

## Appointment of Committee members

### 65<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Management Board 29-30 March 2022

#### Proposal

- The Management Board is invited to appoint one new candidate for the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC).
- The Management Board is invited to appoint four new candidates for the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC).

#### Background

Each Member State may nominate candidates to membership of RAC and SEAC. The Executive Director is required to establish a list of nominees, which is published on the ECHA website. The Management Board shall appoint the members of the Committee from this list, including at least one member but no more than two from the nominees of each Member State. Members shall be appointed for their experience in performing the tasks specified in the REACH Regulation. Further, the membership of Committee members appointed for a term of three years shall be renewable. In order to safeguard the independence, integrity and credibility of the Committees, Member States were asked to make their nominations in accordance with the eligibility criteria as updated in February 2019.

A letter dated 20 October 2021 was sent by the Secretariat to those Member State Permanent Representations which are due to (re-)nominate candidates for membership of RAC and SEAC. The nominations attached were submitted in 2022.

Member States were asked for written commitment to provide adequate scientific and technical resources to the nominated member and to enable them to use at least half of their working time for this task. Commitment to provide such support has been received from the Member States for all the nominees (see Annex 2-6).

In addition to the review of their CV and other nomination information by the Committee Chairs, the new nominees are interviewed to make sure that they understand the level of commitment in terms of time and contribution to the Committees and confirm that they are available.

#### Rationale

##### New candidates for RAC membership

There is one new nomination for the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC).

MS	Nominated RAC member	Feedback from the RAC Chair
LT	STRUMYLAITĖ Loreta	Dr Strumylaitė is currently employed as a Senior Researcher at the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences' Neuroscience Institute Laboratory of Toxicology. She has an in-depth knowledge of Biomonitoring, Epidemiology and Occupational hygiene. Dr Strumylaitė was interviewed by the RAC Chair on 2 February where she confirmed her interest in working on OELs. Her expertise is also useful for the epidemiological parts of CLH dossiers.

		She confirmed the support of her management to her working commitment to RAC. Dr Strumylaitė's declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern, making her eligible for membership of the Committee.
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### New candidates for SEAC membership

There are four new nominations for the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC).

MS	Nominated SEAC members	Feedback from the SEAC Chair
GR	SOFIKITI Nikoletta	<p>Dr Sofikiti is currently employed as a Chemist at the section of chemical products at the Independent Authority for Public Revenue (IAPR), General Chemical State Laboratory (GCSL), Directorate of Energy, Industrial and Chemicals Products. She holds a PhD in Chemistry, and has had experience in academia, industry and the public sector (including with the implementation of REACH). The combined expertise gained through her work will be valuable in SEAC's assessment of analysis of alternatives.</p> <p>Dr Sofikiti was interviewed by the Chair on 17 February 2022. She confirmed being able to commit 50 % of her work time to the Committee, and her declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern.</p>
ES	GRACIA FERNÁNDEZ Ignacio	<p>Dr Gracia Fernández is currently employed as a Professor of Chemical Engineering at the University of Castilla La Mancha. He holds a PhD in Chemical Engineering, as well as a Master's Degree in Business. His broad expertise, which covers both the area of economic and technical evaluation of chemical processes, as well as several relevant areas of socio-economic analysis, make him very well-suited for membership in SEAC.</p> <p>Dr Gracia Fernández was interviewed by the Chair on 20 January 2022. He confirmed being able to commit 50 % of her work time to the Committee, and his declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern.</p>
IT	REALE Priscilla	<p>Dr Reale is currently employed as a Researcher at ENEA - the National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development, Department of Fusion and Nuclear Safety, starting from 2012. She holds a PhD in Material Science and has had long experience with REACH (including working on the National REACH HelpDesk). Her expertise will be useful for SEAC's work on analysis of alternatives. Additionally, since 2016 Dr Reale has acted as advisor to the Italian SEAC member she has been nominated to replace. The previous member was a specialist in socio-economic analysis, so through that work, in addition to familiarity with the work of SEAC in general, Dr Reale has also acquired good familiarity with socio-economic analysis.</p>

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		Dr Reale was interviewed by the Chair on 1 March 2022. She confirmed being able to commit 50 % of her work time to the Committee, and her declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern.
LU	FREUDENTHAL Oona	<p>Dr Freudenthal is currently employed in the Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology as a R&amp;T Associate and before that during 2018-2020 as a Regulatory Science Engineer. She holds a PhD in biophysical chemistry, and has significant experience working with REACH (including as member of the ECHA HelpNet) and specifically Substances of Very High Concern (SVHCs), in addition to experience in academia. Her expertise will be useful for SEAC's work on analysis of alternatives.</p> <p>Dr Freudenthal was interviewed by the Chair on 9 February 2022. She confirmed being able to commit 50 % of her work time to the Committee, and her declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern.</p>

## Alternative options

The Management Board could decide not to appoint a second member nominated by a given Member State. This would be contradictory to the requests made for nominating a second member and detrimental to the efforts to strengthen the capacity of the Committees for coping with their high workload, in particular where the member has demonstrated to be an active one. No other candidates have been proposed and there are therefore no alternative candidates to appoint. The Secretariat will continue to monitor the activity level of the appointed members to inform their potential renewal.

