

# Minutes of the 67<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Management Board

Held on 29 September 2022 via remote connection

## I. Summary record of the proceedings

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming participants<sup>1</sup> to the 67<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Management Board (MB). A special welcome was extended to the new observer invited from Norway, Heidi MORKA.

After a recap of the practical aspects of running the meeting remotely, the Secretariat confirmed that the necessary quorum<sup>2</sup> was achieved, as all Members and registered persons of trust and advisors had established their meeting connection.

### 1. Agenda

The Chair introduced the draft agenda<sup>3</sup> and proposed that item 4. *Any other business: Call for evidence: ECHA - proposal for a basic regulation* would be taken before point B.4. It was further proposed that, for the *in camera* session at the end of the meeting day, item B.10 Appointment of the Executive Director and employment contract would be taken before item B.9 Election of the Chair of the Management Board and this would be followed by the online confirmation of decisions taken.

A Board member appointed by the Commission to represent interested parties proposed to add a new item under *Any other business: Update on the chemicals industry's situation in the energy crisis*.

These proposals were agreed, and the agenda of the meeting was adopted on this basis. The order of items in these minutes reflects the order in which the points were taken during the MB meeting.

The Secretariat presented the list of documents distributed before the meeting, in addition to the ordinary meeting documentation. These concerned a revised version of the draft agenda (point 1), the highlights of the quarterly report (point B.1) and a revised annex for point B.10.

### 2. Declaration of specific interests

The Chair informed Management Board members that he had reviewed, together with the Secretariat, the members', observers', persons of trust's and the Acting Executive Director's declarations of interest and commitment in accordance with ECHA's procedure for the Prevention and Management of potential Conflicts of Interest (CoIs)<sup>4</sup>.

He concluded, based on the declarations, that there was no need for specific restrictions with respect to the agenda of this 67<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting.

The Chair then invited members to further declare any specific interests that could not be

<sup>1</sup> The full list of participants is available under Section IV of these minutes.

<sup>2</sup> As defined in Article 6 of the Management Board Rules of Procedure.

<sup>3</sup> MB/A/04/2022 REV1.

<sup>4</sup> ECHA's Policy on the Prevention and Management of potential Conflicts of Interest (PRO-0067).

drawn from their declarations of interest and commitment, and which could be considered to be prejudicial to their independence with respect to any items on the agenda. No further specific interests were declared in response to this.

### **3. Minutes of the 66<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting of 22-23 June 2022**

The public and highly restricted parts of the draft minutes of the 66<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting<sup>5</sup>, held on 22-23 June 2022, were adopted.

The Chair pointed out the status of agreed follow-up actions as follows:

Action	MB	Status
The Secretariat will share with the Management Board the data availability roadmap (under ECHA's transparency approach) when it becomes available.	60	DONE
The administrative arrangements for safeguarding the independence of the Board of Appeal will be updated to reflect the decision taken with respect to the reclassification of BoA members.	66	ONGOING
The Secretariat will provide the Management Board with an update on its approach to address public and institutional concerns regarding animal testing. This could include an overview on ECHA's role, the regulatory framework and stakeholders' views and criticism. This information may be provided as an MB information session or as part of one of the next regular Board meetings.	65	DONE
The Secretariat will regularly update the MB about scientific-technical considerations related to the structure and functioning of ECHA's Committees, including the necessary additional competences, once further information is available on potential new tasks.	65	ONGOING
The Chair will inform the European Parliament of the candidate selected as Executive Director, with a view to organising as soon as possible the address of the Executive Director-designate in the European Parliament.	66	DONE
The Secretariat will inform the Management Board of relevant developments with regards to the European Parliament address of the Executive Director-designate.	66	DONE
The Management Board Subgroup Strategy, Planning and Implementation, with the assistance of the Secretariat, will follow the activities with respect to the reattribution of technical and scientific tasks to ECHA, and report back to the Management Board, as necessary.	66	ONGOING
The Acting Executive Director will forward the Final Accounts, together with the opinion of the Management Board, to the accounting officer of the Commission, the Court of Auditors, the European Parliament and the Council, by 1 July 2022.	66	DONE
The Secretariat will circulate the final report of the Court of Auditors on the annual accounts of ECHA for 2021 when it becomes available.	66	PENDING
The Acting Executive Director will implement the Management	66	DONE

<sup>5</sup> MB/M/03/2022.

