance campaigns conducted by the European political parties in the context of elections to the European Parliament in which they or their members participate.	The funding of European political parties from the general budget of the European Union or from any other source cannot be used for the following: • direct or indirect funding of other political parties, and in particular national parties or candidates • referendum campaigns
ACTIVITIES	
EUROPEAN POLITICAL FOUNDATIONS	
Principle	Non-compliant
The funding of European political foundations from the general budget of the European Union shall be used for financing their tasks as listed in point (4) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 and to meet expenditure directly linked to the objectives set out in their statutes.	The funding of European political foundations from the general budget of the European Union or from any other source cannot be used for the following: • direct or indirect funding of elections, political parties, or candidates or other foundations • referendum campaigns

¹⁵ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1-222.



4.2.2. Implementation in 2022

During 2022, the Authority's compliance team carried out compliance controls in the context of the annual submissions of European political parties' and European political foundations' financial documentation concerning the year 2021. In addition to this regular annual process, the Authority also carried out ad hoc compliance controls, such as in cases of advance notifications of donations exceeding EUR 12 000 or when the Authority became aware of other potential instances of non-compliance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014.

In addition to the strong relations with the European Parliament which were further enhanced, relations with existing contact points in the Member States¹⁶ have proven to be of great practical use in this context. To ensure the lasting fluidity of this cooperation, in 2022 the Authority was preparing a first annual conference of the Authority's national contact points, in the presence also of the services of the European Parliament, to deepen mutual understanding and exchange best practices (the conference took place in January 2023 with a high level of attendance). To increase efficiency and the effectiveness of its controls, the Authority has further optimised its internal work process.

The aim of the Authority's compliance control activities is to prevent and, where necessary, sanction infringements of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014. Thus the Authority sent several preventive compliance recommendations to European political parties and European political foundations, enabling them to better assess their internal processes in the area of donations, contributions and the activities they plan to organise. Upon individual requests to the Authority, European political parties and European political foundations were provided with individualised guidance as well.

Where the Authority identified horizontal compliance risks, corresponding action points were communicated to the European political parties and foundations accordingly. In order to ensure compliance with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014, the Authority also published extensive guidance on its website referring to the most commonly identified risk areas.



¹⁶ See the list in Appendix 3.

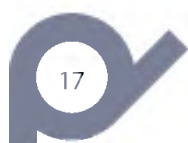
EXAMPLES OF RISK FACTORS	CORRESPONDING ACTION POINTS
Uncertainties about donor entities	"Know your donor" principle: European political parties and foundations may accept donations within the limits of Article 20 of the Regulation. A deadline of 30 days is provided by the Regulation for returning incoming payments that are not compliant with the prohibitions of the text. This means that European political parties and foundations need to develop an understanding of their donor entities in good time, in particular to identify the effective donor (which is not necessarily identical to the paying entity), country of origin (which is not necessarily identical to that of the bank account) and potential public control over the donor entity.
Unclear funding modalities for a joint activity	"Payer in the driver seat" principle: While European political parties and foundations may co-organise activities with partner organisations, they cannot provide funding directly or indirectly to the entities referred to in Article 22 of the Regulation, most notably their own member parties or organisations, or candidates. European political parties and foundations therefore have to ensure by their project financing structure that their co-financing share for an activity together with a local partner organisation covered by Article 22 of the Regulation remains proportionate to their visibility and content influence in relation to the concrete activity.

In cases of potential infringements, before the Authority imposes a sanction, Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 requires that an opportunity to take corrective measures be given¹⁷.

Corrective measures typically comprise a financial and a structural element. Indeed, corrective measures are not designed as a mere opportunity for late implementation of an obligation which would have had to be complied with before. Therefore, the Authority considers sufficient a corrective measure only if it is not limited to belated compliance with a pre-existing requirement (e.g. by payment of an amount that would have had to be disbursed or reimbursed at an earlier date), but additionally also contains structural measures that prevent future re-occurrence (this can be pedagogical measures internal to the staff, rescinding of contracts, communication to member parties etc.).

In 2022, the Authority has given European political parties and European political foundations a right to be heard as well as the opportunity for corrective measures in 9 cases. These were cases relating to reporting requirements, rules concerning revenue and joint activities. Early scrutiny indicates that the immediately relevant corrective measures were implemented by the European political parties and foundations concerned in all these cases. The Authority continues to monitor that corrective measures with long-term effect will ensure sustained compliance in the areas concerned.

No sanctions were adopted in 2022.



¹⁷ Article 29 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014.



4.3. Transparency services

4.3.1. Website

One key task of the Authority is transparency, by supplying public information about European political parties and European political foundations such as the decisions to register them, the names and statutes of all registered European political parties and European political foundations, along with the documents submitted as part of their applications for registration and detailed information about donations and contributions received by European political parties and European political foundations.

The Authority's website thus enables citizens to access structural and financial information of European political parties and European political foundations and in this regard, the Authority has - in 2022 - published summary political programmes provided by European political parties. For better visibility, the political programmes are displayed directly with the respective European political party's logo and next to each other.

Based on case-law and the Authority's administrative experience acquired over time, the Authority has also continuously extended its offer of publicly accessible guidance on its website. Guidance with regards to compliance controls and guidance for the applicants to be registered with the Authority has been added to the Authority's website.

The Authority dedicated specific focus time to transparency after completion of the core compliance controls. In this context, the Authority has been re-structuring the documentation already published in a clearer and concise manner, in all Union languages.

Tables of donations and contributions containing data for financial year 2021 were published on the Authority's website, now also in open data format.

