

Agreement on the Central and Eastern European IMF Constituency for 2022-2032

The Governors of the IMF for Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Kosovo, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Türkiye agree to continue to form a Central and Eastern European Constituency effective from the election of an Executive Director in 2022. The Constituency shall continue to serve the purpose of common representation at the IMFC and close cooperation among the participating countries within the IMF for the period of 2022 to 2032. This agreement shall not affect our work in the World Bank Group.

	Quota Shares	Voting Shares
	(2010)	(2010)
Türkiye	0.98	0.95
Austria	0.83	0.81
Czech Republic	0.46	0.46
Hungary	0.41	0.41
Slovak Republic	0.21	0.23
Slovenia	0.12	0.15
Kosovo	0.02	0.05

This constituency will continue to represent an authentic and consistent voice for Central and Eastern Europe. The constituency shall remain a strong and influential supporter of multilateral cooperation within the IMF. It will continue to ensure effective representation of all its members in the IMF. The policy of the constituency is determined through coordination among members. Prior consultations conducted by the Executive Director will take place in matters relevant to the functioning of the constituency. The constituency will continue to operate in a transparent, cooperative, and inclusive manner, based on the principles of consensus and partnership.

I. Principles for the distribution of office positions

Subject to the inevitable need for some flexibility, the distribution of positions will be based on the following principles: The member holding the Executive Director position will be supported by an Advisor from the respective country. Members agree not to distribute all available positions to have some buffer for a future agreement to accommodate again an eighth member.

Members commit to accept a downgrading in staffing entitlements in case of potential changes in Board-mandated staffing rules but taking into account respective voting powers.

Distribution of the IMF CEE Office Positions¹ for 2022-2032

Member	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Türkiye	AED2 + A	AED2 + A	ED & A	ED & A	AED1 + A	AED1 + A	ED & A	ED & A	AED2 + A	AED2 + A
Austria	AED1	AED1	AED1	AED1	ED & A	ED & A	AED1	AED1	AED1	AED1
Czech Rep.	SA	SA	SA	SA	AED2	AED2	AED2	AED2	ED & A	ED & A
Hungary	ED & A	ED & A	AED2	AED2	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA
Slovakia	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA
Slovenia	A	A	Ext*	Ext*	Ext*	A	A	A	A	A
Kosovo			A	A	A		0.5A	A		

IMF CEE Office Positions¹ to be distributed for 2022-2032

Positions	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Executive Director	ED	ED	ED	ED	ED	ED	ED	ED	ED	ED
1 st Alt. Ex. Director	AED1	AED1	AED1	AED1	AED1	AED1	AED1	AED1	AED1	AED1
2 nd Alt. Ex. Director	AED2	AED2	AED2	AED2	AED2	AED2	AED2	AED2	AED2	AED2
Senior Advisor	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA
Senior Advisor	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA	SA
Advisor	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Advisor	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Advisor	A	A			A	A	0.5A	A	A	A
Ext. financed ADV			Ext*	Ext*	Ext*					
2 Admin. Assistants	2 AA	2 AA	2 AA	2 AA	2 AA	2 AA	2 AA	2 AA	2 AA	2 AA

The distribution of professional staff functions in the Constituency for the 2022-2032¹ period will be as follows:

Executive Director Position:

Hungary will nominate the Executive Director of the Fund to be elected by the constituency members for the period of 2022-2024.

Türkiye will nominate the Executive Director of the Fund to be elected by the constituency members for the periods of 2024-26 and 2028-2030.

¹ Positions begin on November 1 and end on the succeeding October 31, except shorter than one year position entitlements.

The abbreviations of the office positions are: Executive Director (ED), First Alternate Executive Director (AED1), Second Alternate Executive Director (AED2), Senior Advisor (SA), Advisor (A), Option for externally financed Advisor (EXT*)

Austria will nominate the Executive Director of the Fund to be elected by the constituency members for the period of 2026-2028.

The Czech Republic will nominate the Executive Director of the Fund to be elected by the constituency members for the period of 2030-2032.