Action	MB	Status
Board's decision with respect to staff matters of the full-time members of the Board of Appeal.		
The Secretariat will circulate a call for applications for the position of Management Board Chair in August 2022 and invite members to consider standing as a candidate.	66	DONE

## A. Points for automatic adoption

No points for automatic adoption were scheduled for this meeting.

## B. Points for discussion / decision

### B.1 Quarterly report on ECHA's activities

The Management Board took note of the Quarterly Report on ECHA's activities<sup>6</sup>, provided by the Acting Executive Director.

The report included a highlight of key items with an impact on the Work Programme implementation. In the exchange of views that followed, Board members requested and received clarification on the process for REACH Annex XIV referrals, on the planning and progress of restriction work (specifically for PVC and PVC additives), on ECHA's environmental management certifications (EMAS<sup>7</sup> and ISO 9001:14001) and on the access to document requests received for PIC data.

A Board member representing the Commission thanked the Secretariat for the good cooperation in finding a satisfactory way forward for the targeted additional consultation on the proposed restriction of the use of lead in ammunition.

### B.2 Report from the Management Board subgroups

The Management Board took note of an oral report from its Subgroups Finance, Audit and Risks (SG FAR) and Strategy, Planning and Implementation (SG SPI), which met on 8 September 2022.

**SG FAR** prepared the MB adoption of the second amending budget and procurement plan for 2022 and discussed a proposal from the Secretariat to revise the remuneration of the rapporteurs in ECHA's scientific committees (RAC and SEAC). The proposal will be revisited subject to the outcome of a broader *ex post* evaluation of the functioning of the Committees, which the secretariat was requested to conduct. SG FAR took note of the regular information security and IT business continuity report and of the updated Risk Register 2022. The MB observed that the risk levels remain stable, however it was noted that a peak in authorisation applications in 2022-2023 may outrun the capacity of the Committees. The Secretariat will provide further information to the MB on the mitigating actions in one of its next meetings. Finally, the SG FAR Chair informed other Board members of the Acting Executive Director's intention to renew the employment contract of the Accounting Officer.

**SG SPI** prepared the orientation debate for the Programming Document (PD) 2023-2026 and its input was reflected in the documents submitted for this MB meeting. It also reviewed the preliminary Secretariat input with respect to the resourcing of future ECHA tasks, as agreed in the 66<sup>th</sup> MB meeting<sup>8</sup>, in the context of an update from the Commission on the status of the potential reattribution of certain technical and scientific tasks to ECHA. The Chair of SG SPI informed other Board members that a noteworthy number of tasks

<sup>6</sup> MB/29/2022.

<sup>7</sup> Eco-Management and Audit Scheme.

<sup>8</sup> MB/M/03/2022.

(ca. 10-15) may be in the scope, with varying resource needs (1-12 FTE per task) and requiring diverse expertise. This has the potential to impact the Agency's processes and resourcing. At the same time, the SG SPI Chair strongly emphasised that the estimates, provided upon the Commission's request, were preliminary and remain subject to changes, in the light of feedback and more detailed process information from the Commission. The SG SPI Chair also referred to the Commission's request, expressed in the SG SPI meeting, for a comprehensive and unified quantitative forecast of the future resourcing of existing, revised or new tasks, which the Secretariat will support with technical input.

The Chair of the SG SPI informed other Board members about SG SPI's discussion on the respective roles of the SG and the MB in following the evolution of the resource estimates provided in the context of EU policy development, which has an impact on ECHA's tasks. While acknowledging the Commission's institutional role as initiator of legislative proposals, some SG SPI members expressed their view that the full MB should review all related documents and discuss these topics, considering their strategic nature and long-term impacts, where SG SPI's role is to prepare these discussions. The SG SPI Chair requested steer from the MB on this question.

In response to this, Board members reflected on the resource estimates provided and the wide range and scope of the potential new tasks, which have the potential to impact ECHA's mandate and the functioning of its bodies. At the same time, it was acknowledged that the legislative preparatory process is ongoing, and it is not possible to arrive at clear conclusions at this time. A Board member representing the Commission reassured other Board members that the Commission is in close contact with the ECHA Secretariat, and the MB will receive timely updates as further information becomes available with respect to the re-attribution of tasks.

