



Rotating mechanism of EUSALP Presidency

Decision paper

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Preamble

Based on the EUSALP General Assembly (GA) Rules of Procedures (RoP) Art. 4 (1) referring to a rotating mechanism to manage the EUSALP Presidencies order and following the decision made by the GA on 14 December 2021 in Nice, a rotating presidency mechanism has been approved by the Executive Board on October 11, 2022, in order to guarantee stability, coherence of the work, political leadership and steering in the EUSALP.

The rotating order of EUSALP Presidencies from 2023 on, reads as follows: Switzerland, Slovenia, Austria, Germany, France, Italy. Liechtenstein co-chairs one Presidency within one rotation cycle. Vaduz will communicate its intention to co-chair a Presidency at least two calendar years in advance.

The GA unanimously decides on the rotating order of the Presidencies. The GA endorses the confirmation of Presidencies two calendar years in advance, to support the strategic steering of the strategy and the collaboration of the Trio-Presidency.

Decision

The General Assembly agrees with the rotating order mechanism adopted by the Executive Board. The General Assembly confirms the Swiss Presidency for 2023 and welcomes the Slovenian candidacy for the 2024 Presidency.

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Rotating mechanism of EUSALP Presidency

Decision Paper endorsed by the EUSALP Executive Board in October 2022 in Bolzano/Bozen

Preamble

Based on the EUSALP General Assembly (GA) Rules of Procedures (RoP) Art. 4 (1) referring to a rotating mechanism to manage the EUSALP Presidencies order and following the decision made by the GA on 14 December 2021 in Nice, a rotating presidency mechanism shall be implemented in order to guarantee stability, coherence of the work, political leadership and steering in the EUSALP. The Italian Presidency underlines that it is essential to agree on an order of Presidency and establish a rotating mechanism to foster political commitment and collaboration in the Alpine Region. Following the submission of the framework proposal for a rotating order of the EUSALP Presidency during the Executive Board (EB) meeting of 21-22 April 2022 in Trento, to which no objections were raised, the Italian Presidency elaborated this proposal for decision, which integrates the feedback received from the delegations in the EB.

The Presidency recalls that:

1) during the EB meeting of 25-26 January 2022:

- Slovenia confirmed its will to take over the Presidency in 2024;
- Austria confirmed its readiness to examine – subject to political decision – taking over the Presidency in 2025;
- Liechtenstein confirmed its readiness to take over the Presidency in a co-presidency format;

2) during the EB meeting of 23-24 June 2022, Switzerland confirmed it would candidate for the Presidency in 2023.

Decision

(1) The EUSALP Regions and States assure a balanced political representation throughout a rotation cycle. One rotation cycle has a duration of six years. Based on past presidencies and confirmed political commitments, the rotating order of EUSALP Presidencies from 2023 on is as follows: Switzerland, Slovenia, Austria, Germany, France, Italy. Liechtenstein co-chairs one Presidency within one rotation cycle. Liechtenstein will communicate its intention two calendar years in advance.

(2) The Presidency is assumed by a single State/Region or in tandem with other Regions of the same EUSALP member state, except for Liechtenstein.

(3) The established order of the Presidencies can be switched, in exceptional circumstances, after notification to and agreement by the EB and the GA (Art. 4 (2) GA RoP) at least two calendar years in advance. In this circumstance the following applies:

1) The delegation which does not take over the Presidency as foreseen by the rotation mechanism will step in one year later. The following delegation in the predefined order will step in to take over the Presidency.

2) “(t)he (standing) Presidency (...) can be extended to a maximum of one more year (Art. 4 (1), Art. 4 (2) GA RoP)”.

(4) The GA unanimously decides on the rotating order of the Presidencies. It confirms incoming Presidencies two calendar years in advance, to support the strategic steering of the strategy and the collaboration of the Trio-Presidency.