

# Colette Drinan, Tine Debusschere, and Jorg Kristijan Petrovič join ESM Board of Auditors

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(From left to right: Colette Drinan, Jorg Kristijan Petrovič, and Tine Debusschere)

Luxembourg – The Board of Governors of the European Stability Mechanism (ESM) appointed Colette Drinan, Tine Debusschere, and Jorg Kristijan Petrovič to the ESM Board of Auditors. These appointments, made upon proposals by the Chairperson of the Board of Governors, the Belgian Supreme Audit Institution, and the European Court of Auditors (ECA), respectively, are for non-renewable three-year terms. The Board of Auditors is composed of five members: two appointed upon proposal of the Chairperson of the Board of Governors, two upon nomination by the supreme audit institutions of ESM Members based on a system of rotation, and one upon nomination by the European Court of Auditors.

“I welcome the three new members to the Board of Auditors, the independent oversight body of the ESM, which plays a significant role in ensuring the trust of our

shareholders and the general public” said Pierre Gramegna, ESM Managing Director.

Ms Colette Drinan, Secretary and Director of Audit at the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of Ireland, will commence her term on 19 June 2025. She will succeed Ms Lucia Kašiarová, whose mandate ended on 24 April 2025. Ms Drinan has held senior positions in public sector audit, institutional oversight, financial regulation, and international cooperation.

Ms Tine Debusschere, Secretary General and Member of the College of the Belgian Court of Audit, will begin her mandate on 8 October 2025. She will replace Mr Giovanni Coppola, whose term concludes on 7 October 2025. Ms Debusschere has held senior positions in public sector audit, policy evaluation, organisational governance, and international cooperation.

Mr Jorg Kristijan Petrovič has served as Slovenian Member of the European Court of Auditors since May 2022. He will start his term on 17 December 2025, succeeding to Ms Helga Berger, whose mandate ends on 16 December 2025. Mr Petrovič, formerly First Deputy President of the Slovenian Court of Audit, has experience in auditing public finances and EU institutions.

“I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Ms Helga Berger for her outstanding leadership as Chairperson of the Board of Auditors and her excellent cooperation with me and the various departments of the ESM over the past three years. Her diligence, dedication, and expertise have been crucial in further reinforcing the ESM's governance and accountability framework. I look forward to our continued collaboration in the remaining months of her mandate and with her successor, thus building on the expertise of the European Court of Auditors.

Allow me to also thank Ms Lucia Kašiarová for her valuable contribution to the Board's work, including during her tenure as Vice-Chairperson from 27 November 2024 until the end of her mandate. Likewise, I thank Mr Giovanni Coppola for his active role and commitment to the Board's activities, including as current Vice-Chairperson since 29 April 2025. Their efforts have also supported the further strengthening of the ESM's oversight framework”, said Pierre Gramegna.

The Board of Auditors is an independent body that inspects the ESM accounts and verifies that the operational accounts and the balance sheet are in order. Furthermore, it audits the regularity, compliance, performance, and risk management of the ESM in accordance with international auditing standards and

monitors and reviews the ESM's internal and external audit processes and their results.

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