Concerning the mandate of SG SPI, the MB thanked the subgroup for its work and the transparent way of reporting. The MB Chair reiterated the Board's trust and confidence in SG SPI to monitor the evolution of resource estimates and report to the full Board as necessary.

### B.3 Periodic review of the Management Board subgroups

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The Management Board initiated the review of its standing subgroups, with respect to their number and type, mandate, main tasks, and composition<sup>9</sup>. The Management Board also adopted the revised composition of its subgroups.

Board members expressed their satisfaction with the functioning of MB subgroups, and it was indicated that they provide a good forum to be involved. Members of all the subgroups were invited to participate actively in the respective subgroups' work, and all Board members were invited to consider joining the Subgroup Board of Appeal. It was proposed, and supported, that the outcome of all subgroup meetings would be circulated to all Board members, for increased transparency. Matching views were expressed with respect to the large size of SG SPI and the need to consider this in the overall context of the functioning of the MB in the future.

A Board member representing the Commission referred to the occasional overlap of topics between SG SPI and SG FAR and pointed out the need to have members present in both groups to achieve a more coherent view on the matters discussed. It was also explained that the Commission intends to consult Board members with respect to the functioning and structure of the MB, as part of its preparatory work on ECHA's future basic regulation. In this context, feedback will be invited on a two-level governance structure, which is recommended in the Common Approach on decentralised agencies<sup>10</sup>.

The Chair invited Board members to submit any further comment on the MB subgroups to the Secretariat by 31 October 2022 and explained that he may propose changes to the

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<sup>9</sup> MB/30/2022.

<sup>10</sup> Joint Statement and Common Approach of the European Parliament, the Council of the EU and the European Commission on decentralised agencies, 19 July 2022.

subgroups' Terms of Reference in the December 2022 meeting to reflect the input received.

#### 4. Any other business: Call for evidence: ECHA - proposal for a basic regulation

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The Management Board took note of information from a member representing the Commission regarding the call for evidence published by the Commission in the context of preparing the proposal for an ECHA Standalone Founding Regulation. It was explained that the call is open to the public and is published without an impact assessment, as impact assessments are carried out for the relevant sectoral legislation (REACH and CLP). The call outlines the problems that the initiative intends to tackle, which are related to the improvement of ECHA's governance and the sustainable future financing of the Agency. It was explained that the Commission's Expert Working Group of Members States, EU Agencies and Commission Services on 'One Substance, One Assessment' received information on the planned standalone founding regulation on 1 June 2022, and a follow-up meeting will be organised after the call for evidence is concluded.

In this context, the Board member representing the Commission referred to the planned targeted consultation of the Management Board, regarding the future structure, composition and functioning of the Board.

Board members thanked the Commission for the information and highlighted the importance of this regulation for ECHA's future. An exchange of views took place regarding how the Management Board may best input the Commission's preparatory work, in full respect of the Commission's right of initiative and allowing the MB to provide its expertise. In this context, a Board member representing the Commission pointed out that a consolidated view from the MB will be useful also for individual Board members when engaging in discussions in their Member State/stakeholder community. In addition, a discussion could take place, if necessary, in the Management Board after the call for evidence is concluded, to allow Board members to share their reflections and the Commission to inform the MB of the input received and next steps.

### B. Points for discussion / decision

#### B.4 Second Amending Budget 2022, amended Procurement Plan and transfers within the budget

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The Management Board adopted the Second Amending Budget for 2022<sup>11</sup> and the amended 2022 Procurement Plan. The MB also took note of the budget transfers carried out under the responsibility of the Acting Executive Director since the last notification.

The budget amendment reflects the updated fee income estimates, as well as the resulting changes in ECHA's needs for the balancing EU subsidy. Under REACH/CLP, the EU subsidy request is decreased by EUR 2.5 million, due to the anticipated higher fee income and considering the foreseen overall expenditure level, which is increased by EUR 1.5 million. Under the BPR, the total expenditure is increased by EUR 1.2 million, which is covered by the anticipated higher fee income, and this results thereby in a stable EU subsidy level. The budget and procurement plan amendments include the advancement of certain IT projects, initially planned to take place in 2023.

A Board member representing the Commission welcomed the amending budget, as well as the frontloading of certain IT investments. Reference was made to the higher than forecast fee income and the need to continue making progress in avoiding over-budgeting of the required EU subsidy.

