



# Minutes of the 68th meeting of the Management Board

Held in Helsinki on 15-16 December 2022

# I. Summary record of the proceedings

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming participants<sup>1</sup> to the 68<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Management Board (MB). A special welcome was extended to Dr Sharon MCGUINNESS, ECHA's new Executive Director, who attended her first Board meeting in this capacity.

The Chair verified that the necessary quorum<sup>2</sup> was achieved, as all available Members and registered persons of trust and advisors had joined the meeting, in person or via remote connection.

# Agenda

The Chair introduced the draft agenda<sup>3</sup> and proposed that item *B.1 Election of the Deputy Chair of the Management Board* would be taken *in camera* before point 4. He further proposed that point C.1 would be discussed.

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

# 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' and the 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 68<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting.

The Chair then invited members to further declare any specific interests that could not be drawn from their declarations of interest and commitment, and which could be considered prejudicial to their independence with respect to any items on the agenda. No further specific interests were declared in response to this.

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> MB/A/05/2022.

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

# 3. Minutes of the 67<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting of 29 September 2022

The minutes of the 67<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting<sup>5</sup>, held on 29 September 2022, were <u>adopted</u>.

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

Action	MB	Status
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	PENDING
The secretariat will regularly update the MB about scientific-technical considerations related to the ECHA committees' structure and functioning, including the necessary additional competences, once further information is available on potential new tasks.	65	ON-GOING
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	ON-GOING
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	DONE
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.	67	DONE

### B. Points for discussion / decision

### B.1 Election of the Deputy Chair of the Management Board [in camera]

The Management Board <u>elected</u> Claudia DUMITRU (RO) as its Deputy Chair for a second term of office of two years, starting from 17 December 2022<sup>6</sup>.

The Chair explained that he and the Secretariat had screened the candidate's CV and declaration of interest and commitment, and no reasons for concern had been identified.

The Management Board appointed Stefan SCHEUER (EEB-BEUC – European Environmental Bureau/European Consumer Organisation) and Alexander ROESKE (Industriegewerkschaft Bergbau, Chemie, Energie) as tellers.

Claudia DUMITRU stood for election as Deputy Chair. After hearing the candidate, Board members cast their votes by secret ballot. Claudia DUMITRU was unanimously elected as Deputy Chair of the Management Board in the first voting round. She accepted the appointment and thanked the Management Board for the continued trust members had expressed by voting.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> MB/M/04/2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> MB/39/2022.

# 4. Welcome and introduction by the Executive Director

The Management Board thanked Shay O'MALLEY for his valued work as ECHA's Acting Executive Director during April to November 2022, and formally welcomed the new Executive Director, Dr Sharon MCGUINNESS, who had taken up this role on 1 December 2022.

Dr MCGUINNESS presented her initial reflections as Executive Director, centred around the implementation of ECHA's mandate, collaboration with key partners and innovation.

# A. Points for automatic adoption

No points for automatic adoption were scheduled for this meeting.

### **B. Points for discussion / decision**

# B.2 Report from the Management Board subgroups

The Management Board <u>took note</u> of oral reports from its Subgroups on Strategy, Planning and Implementation (SG SPI), which met on 22 November 2022; on Finance, Audit and Risks (SG FAR), which met on 25 November 2022; and on the Board of Appeal (SG BoA), which met on 2 December 2022.

The **FAR** Subgroup had prepared the approval of the annual work plan 2023 of the Internal Audit Capability (point B.3) and the amendment of the MB decision concerning the remuneration of co-opted member rapporteurs in ECHA's scientific committees (point B.10). Members were informed about the outcome of internal audits conducted in the second half of 2022 (stakeholder relationship management) and about the outcome of follow-up audits and ex-post evaluations conducted in 2022. They received information about the upcoming signature of the next contribution agreement with the Commission for the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA), and also reviewed and gave input to the Risk Register 2023.

The **SPI** Subgroup had prepared the adoption of the Programming Document 2023-2026 (point B.4) and the adoption of the budget, establishment plan and procurement plan 2023 (point B.5). Members also received information about the evolution of new tasks since the last update in September 2022, including on tasks in current or upcoming legislative processes, as well as tasks, where a proposal from the Commission is anticipated.

