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From:	Mr Martti Hetemäki, Chair of ESGAB
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To:	Mr Edward Scicluna, President of the ECOFIN Council of the European Union
Subject:	Appointment of ESGAB Chairperson and members

Delegations will find attached letter from the Chair of European Statistical Governance Advisory Board addressed to the President of the ECOFIN on the appointment of ESGAB Chair person and members.



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Mr Edward Scicluna  
Minister for Finance  
President of the ECOFIN Council  
Council of the European Union  
c/o Ministry for Finance  
Valletta  
Malta

**Subject: Appointment of ESGAB Chairperson and members**

Dear Mr Scicluna,

In accordance with Decision No 235/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008 establishing the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board (ESGAB), enclosed, the Council shall appoint three members after consulting the Commission. Furthermore, the Council selects a Chairperson for the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board in agreement with the Parliament and the Commission (see Art. 3 of the above-mentioned Decision) for the next term starting in February 2018.

Current Board membership status

Members appointed by the Parliament:

Ms Patricia O'Hara	Chairperson of the National Statistics Board, Ireland
Mr Marius Profireoiu	Professor at the Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania
Mr Lars Lyberg	Professor at the Department of Statistics, Stockholm University Sweden, resigned in 2016

Members appointed by the Council

Ms Martín-Guzmán	Professor of statistics at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain
Mr Günter Kopsch	Senior consultant and former Director in DESTATIS, Germany
Mr Enrico Giovannini	Professor of economic statistics at the Rome University, Italy

Chairperson, nominated in common agreement by the Institutions:

Mr Martti Hetemäki	State Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Finland
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The member appointed by the Council willing to be nominated for a second term in the office (Art. 3.4) is Mr Giovannini. I am not available for reappointment and Ms Martín-Guzmán and Mr Kopsch are no longer eligible for reappointment as their second term is coming to an end.

The Council could therefore proceed with the nomination of three members taking into account the willingness of Mr Giovannini to continue for a second term. Moreover the Council should agree with the other institutions on the Chairperson to allow ESGAB to continue its work without interruption as of 1 February 2018.

I would much appreciate your collaboration and look forward to your decision in this matter.

Yours faithfully,



Martti Hetemäki  
Chair of ESGAB

Transmission: Council – Secretary General and Director General of Economic Affairs and Competitiveness  
Chair Council Working Party on Statistics  
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ESGAB members and observers

Enclosures: Decision No 235/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008 establishing the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board, OJ L 73 of 15.3.2008

Council decision of 17 February 2015 appointing three members of the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board, OJ C 70 of 27.2.2015

Council decision of 17 February 2015 appointing the Chairperson of the European Statistical Governance Advisory Board, OJ C70 of 27.2.2015

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