*Note from the secretariat: In-depth written information was provided to the MB on 7 October 2022 on the front-loaded IT investments, further to the request of a Board member*

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<sup>11</sup> MB/31/2022.

*representing the Commission.*

## B.5 Appointment of Committee members

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The Management Board appointed<sup>12</sup> one new candidate (Benjamin PIÑA (ES)) and renewed the mandate of one member (Žilvinas UŽOMECKAS (LT)) for the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC).

## B.6 Programming Document 2023-2026 – Management Board orientation debate

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*The appointed future Executive Director, Dr Sharon MCGUINNESS, attended the meeting for this point in an observer capacity, upon invitation from the Chair of the Management Board.*

The Management Board held an orientation debate on the ECHA Programming Document (PD) 2023-2026<sup>13</sup>.

The Acting Executive Director first explained that the draft PD 2023-2026 is prepared in the transition period until the new Executive Director takes up her function and, accordingly, the underpinning objective is to provide stability and continuity, with no new major initiatives proposed and the resource allocation remaining largely stable compared to 2022. The proposed priorities are informed by the outcome of the strategy review performed by the Management Board in 2021 and consider the Commission's opinion on the draft PD 2023-2026<sup>14</sup>, the European Parliament's observations expressed in the discharge process and the MB assessment of the 2021 Annual Report.

The Acting Executive Director then presented the three proposed priorities for the programming period, namely, to deliver the outputs under ECHA's core mandate, to continue supporting the Commission in requests for assistance related to the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability (CSS) and to continue adapting ECHA's ways of working to its evolving role and operating environment.

With respect to the format of the full PD, the Acting Executive Director pointed out structural changes, which are implemented to follow the Commission's PD template more closely. He also highlighted that a revised resource allocation calculation method will be introduced to respond to internal audit findings on ECHA's planning and monitoring process and to requests from MB members. Lastly, reference was made to performance management and to the indicators remaining largely stable in the last year of the current multi-annual programming period before they are reviewed as part of the preparation of the next multi-annual work programme.

Board members expressed their overall support for the proposed priorities and the direction of the PD, as summarised in the documentation presented. The focus on ECHA's core mandate was welcomed, and some elements were proposed to be further elaborated in the PD, such as cooperation with peer Agencies and the impact of the 'One Substance, One Assessment' approach on ECHA's work. Board members also pointed out the evolving nature of ECHA's work, which is the result of potential new tasks and legislative changes arising from the CSS. Reference was made, in this context, to the organisational implications of the preparation for and adaptation to these changes and the Secretariat was invited to reflect these with appropriate clarity in the PD.

A Board member representing the Commission referred to the Commission's opinion on the draft PD 2023-2026, which covers the 2023 activities. With respect to 2024, the member pointed out that the PD should anticipate the effects of legislative changes. However, these are challenging to predict as the outcome of the legislative process is

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<sup>12</sup> MB/32/2022.

<sup>13</sup> MB/33/2022.

<sup>14</sup> European Commission opinion of 1 July 2022 on the draft Single Programming Document 2023-2025 of the European Chemicals Agency C(2022) 4766 final.

uncertain. She explained that the Commission will, when evaluating the resources of the future tasks, avoid a piecemeal approach and assess the combined resources of ECHA. Finally, she pointed out that an update may be provided to the PD in the first quarter of 2023, if necessary, as part of the transition to the future Executive Director.

The Chair concluded by reminding the MB about the next steps of the PD adoption process, which include the MB written consultation on the draft text of the PD in October 2022, the subsequent review of the full draft PD 2023-2026 by SG SPI and its preparation for the MB adoption in the December 2022 meeting.

## B.7 ECHA and the promotion of alternative methods to animal testing

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The Management Board took note of an update on ECHA's approach<sup>15</sup> related to its activities to promote alternative methods, or new approach methodologies (NAMs). The update was provided further to the MB's request formulated in its 65<sup>th</sup> meeting of 29-30 March 2022.