As regards its website, the Authority is also continuing to take part in a website accessibility benchmarking exercise, by reference to internationally recognised standards. Results so far are highly encouraging.

4.3.2. Register of European political parties and European political foundations

In addition to the enhanced transparency services provided to the public via its website on the basis of Article 32 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014, the Authority provided transparency services upon request related to the Register of European political parties and European political foundations held by the Authority. The Register contains mainly information and documents submitted in the process of registration as a European political party or European political

foundation and any subsequent updates thereto¹⁸. Its objectives are to provide transparency to third parties as well as traceability in relation to the European political parties and European political foundations registered by the Authority. Given these objectives, some information from the Register is directly available on the Authority's website in accordance with Article 32 of the Regulation.

4.3.3. Social media

The Authority set up a social media account in July 2022. The latter serves as a means to further increase the visibility of European political parties and European political foundations and to raise awareness and knowledge of the citizens.

Among other, the social media account is the channel through which the Authority raises additional awareness on its own activities, news on the availability of updated information on its website, information about the ongoing legislative procedure, and other information that expand the knowledge of the citizens about the work and mandate of the Authority.



¹⁸ See Article 1 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2015/2401 of 2 October 2015 on the content and functioning of the Register of European political parties and foundations, OJ L 333, 19.2.2016, p.50.

5. DEFENDING DEMOCRACY AHEAD OF THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS

5.1. Preventing and countering electoral interference

Pursuant to Article 10a of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014, preventing threats of foreign interference in European Union democracy is a key task of the Authority in the run-up to the 2024 European Parliament elections, in close cooperation with national competent authorities as required by legislation.

Threats falling within the scope of this provision are not hypothetical: data thefts, data dumps or deep fakes weaponised for electoral purposes, including by foreign powers or State-sponsored cybercriminals, count among them.

After notification of a decision by a national authority finding a relevant infringement of data protection rules, the Authority is required to seek the opinion of the Committee of Independent Eminent Persons, which it would then take into account in its decision on a sanction.

To ensure effectiveness of this procedure, the Authority has been proactively reaching out and raising awareness among a network of bodies and institutions relevant to the common defence of European democracy. In particular, the Authority worked with the European Parliament, which provides the secretariat of the Committee of Independent Eminent Persons, and the Commission, to maximise procedural efficiency¹⁹. Cooperation on the operational aspects was strengthened with the European External Action Service, the European Data Protection Board and the European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats. The Authority also set up a dedicated task force for these matters in its cabinet team.

In preparation for the 2024 European elections year, the Authority is actively enhancing cooperation networks by exploring further partnerships in defence of democratic integrity. As the feedback was consistently positive, the Authority will continue to build upon this “Team democratic integrity”.

¹⁹ The European Parliament and the Council have appointed, respectively, two members to the committee for the current legislative term: <https://www.appf.europa.eu/appf/en/other-information/committees-appf>.

5.2. Supervising non-EU relations of European political parties and foundations

While parties in non-EU countries are not recognised as “Member parties” within the meaning of Article 2 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 because they are not composed of citizens of the Union²⁰, it is not excluded for European political parties and foundations to have structured relations with political formations or foundations in non-EU countries. And indeed, many European political parties and foundations have developed stable links with non-EU political formations or foundations.

Depending on the exact nature of such links, they however may raise risks. The Authority therefore controls in particular that:

- i. structural limitations for non-EU influence on the European political parties’ and foundations’ governance structures are respected (this is a matter of regular verifications under Article 10 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 - see section 4.1.), and
- ii. financial flows remain compliant with Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 (this is a matter of compliance controls in accordance with Article 24 of the Regulation - see section 4.2.).

Regarding (i) structural limitations, European political parties and foundations must not allow that non-EU political formations generate - individually or collectively - majorities or blocking minorities in the governing bodies against the members from within the European Union. This is a consequence of the EU Treaties, and more particularly the provision whereby European political parties relate to the citizens of the Union (Article 10(4) of the Treaty on European Union), which is binding for the interpretation of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014.

Additionally, the Authority continues to ensure transparency. The currently known list of structured links of European political parties to non-EU political formations is attached for ease of reference (Appendix 2).



²⁰ Judgment of the General Court of 25 November 2020, ACRE v Parliament, T-107/19, para 159.

As to (ii) financial flows, the Authority controls that European political parties and foundations accept²¹ no donations from non-EU countries. Also, for European political parties, contributions to European political parties cannot originate in non-EU countries²². This means that the Authority has to check - irrespective of the originator being a political formation or not - whether an “economic advantage” and thus a prohibited donation has arisen for European political parties from non-EU countries. In this regard, income generated by own economic activity within the limits of the not-for-profit nature of European political parties, such as fees for participation in a party congress, can be a regulatory and practical challenge²³. The Authority calls on the co-legislators to reflect upon specific conditions and limitations, and to ensure distinct transparency in this respect.

21 The Regulation distinguishes “receiving” a donation from “accepting” a donation, since payment is by unilateral act of the donor - therefore an infringement of the Regulation only materialises if, after receiving a donation that cannot be accepted in accordance with Article 20(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014, the European political party or foundation does not return the payment or, if impossible, pay it to the EU budget, in accordance with Article 20(6) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014.

22 Judgment of the General Court of 25 November 2020, ACRE v Parliament, T-107/19, para 162. This Judgment does not refer to European political foundations.

23 See also the explanatory memorandum accompanying the Commission’s legislative proposal of 25 November 2021, COM(2021)734 final; Section 5, p. 9.



6. INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION

6.1. Human resources

As at 31 December 2022, eight staff members were working at the Authority including the Director. Selection procedures were launched within the limits of the current allocation of posts.

The Authority is facing constrained human resources. Except for team leaders, colleagues had to be assigned to two teams simultaneously, to carry out for instance both registration/verification and compliance control tasks. This creates multiple human, managerial and procedural challenges since the corresponding work cycles are partially overlapping, especially whenever off-cycle information or procedural requests are notified to the Authority.

This issue is expected to become more pressing due to the evolving challenges in the run-up to the 2024 European Parliament elections, including in particular the need to protect democratic integrity against novel forms of foreign interference, as well as the necessary administrative implementation of any new tasks that would arise for the Authority from the ongoing negotiations on a recast of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014.

Further information is set out in the Authority's draft budgetary plan 2024 as published on the Authority's website²⁴.

Given that the Authority is an independent body, it is necessary to distinguish staff-related appropriations between the European Parliament and the Authority transparently. The Authority therefore welcomes that a separate indication of posts and appropriations for salaries of staff working for the Authority is foreseen in the budgetary documentation²⁵. However, the Authority's staff is still comprised in the section of the Union's general budget for the European Parliament.

²⁴ <https://www.appf.europa.eu/cmsdata/260633/APPF%20draft%20budgetary%20plan%202024.pdf>

²⁵ Parliament's resolution of 19 October 2022 on the Council position on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2023 - 12108/2022 – C9-0306/2022 – 2022/0212(BUD), point 73.

6.2. Budget

The European Parliament plays a key role in the Authority's setup in practice, by providing standard administrative support facilities other than human resources, in accordance with Article 6(4) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014. This administrative support materialises in areas as diverse as postage, duty travel, documentation or translation. Where necessary, administrative support facilities have been further specified in agreements between the Authority and competent services of the European Parliament's administration, as foreseen in Article 6(6) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014. As part of this process, in addition to earlier agreements on offices, staff management and training, the Authority concluded in 2022 an agreement with the Internal Audit Service of the European Parliament and finalised talks on an agreement concerning IT services (the latter agreement was signed into force in January 2023).

Beyond administrative support services supplied by the European Parliament, Article 6(7) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014 sets out that the appropriations for the expenditure of the Authority are provided under a separate Title in the Section for the European Parliament in the general budget of the European Union. According to that provision, those appropriations must be sufficient to ensure the full and independent operation of the Authority.

In 2022, the Authority carried over to 2023 EUR 77 414,65 for a conference with Member State contact points, EUR 15 000 for a commissioned study and EUR 1174,32 for office supplies.



7. DECLARATION OF THE DIRECTOR

I, Pascal Schonard, declare having reasonable assurance that:

- a. the information contained in this Report presents a true and fair view;
- b. the resources assigned to the activities described in this Report have been used for their intended purpose and in accordance with the principle of sound financial management; and
- c. the control procedures put in place give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions.



8. CONCLUSION AND OUTLOOK

The Authority contributes to the European Union's common efforts to defend against increasing autocratic attempts to undermine democracy. These attempts might come in different shapes and forms. They may range from cyberattacks to data theft and deep fakes. They could be of a financial nature. Some attempts may go unnoticed at first, or even fail. Others might seem harmless when considered in isolation. Yet they all deserve our full, collective attention.

The Authority has initiated a systematic analysis of the threat factors facing EU democracy, including tools, techniques and procedures. This exercise will help to further calibrate the toolbox in response, within the limits of the Authority's competences but in close cooperation with other relevant actors whose competences can usefully add to a common approach.

Indeed, 2023 is key to ensure the networked protection of the 2024 European elections from interference. While working to further enhance the flexible network of institutional players in "Team democratic integrity", the Authority has begun and plans to continue organising a number of preparatory events, notably with specialised organisations at EU level and competent authorities of the Member States. The aim is to contribute to coordination and effectiveness in the application of the integrity protection layers available at EU and national levels, within the partner authorities' respective competences, in particular the European Parliament, the European Data Protection Board as well as national contact points of the Authority.

In this context, the Authority looks forward to the timely continuation of the legislative work that may further specify the scope of its tasks. The entire team remains available to the co-legislators for any technical information or advice.



9. APPENDIXES

APPENDIX 1: LIST OF MEMBER PARTIES

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APPENDIX 1: LIST OF MEMBER PARTIES

Please note that the list of full member parties contained herein is indicative of the current²⁶ political reality of the European political parties across the EU and does not purport to correspond to the member parties that may be claimed specifically as a matter of the representation criterion of Article 3(1) (b) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014. The more restricted number of member parties that are taken into account by the Authority, after verification, specifically as regards the latter criterion can be found on the website www.appf.europa.eu.

EPP - European People's Party



European People's Party

Seat: Belgium



Affiliated EU foundation

Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies ("WMCES")

Seat: Belgium

Full member parties of the European political party	Member State
Die neue Volkspartei (ÖVP)	Austria
Les Engagés	Belgium
Christen-Democratisch en Vlaams	Belgium
Demokrati za silna Bălgarija	Bulgaria
Dvizhenie "Bulgariya na grazhdanite"	Bulgaria
GERB	Bulgaria
Sayuz na demokratichnite sili	Bulgaria
Hrvatska demokratska zajednica	Croatia
Dimokratikós Sinagermós	Cyprus
TOP 09	Czech Republic
Křesťanská a demokratická unie – Československá strana lidová	Czech Republic
Det Konservative Folkeparti	Denmark
KristenDemokraterne	Denmark
Pro Patria - Isamaa	Estonia
Suomen Kristillisdemokraati	Finland
Kansallinen Kokoomus	Finland
Les Républicains	France
Christlich Demokratische Union Deutschlands	Germany

²⁶ Last updated in February 2023.

