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NOTE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

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FROM: Ms Maija Sakslin, Chairperson of the Management Board

TO: The Members of the Management Board

DATE: 25 July 2013

SUBJECT: Request for agreement to launch a written procedure: Amendment of Annual Work Programme 2013 and Budget transfer

Ref: 2013-outgoing-001241

Dear Members of the Management Board,

On 16th May 2012, the Management Board (MB) adopted the Annual Work Programme 2013 and its annexes. In accordance with Article 76§3 of the Agency's implementing rules, if the Annual Work Programme (AWP) does not provide the necessary details for one or more actions, it must be modified accordingly.

During the last MB's meeting discussions held in May 2013, it appeared that data in areas of criminalisation of irregular migrants' entry or stay, and promising practices on forced marriages would be needed as soon as possible.

Moreover, taking into consideration upcoming policy processes, e.g. preparations for the planned revision of the Facilitation Directive and the development of guidelines for the implementation of the Family Reunification Directive, it became evident that FRA data on this subject will be needed sooner than anticipated.

With regards to the work of the Agency in the area of discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation, it is necessary to update the 2010 report *"Homophobia, transphobia and discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity"*. Following the successful launch of the *EU LGBT Survey* on 17 May 2013, FRA received multiple requests from stakeholders, including some EU Member States as well as journalists, asking FRA for comparative legal data on the situation of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons in the EU. FRA is currently not able to respond in full detail to such requests since the data is outdated. Moreover, the European Parliament initiated an Own Initiative Report (INI) on the need for an EU comprehensive policy on LGBT issues. FRA needs to be prepared to provide data when the need will arise.

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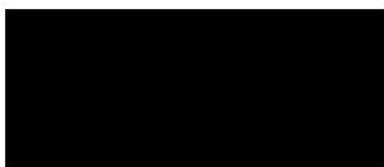
The Executive Board therefore proposes to launch a written procedure in order to adopt:

- amendment of project *Inter-agency cooperation and other activities in the areas of borders, immigration and asylum* (project fiche 3.1.2),
- introduction of project *Homophobia, transphobia and discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity* (project fiche 3.3.9) and
- budget transfer.

By the present note, the MB is informed of these facts. You are requested to:

1. Agree to a written procedure, in accordance with Article 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights. Should you have any objections to a written procedure, you are kindly requested to send them by e-mail or fax to Ms [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@fra.europa.eu ; +43 1 580 30 [REDACTED]) at the latest by 17:00 hrs. CET on 1 August 2013.
2. Provided that there are no objections to the written procedure by this date, you will receive for your attention the note launching the actual written procedure in order to decide on the amendment of the project 3.1.2 of the AWP 2013, the introduction of the new project 3.3.9 to the AWP 2013 and the adoption of budgetary transfer of funds. In accordance with Article 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, the decision shall be deemed to have been adopted by the MB if a two-third majority of the members enter no objection within seven calendar days from the date of the note launching the written procedure.

Kind regards,



Maija Sakslin
Chairperson of the FRA Management Board