The Secretariat first presented ECHA's current activities and initiatives, structured around the three main pillars of the Integrated Regulatory Strategy, international activities and data availability. The Secretariat then proposed an updated approach, which aims to allow ECHA to increase its impact and visibility in supporting the development and uptake of alternative methods that are suitable for regulatory purposes. This activity would be complementary to the regular work of ECHA, in accordance with the current regulatory framework, and would focus on three dimensions: investing in areas where ECHA has relevant scientific-technical competences, enhancing cooperation with the European Commission and other institutional partners to support the development of a European roadmap towards full replacement of animal testing, and increasing visibility and stakeholder engagement.

Board members welcomed the information provided and expressed their support for the updated approach. They referred to the visibly high public expectation on ECHA on alternative methods, as well as to the policy goals of human health and environmental protection, with the corresponding hazard data needs, and that of animal welfare. In this context, it was pointed out that NAMs need to provide the same or higher levels of protection for regulatory acceptance as animal methods.

The importance of providing accurate and accessible information to the stakeholder community was underlined, as well as that this should touch upon the scientific and regulatory requirements, opportunities and challenges, as well as ECHA's contribution to the development and uptake of alternative methods. It was welcomed that ECHA will engage in such a more intensive stakeholder engagement and communication exercise and that NAMs will be a priority topic for the upcoming programming period, reflecting the Agency's commitment in this area.

It was highlighted that ECHA's scientific-technical competences, processes and database provide a very good basis to promote NAMs and they allow ECHA to contribute to the scientific developments, in close cooperation with the relevant partners, be it EU institutions, peer agencies or the research community of the PARC project.

## B.8 Annual exchange of views with the Forum Chair

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The Management Board took note of a presentation<sup>16</sup> from Katja VOM HOFE, the Chair of the Forum for Exchange of Information on Enforcement (Forum) and held its annual exchange of views with the Chair.

The presentation included information on the realisation of the Forum priorities in the past year, as well as on the recent and upcoming results of enforcement projects. Board members thanked the Forum for its substantive work, highlighted the usefulness of this

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<sup>15</sup> MB/34/2022.

<sup>16</sup> MB/35/2022.

exchange of views and underlined the importance of enforcement of the EU chemicals legislation. Views were exchanged with respect to the increasing complexity of restrictions and the difficulties in enforcing them and to the cooperation between the Forum and health and safety organisations.

The exchange of views also served to provide information to the Board on how the Forum does and may support the enforcement-related ambitions of the Commission's Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability (CSS). In this context, reference was made to the Forum's contribution to the Commission's preparatory work on the potential European Audit Capacity. It was furthermore pointed out that a careful consideration of the Forum's future competences and resourcing will be necessary, subject to the evolution of the legislative process.

## C. Points for information

### C.1 Follow-up of discharge recommendations 2020

The Management Board took note of the Secretariat's report on the follow-up taken in response to the European Parliament's decisions of 4 May 2022 on discharge; on the closure of the accounts of ECHA for the financial year 2020 and to the European Parliament resolution of 4 May 2022 with observations forming an integral part of the decision on discharge.<sup>17</sup>

## B. Points for discussion / decision

### B.10 Appointment of the Executive Director and employment contract (*in camera*)

The Management Board concluded the appointment<sup>18</sup> of Dr Sharon MCGUINNESS as ECHA's Executive Director for a first term of office of five years commencing on 1 December 2022, approved her employment contract with ECHA and empowered the Chair of the Management Board to sign the employment contract on behalf of the Agency.

The Management Board had selected Dr McGuinness for this position on 22 June 2022. She was afterwards invited to make a statement before the European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety on 4 July 2022, and to answer questions from Members of the Parliament. The President of the European Parliament subsequently informed the Board that the Parliament endorses the appointment.

In this context, the Management Board warmly thanked ECHA's Acting Executive Director, Shay O'MALLEY, for his valued work since 1 April 2022 until December 2022, which has ensured continuity and stability in ECHA's operations.

### B.9 Election of the Chair of the Management Board (*in camera*)

*This part of the meeting was chaired by the Deputy-Chair, Claudia DUMITRU (RO).*

The Management Board elected Mr Paul KRAJNIK (AT) as its Chair for a second term of office starting from 1 October 2022<sup>19</sup>.

Paul KRAJNIK and Sofia ZISI (EL) stood for election as Chair. Both candidates were invited to present their motivation, which also included information on their qualifications and background.

<sup>17</sup> MB/38/2022.

<sup>18</sup> MB/37/2022 and its annex 2 REV1.

