

HIGH COUNCIL DECISION N.14/2021

of 20 December 2021

Appointing an audit firm

THE HIGH COUNCIL

Having regard to Article 6 (5) (a), 23 (1) of the Convention setting up a European University Institute;

Having regard to High Council Decision n° 6/2015 of 4 December 2015 laying down the European University Institute's Financial Rules, lastly amended by High Council Decision n° 9/2021 of 23 June 2021, in particular Article 87 (3),

Having regard to the advice of the Budget Committee,

Whereas:

1. The High Council decision 9/21 of 23 June specifies that 'external auditors' means the auditors appointed by the High Council or the auditors carrying out an audit on behalf of an audit firm, appointed by the High Council for the audit of the accounts. They ensure that all revenues has been received, all expenditures incurred in lawful and regular manner and respecting principles of sound financial management, regarding the budget implementation. They are responsible for carrying out the audits according to the terms defined in these financial rules;
2. The EUI's Financial Rules (Article 87 (3)) states in accordance with Article 23 (1) of the Convention that in case an audit firm shall be appointed the audit firm has to nominate two natural persons of different nationalities as auditors who shall carry out the audit. These persons must enjoy equal rights within the audit firm. The audit firm may nominate alternate auditors. These auditors can be supported by a team in the carry out of the audit;
3. The EUI launched an open call for tender to provide audit services to the EUI launched on 6 August 2021;
4. The results of the tender were evaluated by the High Council Financial Working Group during their meeting on 7 October 2021;
5. The conditions of Article 87 (3) of EUI's Financial Rules are fulfilled by this tender.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole article

BDO Italia S.p.A. is appointed for a maximum fixed term of 4 years based on a yearly engagement letter.

Done at Florence, 20 December 2021

For the High Council

The President

(original signed)

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