The **BoA** Subgroup had reviewed and provided comments to the Code of Conduct of full-time BoA members, which the BoA members will adopt further to a request from the Commission in its opinion on the draft Programming Document 2022-2025. The Subgroup BoA also worked on a file with respect to the respect of ethical obligations under the Staff Regulations after the employment of BoA members.

# B.3 Annual audit plan of the Internal Audit Capability 2023

The Management Board <u>approved</u> the annual work plan of the Internal Audit Capability (IAC) for 2023<sup>7</sup> and <u>took note</u> of the IAS audit topic and the planned ex-post evaluations for 2023.

The IAC audits planned for 2023 will assess the regularity, efficiency and effectiveness of the follow-up to dossier evaluation and the HelpNet activities, as well as their fulfilment of the ISO standard requirements. Follow-up internal audits in 2023 will concern IT security, stakeholder relationship management and management of meetings. Board members also noted that the planned ex-post evaluations for 2023 will concern the ECHA committees and the Board of Appeal, as requested by the Commission in the context of its preparatory work on ECHA's future basic regulation. The Commission's Internal Audit Service (IAS,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> MB/40/2022.

ECHA's internal auditor) will audit budget preparation, monitoring and reporting.

In response to questions from a Board member, the IAC confirmed that all audits include an assessment of fraud risks. The IAC furthermore noted a recommendation from another Board member to consider, for future audits, work areas of ECHA other than REACH/CLP.

# B.4 Programming Document 2023-2026, incl. preliminary draft budget 2024

The Management Board <u>adopted</u> ECHA's Programming Document 2023-2026<sup>8</sup>. In this context, it <u>took note</u> of the IT Masterplan and the Risk Register for 2023.

The adopted Programming Document (PD) includes, in a merged format, the final Programming Document 2023-2025 and the draft Programming Document 2024-2026, including the draft Work Programme for 20249. The Management Board <u>instructed</u> the Secretariat to provide the relevant extract of the draft PD 2024-2026 to the Commission for its opinion<sup>10</sup> and as input for the 2024 budgetary procedure (budget request), and to send the final PD to the Commission, the European Parliament and the Council, as well as publish it on ECHA's website.

The former Acting Executive Director presented the proposal, which had been drawn up during the transitionary period of the new Executive Director, based on input from the MB, provided in the orientation debate<sup>11</sup> and written consultation, and its Subgroup SPI. The planning context for 2023, as the last year of the current ECHA strategy, was recalled, as well as the resulting continued focus on core tasks, with broadly stable outputs and resource allocations per activity. It was equally highlighted that while representing a period of continuity and stability, it is reflected in the proposal that 2023 and 2024 will also be years of preparation for potentially fundamental upcoming changes, including the implementation of the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability (CSS), the imminent CLP revision, the potential legislative initiatives through the REACH revision, the potential reattribution of tasks to agencies and the proposal for a basic regulation for ECHA. The revised format of the PD was highlighted, which aims to provide greater clarity on ECHA's outputs, objectives and their contribution to EU priorities.

Management Board members thanked the secretariat for the proposal and overall expressed their support for it. Detailed comments were proposed on specific sections of the PD (PIC, POPs, SCIP), which the secretariat committed to consider as part of the finalisation of the document. A Board member requested and received further information with respect to the implementation of the Commission opinion on the draft PD 2023-2025, and a Board member representing the Commission expressed satisfaction with how the secretariat reflected the opinion in its proposal.

A Board member appointed by the Commission to represent interested parties called for improvements to the robustness of the Assessment of Regulatory Needs (ARN) reports. The secretariat explained the measures in place to provide feedback on ARN reports and referred to existing plans to further engage with stakeholders on the Grouping and Prioritisation processes during the upcoming programming period. In this context, it was also pointed out that these screening and prioritisation processes will be reviewed in 2023, and this will include a review of the ARN.

On the process of developing the next ECHA strategy, foreseen for 2023, Board members referred to the outcome of the strategy review conducted in 2021. They proposed to consider, in this context, the input provided for this PD with relevance to multiannual objectives and policy context, and to take into account relevant data, including resourcing trends. The Chair noted that a first discussion on the approach to the strategy development process will be scheduled for the March 2023 Board meeting.

