

# Annual report of the Conflict of Interest Advisory Committee for 2017

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## 1. Introduction

The Conflict of Interest Advisory Committee (CoIAC) is an advisory body in the context of ECHA's policy on prevention and management of potential conflicts of interest (MB/07/2014, publicly available on ECHA's website).

The Committee is available to the Management Board, the Committees and the Forum as well as to the Executive Director for advice on matters related to potential conflicts of interest of the Agency's staff or members of its bodies.

The Committee works on the basis of its Terms of Reference (MB/38/2012/D(2) final, publicly available on ECHA's website). According to its Terms of Reference, the CoIAC's Chairperson prepares an annual report to the Management Board on the Committee's activities. This is the seventh such report.

## 2. Members

No changes to the composition of the CoIAC occurred in 2017. The Committee comprises:

- Ms Minna Heikkilä, the Head of the Legal Affairs Unit of ECHA, as Chairperson;
- Ms Judite Dipane, who was appointed by the Management Board; and
- Mr Julio Bacio Terracino, from the OECD Secretariat, who was appointed as an external expert by the Executive Director of ECHA.

## 3. Meetings

On 10 May 2017, the CoIAC convened for its ninth annual meeting at ECHA's premises in Helsinki. The Chairperson introduced a new request for advice from the Executive Director. As the COIAC found that further elements would need to be clarified before deliberating on the final advice on the matter, a phone conference of the members was held on 6 June 2017 to further deliberate on the needs for further information and to decide on the further approach to drafting the CoIAC advice.

## 4. Advice

In 2017, ECHA's Executive Director submitted a new request for advice of the CoIAC, which relates to a number of inter-related questions concerning the area of public statements and opinions as well as provision of consultancy services. The CoIAC started drafting its advice in autumn 2017 and the finalisation of the advice is expected early 2018.

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