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Consultation on Europol's draft Multiannual Programming 2021-2023

Dear Ms Ostojić,
Dear Mr López Aguilar,

I would like to inform you that, pursuant to Article 32(1) of the Financial Regulation applicable to Europol, the Agency's draft Programming Document (PD) for the period 2021-2023 was transmitted to the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on 31 January 2020.

In accordance with Articles 12(1) and 51(2)(c) of the Europol Regulation, the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group (JPSG) shall be consulted on the multiannual component of the PD. In previous years, we have consulted the JPSG on such multiannual component contextually with the transmission of the related PD to the EU Institutions.

In this case, however, the multiannual programming document requires a more specific and substantial update, since it will include the new Europol External Strategy 2021-2024, which is currently under preparation.

Against this backdrop, at its latest December 2019 meeting, the Management Board (MB) of Europol decided to consult the JPSG on the multiannual programming 2021-2023 as soon as the latter would be updated with the new Europol External Strategy, which is due to be submitted to the MB for adoption at its 9-10 June 2020 meeting.

Pending the aforementioned update, the MB considered it redundant to forward the current multiannual programming 2021-2023, since, for the time being, this document coincides with the previous multiannual programming 2020-2022, which was already submitted to the JPSG.

This notwithstanding, we remain of course available to forward the document in its current status upon your request, and to provide any further information or clarification on the above-mentioned procedure.

Yours sincerely,



Andrei Linta
Chairperson