First Alternate Executive Director Position:

Austria will hold the position of First Alternate Executive Director of the Fund for the periods of 2022-2026 and 2028-2032.

Türkiye will hold the position of First Alternate Executive Director of the Fund for the period of 2026-2028.

Second Alternate Executive Director Position:

Türkiye will hold the position of second Alternate Executive Director of the Fund for the periods of 2022-2024 and 2030-2032.

Hungary will hold the position of second Alternate Executive Director of the Fund for the period of 2024-2026.

The Czech Republic will hold the position of second Alternate Executive Director of the Fund for the period of 2026-2030.

Senior Advisor Positions:

The Czech Republic will hold a position of Senior Advisor to the Executive Director of the Fund for a total period of four years, from 2022-2026, the years when it does not hold the position of the Executive Director or the second Alternate Executive Director.

Hungary will hold a position of Senior Advisor to the Executive Director of the Fund for a total period of six years, from 2026-2032, the years when it does not hold the position of the Executive Director or the second Alternate Executive Director.

Slovakia will hold a position of Senior Advisor to the Executive Director of the Fund for a total period of ten years, for 2022-2032.

Advisor Positions:

Slovenia will hold a position of Advisor to the Executive Director of the Fund for a total of seven years, for the periods of 2022-2024 and 2027-2032. For the period 2024-27, Slovenia has the right to appoint an externally financed Advisor to the Executive Director of the Fund, to be financed from Slovenia's own resources.

Kosovo will hold a position of Advisor to the Executive Director of the Fund for a total of four and half years, for the periods of 2024-2027 and 2029, and a six months position of Advisor in the period beginning on November 1, 2028.

Türkiye will hold a position of Advisor to the Executive Director of the Fund for a total of ten years, which includes the periods when Türkiye holds the Executive Director position.

Austria will hold a position of Advisor to the Executive Director of the Fund for the period of 2026-2028, when Austria holds the Executive Director position.

Czech Republic will hold a position of Advisor to the Executive Director of the Fund for the period of 2030-2032, when Czech Republic holds the Executive Director position.

Hungary will hold a position of Advisor to the Executive Director of the Fund for the period of 2022-2024, when Hungary holds the Executive Director position.

Prior to the formal nomination of a candidate for the regular elections of Executive Directors, there will be close consultation among constituency members.

Constituency members will propose a candidate for a position (Alternate Executive Director, Senior Advisor, Advisor) to be appointed by the Executive Director. Taking into account the job requirements for the Senior Advisor and Advisor positions, consultations are sought between the Executive Director, the Alternate Executive Directors, and the authorities on the appointment. The final decision will rest with the respective country authorities.

The office will have two Administrative Assistants in line with the staffing norms for Executive Directors offices. Following the approach of other Executive Directors' offices, the selection of Administrative Assistants will be merit based and will not be linked to the distribution of professional staff in the office.

II. Position-taking in the Board and preparing for Board meetings

The Executive Director, in close consultation with the Alternate Executive Directors, is responsible for the positions taken in the Board, for representing the members of the constituency in the IMF and for the overall functioning and management of the constituency.

Positions in the Board are taken in accordance with the mandate of the Fund and will aim at advancing the interests of the members of the constituency. Positions reflect as much as possible the consensus within the constituency.

Common positions and terms of reference agreed in coordination with the other EU member states will be taken into account to the extent possible.

In reconciling conflicting country interests, the Executive Director, in close cooperation with the Alternate Executive Directors, will take into account the voting power of individual

countries in the constituency and the specific relevance of the issue as expressed by these countries. If an agreed common position is difficult to formulate, the position of the authorities of the relevant country will be disclosed by the Executive Director at the Executive Board meeting.

When the Board discusses an Article IV consultation or an IMF arrangement of one of the members of the constituency, the Executive Director or an Alternate Executive Director will represent the interest of the country under consideration. The constituency supports requests for Fund financing on which a constituency member has reached understandings with the Fund staff.

