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Despite the variety of agencies in the EU, the overall structure of the decentralised agencies bares some similarities, such as the fact that they generally all contain a management board, an executive director, committees of scientific or advisory nature and secretariats. One of the main features regarding the organisation of the board of EU agencies is to decide on the agency's budget, the work programme, and the appointment and dismissal of its executive director, subsequent to the Commission's nomination of a candidate. A further noteworthy feature regarding the organisation of agencies is the presence of the Member States representatives through the boards, which goes against the traditional notion of agencies as non-majoritarian bodies. Yet, this does not challenge but rather reinforces the compliance aspect in EU governance when it is taken into account that the EU fundamentally depends on its Member States for implementation. This organisational aspect also sets apart EU agencies comparatively from other agencies in national systems, such as in the US.

See the [Report](#) of first TARN workshop organised in Oslo that furthers the understanding on the current organisation of EU agencies.

See specifically [TARN Working paper 1/2016](#) by Egeberg and Trondal.