<sup>19</sup> MB/36/2022.

The Deputy-Chair explained that she had screened, assisted by the Secretariat, both candidates' CVs and declarations of interest and commitment, and no reasons for concern had been identified.

The election of the Chair took place using an electronic tool (EUSurvey), operated by the European Commission, and conforming to data protection requirements. It was set up to guarantee anonymity and secrecy of the vote, the use of proxies and ensured that every member with voting rights was only able to submit one vote per round.

Paul KRAJNIK was elected as Chair of the Management Board in the first voting round, with the required two-thirds majority of votes. He accepted the appointment and thanked the Management Board members for their continued trust.

### **Confirmation of decisions taken**

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The Management Board confirmed all the decisions taken during the 67<sup>th</sup> meeting<sup>20</sup>, using EUSurvey. The decisions were confirmed with the required two-thirds majority of votes.

Consequently, no written procedures will be conducted after the meeting to confirm the decisions taken.

### **4. Any other business: Update on the chemicals industry's situation in the energy crisis**

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The Management Board took note of an update concerning the critical situation of industry, provided by its member appointed by the Commission to represent interested parties.

### **Next meeting and closure**

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The Management Board Chair thanked participants and the Secretariat. It was noted that the next Board meeting will take place on 15-16 December 2022.

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<sup>20</sup> The online confirmation concerned all the decisions reached in the meeting (with the exception of the Election of the Chair of the Management Board), namely under the following points of the agenda:  
3. Draft minutes of the 66<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting of 22-23 June 2022,  
B.3 Composition of the Management Board subgroups,  
B.4 Second Amending Budget 2022, amended Procurement Plan and transfers within the budget,  
B.5 Appointment of Committee members and  
B.10 Appointment of the Executive Director and employment contract.

## II. Documents submitted to the Management Board

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Draft Agenda	MB/A/04/2022 REV1
Draft Minutes of the 66 <sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting	MB/M/03/2022
Quarterly report on ECHA's activities	MB/29/2022
Periodic review of Management Board Subgroups	MB/30/2022
Second Amending budget 2022, procurement plan amendment and transfers within budget	MB/31/2022
Appointment of Committee members	MB/32/2022
Programming Document 2023-2026	MB/33/2022
Management Board orientation debate	
ECHA and the promotion of alternative methods to animal testing	MB/34/2022
Annual exchange of views with the Forum Chair	MB/35/2022
Election of the Chair of the Management Board	MB/36/2022
Appointment of the Executive Director and employment contract	MB/37/2022
Follow-up of Discharge recommendations 2020	MB/38/2022

### **III. Decisions taken/conclusions reached by the Management Board**

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The Management Board:

- Adopted the agenda for its 67<sup>th</sup> meeting (Decision 25/2022).
- Approved the public and highly restricted minutes of the 66<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting held on 22-23 June 2022 (Decision 26/2022).
- Took note of the Quarterly report on ECHA's activities.
- Took note of reports from its Subgroup Finance, Audit and Risks (FAR) and Subgroup Strategy, Planning and Implementation (SPI).
- Adopted the revised composition of its subgroups (Decision 27/2022): Heidi MORKA and Oscar GONZALEZ SANCHEZ join the Subgroup Strategy, Planning and Implementation.  
Concluded the work of the MB Preparatory Group for the selection and appointment of the ED.
- Took note of information on the call for evidence published by the Commission in the context of preparing the proposal for an ECHA Standalone Founding Regulation.
- Adopted the second amending budget and procurement plan for 2022 (Decision 28/2022) and took note of the budget transfers executed under the responsibility of the Acting Executive Director since the last notification.
- Appointed one new member and renewed the mandate of one member to the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) as follows (Decision 29/2022):

RAC new member	Benjamin PIÑA (ES)
RAC renewed mandate	Žilvinas UŽOMECKAS (LT)

- Held an orientation debate on the ECHA Programming Document 2023-2026.
- Took note of an update on ECHA's approach related to its activities to promote alternative methods, or new approach methodologies (NAMs).
- Took note of a presentation from the Chair of the Forum for Exchange of Information on Enforcement and held its annual exchange of views with the Chair.
- Took note of the Secretariat's report on the follow-up taken in response to the European Parliament's decisions of 4 May 2022 on discharge; on the closure of the accounts of ECHA for the financial year 2020 and to the European Parliament resolution of 4 May 2022 with observations forming an integral part of the decision on discharge.
- Concluded the appointment of Dr Sharon MCGUINNESS as ECHA's Executive Director for a first term of office of five years commencing on 1 December 2022, approved her employment contract with ECHA and empowered the Chair of the Management Board to sign the employment contract on behalf of the Agency (Decision 31/2022).
- Elected Paul KRAJNIK as Chair of the Management Board, for a second term of office, from 1 October 2022 – 30 September 2024 (Decision 30/2022).

