## DECLARATION OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR PUBLIC ETHICS

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Convinced of the essential stake that public ethics represents in the European project, we, representatives of certain European public ethics authorities, are creating the European network for public ethics (hereafter the Network).

Willing to promote their independent functioning, their defined expertise and means corresponding to the nature of their missions, and taking note of their commitment to joint initiatives, the members of the Network have adopted the following declaration.

They commit to deepen their exchanges with a view to identifying the best practices in terms of public ethics.

They constitute the Network in order to facilitate these exchanges and offer, in the longer term, support to members wishing to develop initiatives and have access to the most relevant information and means of investigation with regard to their respective missions.

Their objective is to develop unique expertise so that the Network becomes the privileged interlocutor of European institutions on issues of integrity, transparency and public ethics.

The members of the Network intend to adopt a founding charter and will try to meet once a year.

The Federal Bureau of Anticorruption of Austria, represented by its director, Otto Kerbl

The Federal Ethics Commission of Belgium, represented by its co-presidents, Françoise Tulkens & Luc Willems

The Commission of Decision on Conflicts of interest of Croatia, represented by its president, Nataša Novaković

The Conflict of Interests and Anti-Corruption Department of the Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic, represented by the director, Jiří Kapras

The High Authority for Transparency in Public Life of France, represented by its president, Didier Migaud

The National Anticorruption Authority of Italy, represented by its president, Giuseppe Busia

The Chief Official Ethics Commission of Lithuania, represented by its president Edmundas Sakalauskas Gellell

The Commissioner for Standards in Public Life of Malta. George Hyzler

The Office of Conflicts of interest of the Ministry of Finance and Public Service of Spain, represented by its senior advisor, Carolina Gomez-Zarzuela Irigoyen

The National Integrity Agency of Romania, represented by its president, Florin Moise

of Corruption of Slovenia, represented by its chief commissioner,

Robert Šumi

The Commission for Prevention