Full member parties of the European political party	Member State
Christlich-Soziale Union in Bayern	Germany
Nea Demokratia	Greece
Kereszténydemokrata Néppárt	Hungary
Fine Gael	Ireland
Partito Autonomista Trentino Tirolese	Italy
Alternativa Popolare	Italy
Unione di Centro	Italy
Forza Italia	Italy
Popolari per l'Italia	Italy
Südtiroler Volkspartei	Italy
Vienotība	Latvia
Tėvynės sąjunga – Lietuvos krikščionys demokratai	Lithuania
Chrēschtlech Sozial Vollekspartei	Luxembourg
Partit Nazzjonalista	Malta
Christen-Democratisch Appèl	Netherlands
Polskie Stronnictwo Ludowe	Poland
Platforma Obywatelska	Poland
Centro Democrático e Social - Partido Popular	Portugal
Partido Social Demócrata	Portugal
Romániai Magyar Demokrata Szövetség / Uniunea Democrată Maghiară din România	Romania
Partidul Național Liberal	Romania
Partidul Mișcarea Populară	Romania
SPOLU – občianska demokracia	Slovakia
Szövetség - Aliancia	Slovakia
Kresťanskodemokratické hnutie	Slovakia
OBYČAJNÍ LUDIA a nezávislé osobnosti	Slovakia
Slovenska Ljudska Stranka	Slovenia
Nova Slovenija krščanski demokrati	Slovenia
Slovenska demokratska stranka	Slovenia
Partido Popular	Spain
Kristdemokraterna	Sweden
Moderata samlingspartiet	Sweden

PES - Party of European Socialists



Party of European Socialists

Seat: Belgium

Affiliated EU foundation

Foundation for European Progressive Studies ("FEPS")

Seat: Belgium

Full member parties of the European political party	Member State
Sozialdemokratische Partei Österreichs	Austria
Parti Socialiste	Belgium
Vooruit (formerly Socialistische Partij Anders)	Belgium
Bulgarska Sotsialisticheska Partiya	Bulgaria
Socijaldemokratska Partija Hrvatske	Croatia
Kinima Sosialdimokraton - EDEK	Cyprus
Ceská strana sociálně demokratická	Czech Republic
Socialdemokratiet	Denmark
Sotsiaaldemokraatlik Erakond	Estonia
Suomen Sosialidemokraattinen Puolue	Finland
Parti Socialiste	France
Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands	Germany
Panellinio Sosialistiko Kinima	Greece
Magyar Szocialista Párt	Hungary
The Labour Party	Ireland
Partito Socialista Italiano	Italy
Partito Democratico	Italy
Sociāldemokrātiskā Partija "Saskaņa"	Latvia
Lietuvos socialdemokratų partija	Lithuania
Lëtzebuurger Sozialistesche Aarbechterpartei	Luxembourg
Partit Laburista	Malta
Partij van de Arbeid	Netherlands
Nowa Lewica	Poland
Partido Socialista	Portugal
Partidul Social Democrat	Romania
SMER-sociálna demokracia	Slovakia
Socialni Demokrati	Slovenia
Partido Socialista Obrero Español	Spain
Sveriges Socialdemokratiska Arbetareparti	Sweden

ALDE- Alliance of Liberals and Democrats For Europe Party



Alliance of Liberals and Democrats For Europe Party

Seat: Belgium



Affiliated EU foundation

European Liberal Forum ("ELF")

Seat: Belgium

Full member parties of the European political party	Member State
NEOS	Austria
Mouvement Réformateur	Belgium
Open Vlaamse Liberalen en Democraten	Belgium
Dvizhenie za prava i svobodi	Bulgaria
Centar	Croatia
Istarski demokratski sabor	Croatia
Enomeni Dimokrates	Cyprus
Dimokratiki Parataxi	Cyprus
ANO	Czech Republic
Det Radikale Venstre	Denmark
Venstre Danmarks Liberale Parti	Denmark
Eesti Keskerakond	Estonia
Eesti Reformierakond	Estonia
Suomen Keskusta	Finland
Svenska Folkpartiet	Finland
Parti radical	France
Union des Démocrates et Indépendants	France
Freie Demokratische Partei	Germany
Momentum Mozgalom	Hungary
Liberálisok-Magyar Liberális Párt	Hungary
Fianna Fáil-An Páirtí Poblachtánach	Ireland
Più Europa / +Europa	Italy
Radicali Italiani	Italy
Kustība Par!	Latvia
Latvijas Attīstībai	Latvia
Lietuvos Respublikos liberalų sąjūdis	Lithuania
Laisvės Partija	Lithuania
Demokratesch Partei / Parti Démocratique	Luxembourg
Democraten 66	Netherlands
Volkspartij voor Vrijheid en Democratie	Netherlands
Iniciativa Liberal	Portugal
Uniunea Salvați România	Romania
Progresívne Slovensko	Slovakia
Ciudadanos-Partido de la Ciudadanía	Spain
Centerpartiet	Sweden
Liberalerna	Sweden



EDP - European Democratic Party

European Democratic Party

Seat: Belgium

Affiliated EU foundation

Institute of European Democrats ("EDP")