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<sup>8</sup> MB/41/2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Adopted according to Article 78(b) of REACH.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> To be provided as per Article 32(7) of the ECHA Financial Regulation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> MB/M/04/2022.

A Board member representing the Commission recalled that the Commission would issue its opinion in the course of 2023 on the draft PD 2024-2026. The financial and human resources for 2024 will be assessed by the Commission in the framework of the budgetary procedure, and on the basis of the estimates which ECHA will submit to the Commission in January 2023. This Board member pointed out that resourcing adjustments may need to be made to take into account the EU contribution used by the Agency in the implementation of its budget.

On this basis, the Chair concluded that the PD is adopted and asked the secretariat to finalise the document for submission and publication.

### B.5 Budget, establishment plan and procurement plan 2023

The Management Board <u>adopted</u> ECHA's final budget for 2023, including the establishment plan and the procurement plan<sup>12</sup>.

ECHA's total expenditure budget for 2023 amounts to €118.5 million, including expenditure related to the delegated tasks (the amount of which will be updated to reflect the signed agreements). The EU contribution levels and appropriations are aligned with the EU Budget 2023 ceilings and so are the foreseen staffing levels.

# B.6 Quarterly report on ECHA's activities

The Management Board <u>took note</u> of the Quarterly Report on ECHA's activities<sup>13</sup>. The highlights, presented by the former Acting Executive Director, included highlights about the 2022 work programme implementation in Q4, significant risks and items with reputational impact.

Board members provided comments, and asked and received clarification concerning:

- The recent Court and European Ombudsman cases and the learnings deriving from them;
- The RAC opinion on the classification of glyphosate and feedback received from the European Parliament;
- The Common Data Platform on Chemicals and ECHA's role therein;
- Substance evaluation and substances withdrawn from the CoRAP (Community rolling action plan);
- The welcomed cleaning up of previously notified substances (NONs);
- ECHA's work under the Drinking Water Directive;
- ECHA's contribution to the Commission's work on Safe and Sustainable by Design criteria; and
- Addressing the perceived lack of consistency between the respective scientific outputs of ECHA and EFSA.

# C.1 Regular Information Security and IT business continuity report

The Management Board <u>took note</u> of the second regular report<sup>14</sup> on information security and IT business continuity. The report included information on security incidents and trends for the reporting period, as well as on the threat horizon for ECHA. Board members thanked the secretariat for the report and emphasised the importance of security and business continuity preparedness.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> MB/42/2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> MB/43/2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> MB/49/2022.

# B.7 Update from the European Commission on the implementation of the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability

The Management Board <u>took note</u> of an oral update from two of its members representing the Commission on the implementation of the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability (CSS).

The update included information on the progress made in implementing the measures under the five building blocks of the strategy (boosting innovation, strengthening legislation for better protection, simplification and coherence, knowledge and science, global), as well as the planned future initiatives. It was pointed out that the proposal for the revised CLP Regulation is set to be adopted in December 2022, while intensive work continues in the Commission on the REACH revision proposal, further to the positive Regulatory Scrutiny Board opinion on the impact assessment. Representatives of the Commission thanked all stakeholders, including the ECHA secretariat, for the support provided so far for the preparation of the legislative proposals.

It was recalled that the implementation of the CSS will result in significant changes to ECHA's work, in the form of growing workload and, at the same time, simplification in some areas. The exact scope of these changes is not yet defined, nor is therefore their impact on ECHA's resourcing. The Commission will perform an overall assessment of ECHA's resource needs, considering all its future tasks, as well as all its income streams, including fees. This assessment will feed into the future proposal for ECHA's basic regulation, which is being prepared by the Commission. In this context, it was pointed out that other information will be analysed as well, such as the outcome of the ex-post evaluation of the ECHA committees, the planned impact assessment of the REACH Fee Regulation revision and the input received for the recent call for evidence for the basic regulation<sup>15</sup>.

