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COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2026/2276

of 9 October 2026

on the appointment of the Chairperson of the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Securities and Markets Authority), amending Decision No 716/2009/EC and repealing Commission Decision 2009/77/EC [1], and in particular Article 48(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Board of Supervisors of the European Securities and Markets Authority,

Whereas:

(1) The mandate of Ms Verena ROSS as Chairperson of the European Securities Markets Authority (ESMA) ends on 31 October 2026.

(2) Regulation (EU) No 1095/2010 provides that the Chairperson of ESMA is to be selected on the basis of merit, skills, knowledge of financial market participants and of markets, and of experience relevant to financial supervision and regulation, following an open selection procedure. That Regulation further provides that the Board of Supervisors is to draw up a shortlist of qualified candidates, with the assistance of the Commission. Based on the shortlist, the Council is to adopt a decision to appoint the Chairperson, after confirmation by the European Parliament. The Chairperson's term of office is five years and maybe extended once.

(3) On 20 May 2026, ESMA submitted to the Council a shortlist of two candidates for the position of Chairperson.

(4) On 9 July 2026, the two shortlisted candidates for the position of Chairperson were interviewed by the Presidency of the Council on behalf of the Member States.

(5) On 22 July 2026, the Council selected Mr Carlo COMPORTI for the position of Chairperson among the two candidates and notified the European Parliament accordingly, requesting its confirmation.

(6) On 15 September 2026, the European Parliament provided its confirmation.

(7) Mr Carlo COMPORTI should, therefore, be appointed as Chairperson of ESMA for a period of five years from 1 November 2026,

[1] OJ L 331, 15.12.2010, p. 84, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2010/1095/oj.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Mr Carlo COMPORTI is hereby appointed as Chairperson of the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) for a period of five years from 1 November 2026.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Luxembourg, 9 October 2026.

For the Council

The President

S. HARRIS