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Answer given by Mr Breton
on behalf of the European Commission
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On 25 July 2023, after the hearings before the European Parliament, the Council appointed the new Executive Director of the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) according to Article 158(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1001 on the EU trademark (EUTMR)¹. The role of the Commission in the ongoing selection process for a new Executive Director of EUIPO is determined by its role as a member of the EUIPO Management Board, where the Commission has two representatives. Moreover, it has an observer's seat in the EUIPO Preparatory Subcommittee. These roles contribute to ensuring an open and transparent selection procedure.

In line with Article 158(2) of the EUTMR, the Management Board had pre-selected a list of more than one candidate in its meeting of 6 June 2023.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32017R1001>