Agreed follow-up action:

- The Acting Executive Director will notify the second amending budget 2022 to the Budgetary Authority, the Court of Auditors and the Commission within four weeks of the adoption; and ensure that the amended budget is published on ECHA's website and in the Official Journal of the European Union within three months.

#### IV. List of attendees<sup>21</sup>

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##### Representatives of the Member States

Paul KRAJNIK	(AT)
Teodora VALKOVA	(BG)
Dubravka Marija KREKOVIC	(HR)
Tasoula KYPRIANIDOU-LEONTIDOU	(CY)
Tatjana KOLESNIKOVA	(CZ)
Enda VESKIMÄE	(EE)
Hanna KORHONEN	(FI)
Karine BOQUET	(FR) (Also acting as proxy for Axel VORWERK (DE) for the afternoon session)
Axel VORWERK	(DE)
Sofia ZISI	(EL)
Szilvia DEIM	(HU)
Stephen CURRAN	(IE)
Pasqualino ROSSI	(IT)
Judite DIPANE	(LV)
Donata PIPIRAITE-VALISKIENE	(LT)
Jerome FAE	(LU)
Ingrid BORG	(MT)
Kees HOPPENER	(NL)
Anna LEWANDOWSKA	(PL)
Lilia MARTINS	(PT)
Claudia DUMITRU	(RO) (Also acting as proxy for Dubravka Marija KREKOVIC (HR) for the morning session)
Alojz GRABNER	(SI)
Helena POLAKOVICOVA	(SK)
Oscar GONZALEZ SANCHEZ	(ES) (Also acting as proxy for Anne France RIHOUX (BE))
Per ÄNGQUIST	(SE)

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<sup>21</sup> 32 members with four proxies given (one full proxy and three partial ones (one for the morning session and two for the afternoon session)) and two EEA/EFTA observers joined the meeting.

Representatives of the European Commission

Kristin SCHREIBER	DG GROW
Klaus BEREND	DG SANTE
Aurel CIOBANU-DORDEA	DG ENV (Also acting as proxy of Kristin SCHREIBER (DG GROW) for one part of the afternoon session)

Independent persons appointed by the European Parliament

Kristel BERNAERTS

Olwenn MARTIN

Representatives from interested parties appointed by the European Commission

Marco MENSINK	Cefic
Alexander ROESKE	Industriegewerkschaft Bergbau, Chemie, Energie
Stefan SCHEUER	EEB-BEUC – European Environmental Bureau/European Consumer Organisation

Not participating, no substitutes

Anne-France RIHOUX (BE)

Observers from EEA/EFTA countries

Steinunn Fjóla SIGURDARDOTTIR	(IS)
Heidi MORKA	(NO)

Persons participating on behalf of Board members / observers:

European Commission observers

Abdel EL-AMELI	DG GROW
Harrie TEMMINK	DG GROW (point B.8)
Bernhard BERGER	DG ENV

Observer

Sharon MCGUINNESS	Appointed future Executive Director
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## ECHA staff and representatives of ECHA bodies

Shay O'MALLEY	(Acting Executive Director)
Mercedes VIÑAS	(Director of Submissions and Interaction)
Ofelia BERCARU	(Director of Prioritisation and Integration)
Mike RASENBERG	(Director of Hazard Assessment)
Peter VAN DER ZANDT	(Director of Risk Management)
Kai TAKA-AHO	(Director of Information Systems)
Tuula HAKALA	(Acting Director of Resources)
Tim BOWMER	(Chair of the Committee for Risk Assessment)
Katja VOM HOFE	(Chair of the Enforcement Forum)
Frank BÜCHLER	(Head of Governance, Strategy and Relations Unit)
Minna HEIKKILÄ	(Head of Legal Unit)
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