Seat: Belgium

Full member parties of the European political party	Member State
Narodne stranke-Reformisti	Croatia
SENÁTOR 21	Czech Republic
Mouvement Démocrate	France
Freie Wähler	Germany
Enosi Kentroon	Greece
Új Kezdet	Hungary
Italia Viva	Italy
Azione	Italy
Stronnictwo Demokratyczne	Poland
Juntos pelo Povo	Portugal
Demokratska stranka upokojencev Slovenije	Slovenia
Coalición Canaria	Spain
Compromiso por Galicia	Spain
Euzko Alderdi Jeltzalea	Spain

EGP - European Green Party



European Green Party

Seat: Belgium



Affiliated EU foundation

Green European Foundation ("GEF")

Seat: Luxembourg

Full member parties of the European political party	Member State
Die Grünen	Austria
Ecolo	Belgium
Groen	Belgium
Zeleno Dvizhenie	Bulgaria
Movement of Ecologists-Citizens' Cooperation	Cyprus
Zelení	Czech Republic
Socialistisk Folkeparti	Denmark
Eestimaa Erakond Rohelised	Estonia
Vihreät-De Gröna	Finland
Europe Écologie-Les Verts	France
Bündnis 90/Die Grünen	Germany
Oikologoi-Prasinoi	Greece
Magyarország Zöld Pártja	Hungary
Comhaontas Glas	Ireland
Europa Verde-Verdi	Italy
Verdi-Grüne-Vörc	Italy
déi gréng	Luxembourg
Alternattiva Demokratika	Malta
GroenLinks	Netherlands
Partia Zieloni	Poland
Partido Ecologista-Os Verdes	Portugal
Partidul Verde	Romania
SMS Zeleni Evrope	Slovenia
Verdes EQUO	Spain
Esquerra Verda	Spain
Miljöpartiet de gröna	Sweden

EFA - European Free Alliance



European
Free
Alliance

European Free Alliance

Seat: Belgium



Affiliated EU foundation

Coppieters Foundation

*(formerly Centre Maurits Coppieters)

Seat: Belgium

Full member parties of the European political party	Member State
Enotna Lista	Austria
Nieuw-Vlaamse Alliantie	Belgium
Omo Ilinden Pirin	Bulgaria
Lista za Rijeku-Lista per Fiume	Croatia
Moravské zemské hnutí	Czech Republic
Schleswigsche Partei	Denmark
Ålands Framtid	Finland
Union Démocratique Bretonne	France
Partit Occitan (PÒc)	France
Unser Land	France
Femu a Corsica	France
Partitu di a Nazione Corsa	France
Unitat Catalana	France
Mouvement Région Savoie	France
Bayernpartei	Germany
Südschleswigscher Wählerverband	Germany
Lausitzer Allianz	Germany
Dostluk Eşitlik ve Barış Partisi	Greece
Slovenska Skupnost	Italy
Süd-Tiroler Freiheit	Italy
Comitato Libertà Toscana	Italy
Patto per l'Autonomia	Italy
Alliance valdôtaine	Italy
Fryske Nasjonale Partij	Netherlands
Erdélyi Magyar Néppárt	Romania
Oljka Party	Slovenia
Bloque Nacionalista Galego	Spain
Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya	Spain
Eusko Alkartasuna	Spain
Més-Compromís	Spain
Nueva Canarias	Spain
Partit Socialista de Mallorca - Entesa Nacionalista	Spain
Andalucía Por Sí	Spain

IDP/ID Party - Identité et Démocratie Parti



Identité et Démocratie Parti

**(formerly Mouvement pour une Europe des Nations et des Libertés)*

Seat: France



Affiliated EU foundation

Association pour l'Identité et Démocratie Fondation

("IDF"/"ID Foundation")

**(formerly Fondation pour une Europe des Nations et des Libertés)*

Seat: France

Full member parties of the European political party	Member State
Freiheitliche Partei Österreichs	Austria
Vlaams Belang	Belgium
Svoboda a přímá demokracie	Czech Republic
Eesti Konservatiivne Rahvaerakond	Estonia
Rassemblement National	France
Nea Dexia	Greece
Lega Nord	Italy
Lega per Salvini Premier	Italy
Partij voor de Vrijheid	Netherlands
Chega	Portugal
SME Rodina	Slovakia

European Left - Party of the European Left



Party of the European Left

Seat: Belgium



Affiliated EU foundation

Transform Europe ("TE")

Seat: Belgium

Full member parties of the European political party	Member State
Kommunistische Partei Österreichs	Austria
Communistes de Wallonie-Bruxelles	Belgium
Bălgarskata levitsa	Bulgaria
Radnička fronta	Croatia
Levice	Czech Republic
Enhedslisten-De Rød-Grønne	Denmark
Eestimaa Ühendatud Vasakpartei	Estonia
Suomen Kommunistinen Puolue	Finland
Parti communiste français	France
Die Linke	Germany
Synaspismós Rizospastikís Aristerás-SYRIZA	Greece
Magyarországi Munkáspárt 2006-Európai Baloldal	Hungary
Partito della Rifondazione Comunista	Italy
Déi Lénk	Luxembourg
Bloco Esquerda	Portugal
Partidul Socialist Român	Romania
Levica	Slovenia
Partido Comunista de España	Spain
Esquerda Unida i Alternativa	Spain
Izquierda Unida	Spain

ECRP/ECR Party - European Conservatives and Reformists Party



European Conservatives and Reformists Party

**(formerly Alliance of Conservatives and Reformists in Europe)*

Seat: Belgium



Affiliated EU foundation

New Direction – The Foundation for European Reform ("New Direction")

