

OPINION OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Event:	26 th Management Board meeting
Date:	10 June 2016
Reference:	MB/2016/008
Title:	Management Board Opinion on EIGE's 2015 Final Annual Accounts

Background

Having regard to

- The Institute's Regulation (EC) n° 1922/2066, in particular Article 15(5) thereof, and
- The Institute's Financial Rules, in particular Article 99(2)¹ thereof;

Whereas

- (1) The European Court of Auditors has delivered its observations after conducting an audit over January through March 2016 on the legality and regularity of the 2015 underlying transactions.
- (2) MAZARS SA has delivered its observations regarding the provisional accounts after conducting a financial audit over January through March 2016.
- (3) The European Court of Auditors is expected to deliver by June 2016 its observations on provisional accounts.
- (4) The Accounting Officer bears the responsibility for drawing up the final accounts and the Director is obliged to forward them to the Management Board for an opinion.
- (5) By 1 July 2016 at the latest, the final accounts for 2015 should be sent, together with the Management Board Opinion to the Commission, Court of Auditors and the Budgetary Authority.

<u>Opinion</u>: On the basis of the European Court of Auditors' preliminary observations on the accounts of EIGE for 2015 and the reply given by the Institute, the Management Board has obtained sufficient assurance to conclude that the said accounts, taken as a whole, represent a true and fair view of the implementation of the EIGE budget, and in the opinion of the Management Board, properly reflect the activities undertaken by EIGE in 2015.

Chair of the Management Board

Annexed

Final Annual Accounts 2015

¹ Source: EIGE's Financial Rules adopted by the Management Board on 16/01/2014