## Drawbacks

The only visible disadvantage of the proposal lies in the costs related to reimbursement of members. The benefits of the additional expertise outweigh these costs by far.

## Attachments

- Annex 1a – b: Envisaged composition of the RAC and SEAC after MB-65
- Annex 2: MB65\_2022\_Nomination\_RAC\_LT
- Annex 3: MB65\_2022\_Nomination\_SEAC\_GR
- Annex 4: MB65\_2022\_Nomination\_SEAC\_ES
- Annex 5: MB65\_2022\_Nomination\_SEAC\_IT
- Annex 6: MB65\_2022\_Nomination\_SEAC\_LU

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**Annex 1a - Envisaged composition of the Committee for Risk Assessment after the 29-30 March Management Board meeting (MB65)**

	<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Nominee's name</b>
1	Austria	FACCHIN Manuel
2	Austria	LOSERT Annemarie
3	Belgium	RODRIGUEZ-GONZALEZ Wendy
4	Bulgaria	KARADJOVA Irina
5	Bulgaria	TSAKOVSKA Ivanka
6	Croatia	VARNAI Veda
7	Croatia	MENDAŠ STARČEVIĆ Gordana
8	Cyprus	XANTHOS Theodoros
9	Czech Republic	MARTÍNEK Michal
10	Denmark	SØRENSEN Hammer Peter
11	Denmark	TOBIASSEN Lea Stine
12	Estonia	SCHLÜTER Urs
13	Estonia	MOLDOV Raili
14	Finland	LEINONEN Riitta
15	Finland	SANTONEN Tiina
16	France	PRINTEMPS Nathalie
17	France	GEOFFROY Laure
18	Germany	GEBEL Thomas
19	Germany	STAHLMANN Ralf
20	Greece	SPETSERIS Nikolaos
21	Greece	TSITSIMPIKOU Christina
22	Hungary	BIRÓ Anna
23	Ireland	MURRAY Brendan
24	Ireland	DOAK Malcolm
25	Italy	AQUILINA Gabriele
26	Italy	PARIS Pietro
27	Latvia	BROVKINA Julija
28	Latvia	KADIKIS Normunds
29	Lithuania	UŽOMECKAS Žilvinas
30	Lithuania	STRUMYLAITĖ Loreta
31	Luxembourg	MOELLER Ruth
32	Luxembourg	NEUMANN Michael
33	Netherlands	HAKKERT Betty
34	Netherlands	SCHUUR Gerlienke
35	Norway	BJØRGE Christine
36	Poland	BARAŃSKI Bogusław
37	Poland	PĘCZKOWSKA Beata
38	Portugal	VIEGAS Susana
39	Romania	PRIBU Mihaela
40	Romania	DOCEA Anca Oana
41	Slovenia	MENARD SRPČIČ Anja
42	Slovenia	SCHULTE Agnes
43	Spain	SOGORB Miguel A.
44	Sweden	MOHAMMED Ifthekhar Ali
45	Sweden	LUND Bert-Ove
46	co-opted member	CHIURTU Elena
47	co-opted member	DEVILLER Geneviève

48	co-opted member	GINNITY Bridget
49	co-opted member	HARTWIG Andrea
50	co-opted member	van der HAAR Rudolf

**Annex 1b - Envisaged composition of the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis after the 29-30 March Management Board meeting (MB65)**

	<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Nominee's name</b>
1	Austria	FANKHAUSER Simone
2	Belgium	COGEN Simon
3	Belgium	PIÑEROS GARCET Juan
4	Bulgaria	NIKOVA Julieta
5	Cyprus	ANASTASIOU Christos
6	Cyprus	ARGYROPOULOS Christos
7	Denmark	MUNCRIEF Sandi
8	Denmark	SVOSTRUP PETERSEN Ida
9	Estonia	LUEDEKE Andreas
10	Finland	KIISKI Johanna
11	France	BRIGNON Jean-Marc
12	France	JOMINI Stephane
13	Germany	URBAN Klaus
14	Germany	THIELE Karen
15	Greece	ANTONIADOU Sofia
16	Greece	SOFIKITI Nikoletta
17	Hungary	SCHUCHTÁR Endre
18	Ireland	LEAHY Eimear
19	Italy	CASTELLI Stefano
20	Italy	REALE Priscilla
21	Latvia	BERGS Ivars
22	Latvia	GAIDUKOVŠ Sergejs
23	Lithuania	ŽIEMIENĖ Jurgita
24	Lithuania	RUZGYS Karolis
25	Luxembourg	FREUDENTHAL Oona
26	Netherlands	JANSSEN Martien
27	Netherlands	GABBERT Silke
28	Norway	MÅGE Marit
29	Poland	DOMINIĄK Dorota
30	Portugal	ALEXANDRE Joao
31	Slovenia	DOLENC Darko
32	Slovenia	ISKRA Jernej
33	Spain	GRACIA FERNÁNDEZ Ignacio
34	Spain	RODRIGUEZ HERNANDEZ Manuel
35	Sweden	TURVEY Alex
36	Sweden	JOYCE John
37	Co-opted member	ROUW Aart
39	Co-opted member	JONES Derrick
40	Co-opted member	SPITERI Jonathan
41	Co-opted member	CAVALIERI Luisa