Seat: Belgium

Full member parties of the European political party	Member State
Bulgarsko Natsionalno Dvizhenie	Bulgaria
Croatian Sovereignist Party Hrvatski suverenisti	Croatia
Občanská demokratická strana	Czech Republic
Liberal-Konservativen Reformer	Germany
Fratelli d'Italia	Italy
Nacionālā apvienība „Visu Latvijai!” – „Tēvzemei un Brīvībai	Latvia
Akcja Wyborcza Polaków na Litwie-Związek Chrześcijańskich Rodzin	Lithuania
Alternativ Demokratesch Reformpartei	Luxembourg
Prawo i Sprawiedliwość	Poland
Alternativa Dreaptă	Romania
Sloboda a Solidarita	Slovakia
VOX	Spain
Sverigedemokraterna	Sweden

ECPM - European Christian Political Movement



European Christian Political Movement

Seat: Netherlands



Affiliated EU foundation

Sallux

Seat: Netherlands

Full member parties of the European political party	Member State
Christliche Partei Österreichs	Austria
La voie du peuple	France
Familienpartei Deutschlands	Germany
Bündnis C–Christen für Deutschland	Germany
Comhaontas Dhínit an Duine	Ireland
Identità e Azione	Italy
Lietuvos krikščionių demokratų partija	Lithuania
ChristenUnie	Netherlands
Staatkundig Gereformeerde Partij	Netherlands
Prawica Rzeczypospolitej	Poland
Unia Polityki Realnej	Poland
Partido Popular Monárquico	Portugal
Partidul Național Țărănesc Creștin Democrat	Romania
Uniunea Democratica a Slovacilor si Cehilor din Romania	Romania
Kresťanska únia	Slovakia
Contigo Más	Spain

APPENDIX 2: LIST OF NON-EU POLITICAL FORMATIONS RELATED TO EU POLITICAL PARTIES

Please note that non-EU formations are not “member parties” within the meaning of Article 2 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014. The Authority hereinafter nonetheless presents the current²⁷ political reality of these relations for transparency purposes, to the extent known on the basis of material available to the Authority.



EPP - European People's Party

European People's Party

Seat: Belgium

NON-EU POLITICAL FORMATIONS RELATED TO THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTY		
COUNTRY	POLITICAL ENTITY	TYPE OF RELATION
Armenia	Republican Party of Armenia - REP P	Observer Member
Armenia	Heritage Party Armenia - HER	Observer Member
Belarus	United Civic Party of Belarus - UCP	Observer Member
Belarus	Belarusian Christian Democracy - BCD	Observer Member
Belarus	The Movement For Freedom - MFF	Observer Member
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Stranka Demokratske Akcije - SDA	Observer Member
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Croatian Democratic Union of Bosnia and Herzegovina - HDZ	Observer Member
Bosnia and Herzegovina	HDZ 1990	Observer Member
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Partija Demokratskog Progresa - PDP	Observer Member

²⁷ Last updated in February 2023.

NON-EU POLITICAL FORMATIONS RELATED TO THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTY		
COUNTRY	POLITICAL ENTITY	TYPE OF RELATION
Georgia	United National Movement - UNM	Observer Member
Georgia	European Georgia – Movement for Liberty	Observer Member
Kosovo	Democratic League of Kosovo - LDK	Observer Member
Moldova	Partidul Liberal Democrat Din Moldova - PLDM	Observer Member
Moldova	Party of Action and Solidarity	Observer Member
Moldova	Platforma Demnitate și Adevăr / Platforma DA	Observer Member
Norway	Kristelig Folkeparti - KrF	Observer Member
San Marino	Partito Democratico Cristiano Sammarinese	Observer Member
Ukraine	Batkivschyna - Motherland Party - BATK	Observer Member
Ukraine	Ukrainian Democratic Alliance for Reforms - UDAR	Observer Member
Ukraine	Samopomich Union - Self-Reliance	Observer Member
Ukraine	European Solidarity - ES	Observer Member
Lebanon	Lebanese Forces Party	Partner
Lebanon	The Kataeb Party – Lebanese Social Democratic Party (LSDP)	Partner
Morocco	Istiqlal Party	Partner
Morocco	Rassemblement National des Indépendants - RNI	Partner
Albania	Partia Demokratike e Shqipërisë - PDSH	Associate Member
Montenegro	Bošnjačka stranka - BS	Associate Member
Norway	Hoyre - Conservative Party	Associate Member
North Macedonia	Internal Macedonian Revolutionary Organization / Democratic Party for Macedonian National Unity - VMRO-DPMNE	Associate Member
Serbia	Alliance of Hungarians in Vojvodina	Associate Member
Serbia	Serbian Progressive Party - SNS	Associate Member
Switzerland	Die Mitte / Le Centre / Alleanza del Centro / Alleanza dal Center	Associate Member



PES - Party of European Socialists

Party of European Socialists

Seat: Belgium

NON-EU POLITICAL FORMATIONS RELATED TO THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTY		
COUNTRY	POLITICAL ENTITY	TYPE OF RELATION
Norway	Det Norske Arbeiderparti	Full rights
United Kingdom	Labour Party	Full rights
United Kingdom	Social Democratic and Labour Party	Full rights
Albania	Partia Socialiste e Shqipërisë	Associate Member
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Socijaldemokratska Partija Bosne i Hercegovine	Associate Member
Iceland	Samfylkingin	Associate Member
Moldova	Partidul democrat din Moldova	Associate Member
Montenegro	Socijaldemokratska Partija Crne Gore	Associate Member
Montenegro	Demokratska Partija Socijalista Crne Gore	Associate Member
North Macedonia	Socijaldemokratski Sojuz na Makedonija	Associate Member
Serbia	Demokratska stranka	Associate Member
Switzerland	Parti Socialiste Suisse	Associate Member
Türkiye	Cumhuriyet Halk Partisi	Associate Member
Türkiye	Halkların Demokratik Partisi	Associate Member
Andorra	Partit Socialdemòcrata	Observer Member
Armenia	Armenian Revolutionary Federation	Observer Member
Egypt	Egyptian Social Democratic Party	Observer Member
Georgia	Georgian Dream	Observer Member

