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The Commission does not comment on individual appointment procedures or candidates for membership in the board of independent fiscal institutions (IFIs). The relevant EU legislation (Article 8(a)(3) of Council Directive 2011/85/EU¹ as amended by Council Directive (EU) 2024/1265²) states that ‘Independent fiscal institutions shall be composed of members nominated and appointed on the basis of their experience and competence in public finances, macroeconomics or budgetary management, and by means of transparent procedures’.

The Commission is in the process of assessing the national provisions transposing the amended provisions under Council Directive (EU) 2024/1265, including provisions covering independence safeguards. While the transposition deadline for Member States for the amending Directive was 31 December 2025, several Member States did not yet submit information detailing what transposition measures have been taken. The assessment will be based on formally submitted information from every Member State.

The implementation of transposed provisions in practice is equally important. To safeguard the IFIs’ independence in practical terms, it is primarily the task of national actors (public authorities, elected representatives and the judiciary) to ensure a correct application of national law. The Commission follows the national debates and keeps contact with IFIs. In case of a systematic failure of national authorities to implement EU law, the Commission could take action under Article 258 of the Treaty³. In such instances, indications of measures, absence of measures, or practices of a Member State that are contrary to EU law are investigated by the Commission in cooperation with the Member State concerned in the context of an informal dialogue or an infringement procedure.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2011/85/oj/eng>.

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L_202401265.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:12012E/TXT:en:PDF>.