The capitals will be informed of the Board agenda and will have access to all relevant documentation. Countries inform the office of their input in a timely manner.

III. Organization and working methods of the office

The Executive Director, in close cooperation and consultation with the Alternate Executive Directors, is responsible for the organization and the well-functioning of the office. The operation of the Constituency office shall be governed by the Rules of Procedures. Distribution of the work in preparing Board and Committee meetings and for reporting to capitals is decided collegially, taking into account Alternate Executive Directors' and (Senior) Advisors' professional expertise and the interest of the topic for their country. The workload will be distributed fairly. The Executive Director relies on the contribution of Alternate Executive Directors and (Senior) Advisors, irrespective of their country. Communication between the office and capitals and among capitals will be in English. The Executive Director will hold a performance evaluation meeting with the members of the constituency office once a year.

IV. Reporting on IMFC and Board meetings and other developments

The constituency functions in a transparent manner with full respect for confidentiality.

On all Board meetings (except items of minor importance) and other relevant informal briefings, deliberations and developments, the authorities of each constituency member have access to the text of formal statements and, if relevant, a concise report of the meeting.

The delegates representing our constituency in restricted IMFC meetings, such as the IMFC breakfast meeting, the Early Warning Exercise and the Deputies' meeting, will give a full account of the respective meetings.

Confidential bilateral information related to a single country or set of countries within the constituency and not disclosed to other Executive Directors' offices, is only communicated to the countries concerned.

V. Constituency meetings

A constituency meeting deliberates on items related to cooperation within the constituency, the working of the office, including the office budget developments in a transparent manner, developments in the IMF, issues related to the mandate of the IMF and items on the agenda of the Board of Governors, the IMFC and the Executive Board. The Executive Director can be invited to prepare reports to document the deliberations of the constituency meeting.

A constituency meeting of Ministers of Finance and Central Bank Governors of the member countries is held prior to each IMFC meeting. Statements for the IMFC meeting on behalf of the members of the constituency are reviewed and approved by all constituency members, taking into account comments of the members.

If considered opportune, additional constituency meetings at the level of Ministers and Governors, or their Deputies can be arranged. IMF management or senior staff may be invited to speak during these meetings on issues of interest for the constituency.

Constituency meetings prior to IMFC meetings are chaired by the Minister representing the constituency in the IMFC meeting, or by the Central Bank Governor of that country, or their deputies. In their absence, the meeting is chaired by the Minister or Governor of the next country which rotates for the IMFC membership. High level constituency meetings and those at Deputy level hosted by a member shall be chaired by the Minister of Finance or by the Central Bank Governor or a Deputy of the host country, respectively.

VI. IMFC meetings

The Minister (or Governor) of the member country who holds the Executive Director Position will represent the constituency at the IMFC².

Positions in IMFC meetings are formulated according to the same principles guiding position-taking in the Executive Board.

The Executive Director together with the Alternate Executive Directors, and in close cooperation with the member of the IMFC, prepares the draft written statement for the IMFC meeting. The draft statement is submitted in a timely manner to the authorities of all constituency members for written comments and is finalized prior to the IMFC meeting.

VII. Technical Assistance

The constituency members will, when requested and on a voluntary basis, complement IMF technical assistance and training to other members of the constituency, on matters that are within the competences of their Ministry of Finance, Central Bank, Prudential Supervisor or Statistical Office.

VIII. Final provisions

This agreement will take effect from the 2022 Regular Elections of Executive Directors for a duration of ten years and will thereby terminate the provisions of the Constituency Agreement for the IMF office concluded on July 11, 2012.

This agreement shall cover the period of 2022 to 2032.

This agreement, drawn up in a single original, shall be deposited in the archives of the Magyar Nemzeti Bank, the Central Bank of Hungary, together with the Declaration of the Slovak Republic on the status of Kosovo, which will be transmitted in a certified copy to each of the signatory Governors.

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² Except for the period 2022-2024 when the Minister (or Governor) from Austria will represent the constituency at the IMFC. This exception will only be valid for the term of this agreement and would bear no implications for future agreements.