NON-EU POLITICAL FORMATIONS RELATED TO THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTY		
COUNTRY	POLITICAL ENTITY	TYPE OF RELATION
Israel	Meretz	Observer Member
Israel	Avodah	Observer Member
Morocco	Socialist Union of Popular Forces	Observer Member
Palestine	Fatah	Observer Member
San Marino	Partito dei Socialisti e dei Democratici	Observer Member
Tunisia	Forum Démocratique pour le Travail et les Libertés	Observer Member



ALDE- Alliance of Liberals and Democrats For Europe Party

Alliance of Liberals and Democrats For Europe Party

Seat: Belgium

NON-EU POLITICAL FORMATIONS RELATED TO THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTY		
COUNTRY	POLITICAL ENTITY	TYPE OF RELATION
Andorra	Partit Liberal d'Andorra	Full rights
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Naša Stranka	Full rights
Georgia	Lelo for Georgia	Full rights
Georgia	Strategy Aghmashenebeli	Full rights
Iceland	Viðreisn	Full rights
Kosovo	Aleanca Kosova E Re	Full rights
Kosovo	Partia Demokratike E Kosovës	Full rights
Montenegro	Liberalna Partija Crne Gore	Full rights
North Macedonia	Liberalno-Demokratska Partija	Full rights
Norway	Venstre	Full rights
Russia	YABLOKO	Full rights
Serbia	Pokret Slobodnih Građana	Full rights
Switzerland	Freisinnig-Demokratische Partei der Schweiz	Full rights
Switzerland	Grünliberale Schweiz	Full rights
Ukraine	European Party of Ukraine	Full rights
Ukraine	GOLOS	Full rights
Ukraine	Sluga Narodu	Full rights
United Kingdom	Liberal Democrats	Full rights

NON-EU POLITICAL FORMATIONS RELATED TO THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTY		
COUNTRY	POLITICAL ENTITY	TYPE OF RELATION
Andorra	Acció Per Andorra	Affiliate member
Armenia	Armenian National Congress	Affiliate Member
Armenia	Bright Armenia	Affiliate Member
Azerbaijan	Musavat Party	Affiliate Member
Georgia	Free Democrats	Affiliate Member
Georgia	Republican Party of Georgia	Affiliate Member
Georgia	Girchi-More Freedom	Affiliate Member
Gibraltar	Liberal Party of Gibraltar	Affiliate Member
Moldova	Partidul Liberal	Affiliate Member
Russia	Partiya Narodnoy Svobody	Affiliate Member
Ukraine	Civic Position	Affiliate Member
Ukraine	Syla Lyudey	Affiliate Member
United Kingdom	Alliance Party of Northern Ireland	Affiliate Member



EDP - European Democratic Party

European Democratic Party

Seat: Belgium

NON-EU POLITICAL FORMATIONS RELATED TO THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTY

COUNTRY	POLITICAL ENTITY	TYPE OF RELATION
San Marino	Repubblica Futura	Observer Member



EGP - European Green Party

European Green Party

Seat: Belgium

NON-EU POLITICAL FORMATIONS RELATED TO THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTY		
COUNTRY	POLITICAL ENTITY	TYPE OF RELATION
Albania	Partia e Gjelber "Te Gjelbrit"	Full rights
Georgia	Sak'art'velos mtsvanet'a partia	Full rights
Moldova	Partidul Verde Ecologist	Full rights
Montenegro	Gradanski Pokret URA	Full rights
North Macedonia	Demokratska Obnova na Makedonija / DOM	Full rights
Norway	Miljøpartiet De Grønne	Full rights
Switzerland	Grüne / Les Vert.e.s	Full rights
Ukraine	Partija Zelenykh Ukrainy / PZU	Full rights
United Kingdom	Green Party of England and Wales	Full rights
United Kingdom	Scottish Green Party	Full rights
Azerbaijan	Azərbaycan Yaşıllar Partiyası	Associate Member
Belarus	Bielaruskaja Partyja "Zialonye"	Associate Member
Russia	Зеленая Россия / Green Russia	Associate Member
Türkiye	Yeşil Sol Parti	Candidate Member



EFA - European Free Alliance

European Free Alliance

Seat: Belgium

NON-EU POLITICAL FORMATIONS RELATED TO THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTY		
COUNTRY	POLITICAL ENTITY	TYPE OF RELATION
Azerbaijan	Democratic Party of Artsakh – DPA	Full rights
Serbia	Liga Socijaldemokrata Vojvodine – LSV	Full rights
United Kingdom	Mebyon Kernow – MK	Full rights
United Kingdom	Plaid Cymru	Full rights
United Kingdom	Scottish National Party – SNP	Full rights
United Kingdom	Yorkshire Party – YP	Full rights



IDP/ID Party - Identité et Démocratie Parti

Identité et Démocratie Parti

**(formerly Mouvement pour une Europe des Nations et des Libertés)*

Seat: France

NON-EU POLITICAL FORMATIONS RELATED TO THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTY

COUNTRY

POLITICAL ENTITY

TYPE OF RELATION

IDP has not notified any relations to non-EU formations.



