

# FRIENDS OF EUROPE TRANSPARENCY & INDEPENDENCE BOARD ACCEPTANCE OF MANDATE

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As members of the Transparency and Independence Board of Friends of Europe, we agree to monitor and verify the organisation's work in relation to its transparency and independence, and where necessary, we make recommendations for addressing shortcomings. We work as a collegial body in full independence, do not accept any fees for our work and are applying the highest possible ethical standards. We have access to all financial and other information we judge necessary for the execution of our tasks. We agree not to make public or disseminate any confidential financial information that we have been given access to.

We are not auditors ourselves, but meet at least once a year to examine the audited annual accounts from the perspective of sources of funding, and we examine if the actual policies and projects implemented by the organisation conform to its fundraising guidelines and its policy to be independent from its funders. We are able to call for extra meetings whenever we judge necessary, and the management of the organisation can at any moment look for our advice on specific issues related to its transparency and independence.

We do not express an opinion on the quality of the given work, nor do we give an opinion on the suitability of any given funder, as long as transparency and independence can be clearly and unambiguously guaranteed at all times.

The Board:

- Helps to fine tune the fundraising guidelines of the organisation
- Makes suggestions for a more complete representation of the relevant actors in the Transparency and Independence Board
- Annually examines the accounts of the organisation in terms of the sources of funding and related independence

The management thus far replied satisfactorily to all questions and the Board has found the 2016 accounts and overview of projects in conformity with its fundraising and independence policies.

Signed in Brussels, 11 December 2017

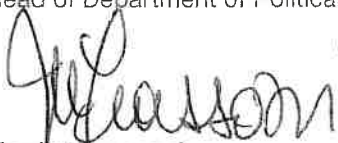
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