



EU Agencies Network Strategy 2021-2027

# BUILDING A MODERN, SUSTAINABLE AND FAIR EUROPE

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## **Together stronger**

### **- and ready for the challenges ahead**

The Green Deal and Digital Transition respond to EU citizens' expectations for change and reflect the ambitions of the Sustainable Development Goals. The actions aim to create a sustainable economy by boosting jobs and growth, to enhance the unity and resilience of European societies, and to safeguard the health of citizens and the environment.

The EU will prepare a better future for the next generation by leading a recovery effort, which helps to repair the economic and social damage caused by the coronavirus pandemic. It will be necessary to transform the EU's research and cooperation potential into innovation and position the EU as a reliable trade partner that brings social and economic stability on a global scale.

The EU Agencies Network (EUAN) members have a key role in contributing to these priority areas, maintaining and increasing public trust in the EU and demonstrating its relevance for citizens. EUAN members believe they are stronger and more effective

together and will adapt, individually and as a group, to this more complex, risky and interdependent operating environment.

## **An evolving and efficient network**

The EUAN responds to this challenge by developing innovative, sustainable and resilient governance, in line with the EU's priorities and policies. A Network of increasingly flexible and agile individual members, organised in dynamic clusters, has the potential to promptly respond both to evolving EU priorities and to citizens' expectations.

As a Network, the EUAN will become greener and more digital. The Network will reduce its carbon footprint, make better use of relevant digital solutions and support all of its members to make this transition.

In a situation where resources are scarce, deepening interinstitutional cooperation is a necessity for achieving efficiency gains. The EUAN will establish itself as the most effective platform for these efforts and bring added value to its members by tightening collaboration in many areas, including IT,

procurement and sharing office facilities. A Brussels-based Shared Support Office will serve as a focal point to support the Network to explore its potential.

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## Strategic priorities and key objectives

The EUAN's new multiannual strategy is built around two main pillars: "EU Agencies as role models for administrative excellence" and "EUAN as a valued institutional partner". These mean that the EUAN will pioneer and help its members to become forerunners for sustainable management and working methods. The Network will also enhance the added value of Agencies' knowledge and competencies vis-à-vis EU stakeholders.

To champion administrative excellence, the EUAN will coordinate the work of Agencies/JUs to:

- Increase their efficiency through a better sharing of services, knowledge, best practice and pooling of tasks; and
- Implement modern and sustainable management methods and governance.

To increase its value as an institutional partner, the EUAN will coordinate the work of Agencies/JUs to:

- Effectively provide specialised contribution to key policy priorities of the EU;
- Develop the Network to be a trusted partner of the EU institutions for their knowledge, competencies and expertise; and
- Strengthen their strategic image and reputation.

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## Vision

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## Mission

We enhance the value of individual EU Agencies and Joint Undertakings by deepening their collaboration, with the objective of providing EU citizens, businesses and institutions the right foundation to achieve their priorities. In so doing, we represent a cost-efficient, agile and impactful administrative backbone for the implementation of Union policies.

The Network of 48 Agencies and Joint Undertakings located across the EU play a vital role in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of citizens. The Agencies/JUs help the EU take decisions in several areas affecting the everyday lives of the 500 million people living in the EU. The Agencies/JUs provide specialized knowledge in various areas, such as the food we eat, medicines we take, the chemicals we come into contact with, education programmes, the quality of our working lives & environment, justice and home affairs, transport safety, equality between women and men, security and our fundamental rights. The EUAN members make Europe more competitive and a better place to live and work.