ECRP/ECR Party - European Conservatives and Reformists Party

European Conservatives and Reformists Party

**(formerly Alliance of Conservatives and Reformists in Europe)*

Seat: Belgium

NON-EU POLITICAL FORMATIONS RELATED TO THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTY		
COUNTRY	POLITICAL ENTITY	TYPE OF RELATION
Albania	Republican Party of Albania	Participation without voting rights
Belarus	Popular Front Party	Participation without voting rights
Israel	Likud Movement	Participation without voting rights
North Macedonia	Internal Macedonian Revolutionary Organisation	Participation without voting rights
Serbia	Enough is Enough	Participation without voting rights
United Kingdom	Ulster Unionist Party	Participation without voting rights
United States of America	Republican Party	Participation without voting rights

Party of the European Left

Seat: Belgium

NON-EU POLITICAL FORMATIONS RELATED TO THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTY		
COUNTRY	POLITICAL ENTITY	TYPE OF RELATION
COUNTRY	POLITICAL ENTITY	TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP
Belarus	Belarusian Party of the Left "Fair World"	Full rights
Moldova	Communist Party of Moldova	Full rights
Switzerland	Labour Party of Switzerland	Full rights
Türkiye	SOL Parti	Full rights
United Kingdom	Left Unity	Full rights
Serbia	Solidarnost	Partner
United Kingdom	Socialists for Independence, Scotland	Partner
United Kingdom	Democratic Left of Scotland	Partner



ECPM - European Christian Political Movement

European Christian Political Movement

Seat: Netherlands

NON-EU POLITICAL FORMATIONS RELATED TO THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTY		
COUNTRY	POLITICAL ENTITY	TYPE OF RELATION
North Macedonia	INTEGRA - Macedonian Conservative Party (ИНТЕГРА)	Full rights
Switzerland	Evangelical People's Party	Full rights
United Kingdom	Christian Peoples Alliance	Full rights

APPENDIX 3: LIST OF NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS

Member State	General National Contact Points in accordance with Article 2(10) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014	National Contact Points communicated in the context of Article 10a of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014
Austria	Bundeskanzleramt (Federal Chancellery)	Austrian Data Protection Authority and Federal Ministry of the Interior, Unit Cybersecurity and Technical Infrastructure
Belgium	SPF Affaires étrangères/FOD Buitenlandse Zaken	Autorité de protection des données Centre pour la Cyber sécurité
Bulgaria		Commission for Personal Data Protection
Croatia	Ministry of Public Administration	Croatian Personal Data Protection Agency
Cyprus	Ministry of Interior	Office of The Commissioner for Personal Data Protection
Czech Republic	Ministry of Finance	The Office for Personal Data Protection
Denmark	The Ministry of the Interior and Housing	The Danish Data Protection Agency
Estonia	Ministry of Justice (Public Law Department)	Estonian Data Protection Inspectorate
Finland	Ministry of Justice (Department for Democracy and Public Law)	Office of the Data Protection Ombudsman
France	Commission Nationale des Comptes de Campagne et des Financements Politiques	Commission Nationale de l'Informatique et des Libertés
Germany	Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community	The Federal Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information

Member State	General National Contact Points in accordance with Article 2(10) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014	National Contact Points communicated in the context of Article 10a of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014
Greece	Ministry of Interior	Hellenic Data Protection Authority
Hungary		
Italy	Commissione di garanzia degli statuti e per la trasparenza e il controllo dei rendiconti dei partiti politici	Agency for National Cyber security
Ireland	Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government	Data Protection Commission Ireland
Latvia	Corruption Prevention and Combating Bureau	Data State Inspectorate of the Republic of Latvia - Prevention Division
Lithuania	Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Lithuania (Political Parties and Political Campaigns Funding Control Unit)	State Data Protection Inspectorate (Supervisory Division)
Luxembourg	Ministère d'État	Commission nationale pour la protection des données
Malta	Office of the Electoral Commission (Electoral Office)	Information and Data Protection Commissioner
Netherlands	Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations (Directorate Democracy Governance)	Dutch Data Protection Authority
Poland	National Election Committee	Personal Data Protection Office (UODO)
Portugal	Entidade das Contas e Financiamentos Políticos – Tribunal Constitucional(Entity for Political Financing and Accounts – Portuguese Constitutional Court)	Comissão Nacional de Proteção de Dados; Centro Nacional de Cibersegurança
Romania	Permanent Electoral Authority	National Supervisory Authority for the Processing of Personal Data; National Computer Emergency Response Team of Romania
Slovenia	Agencija Republike Slovenije za javnopravne evidence in storitve(Agency of the Republic of Slovenia for Public Legal Records and Related Services)	Information Commissioner of the Republic of Slovenia

Member State	General National Contact Points in accordance with Article 2(10) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014	National Contact Points communicated in the context of Article 10a of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1141/2014
Slovakia	Ministry of Interior	Office for Personal Data Protection of the Slovak Republic (Úrad na ochranu osobných údajov Slovenskej republiky)
Spain	El Tribunal De Cuentas De España (Department of Political Parties in the Spanish Court of Audit)	Agencia Española de Protección De Datos (Spanish Data Protection Agency)
Sweden	Kammarkollegiet (The Legal, Financial and Administrative Services Agency)	Datainspektionen (The Swedish Data Protection Authority)