Other Board members thanked the members representing the Commission for the comprehensive and timely information. They emphasised the importance of the CSS objectives with respect to zero pollution and the competitiveness of the European chemicals industry, and they recalled the corresponding importance of the CSS's implementation in a timely manner and based on thorough preparation and solid facts. Views were exchanged with respect to the complexity of the exercise, which derives from the need to increase protection and competitiveness at the same time and from the high number of initiatives to implement, which are also closely inter-connected and inter-dependent. The uncertainty of the impacts on ECHA were acknowledged with concern, both in terms of future tasks, governance and resourcing.

The Chair concluded by thanking the members representing the Commission and invited them to continue providing regular updates to the Management Board in the future, as necessary.

### B.8 Functioning of the authorisation applications process

The Management Board  $\underline{took}$  note of a report<sup>16</sup> from the secretariat on the functioning of the application for authorisation process.

The secretariat explained that a potentially high number of REACH authorisation applications in 2023-2024 risks exceeding the capacity of the ECHA committees. As a mitigation measure, the secretariat developed an approach which would allow the handling of the incoming applications to be staggered over time based on pre-defined principles, issuing fee invoices when work on an application is started. This approach considers the principles of market access, equality, efficiency and will be explained transparently towards stakeholders. The approach is in line with that applied previously for a similar case of high numbers of applications and review reports, and aims to mitigate risks of potential market disruption, complaints or litigation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> European Commission call for evidence of 12 September 2022: European Chemicals Agency – proposal for a basic regulation. A factual summary of the input received was distributed on 16 December 2022, as a room document, to members of the Management Board.

<sup>16</sup> MB/44/2022.

In the exchange of views that followed, the foreseen approach was generally supported, however, its potential negative impacts on industry were noted and a Board member representing the Commission explained that the Commission services are analysing, with the ECHA secretariat, the legal soundness of the presented way forward. With respect to the capacity of the ECHA committees and, in particular, the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC), Board members highlighted the high workload, which is challenging for the limited number of ordinary and co-opted members. The importance of ensuring that the committees can work at capacity, with the optimal composition of expertise and nationalities, was pointed out, and a call was made to Member States to nominate candidates accordingly.

Board members emphasised that this current challenge reflects the lack of efficiency of the REACH applications for authorisation system in general. Past investments in improving the system, by all actors, were acknowledged, and calls were made to the secretariat, the Commission and the Member States to address its shortcomings, including within the framework of the upcoming REACH revision.

# B.9 Appointment of committee members

The Management Board <u>appointed<sup>17</sup></u> one new candidate (Dania ESPOSITO (IT)) and <u>renewed the mandate</u> of seven members (Cristina TSITSIMPIKOU (GR), Nikolaos SPETSERIS (GR), Anca Oana DOCEA (RO), Tiina SANTONEN (FI), Brendan MURRAY (IE), Betty HAKKERT (NL) and Malcolm DOAK (IE)) for the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC), and renewed the mandate of six members (Christos ANASTASIOU (CY), Simon COGEN (BE), Darko DOLENC (SI), Simone FRANKHAUSER (AT), Jernej ISKRA (SI) and Ida Svostrup PEDERSEN (DK)) for the Committee for Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC).

# B.10 Revision of the remuneration of the co-opted member rapporteurs in ECHA's scientific committees

The Management Board <u>decided to amend</u> its decision on the remuneration of co-opted members and experts invited by the ECHA committees or the Forum¹8. The amendment concerns increasing the daily rate for remuneration of the co-opted member rapporteurs in ECHA's scientific committees, from €300 to €450 per day of work, while keeping the maximum number of remunerated days unchanged.

### B.11 Update of the ECHA Anti-fraud strategy (2023-2026)

The Management Board <u>adopted</u> the revised ECHA Anti-Fraud Strategy<sup>19</sup>, covering 2023-2026. The changes concern clarifications to the roles and responsibilities of the various actors, introducing a regular review for the strategy and updating the objectives and actions to tackle fraud. The action plan linked to the implementation of the strategy will be reviewed every year, as part of the ECHA Programming Document.

# B.12 Conclusion of the periodic review of the Management Board Subgroups

The Management Board <u>agreed</u> to the Chair's proposal<sup>20</sup> to maintain the current set of Subgroups, without changes to their terms of reference. It was furthermore agreed that the draft conclusions of the Subgroups' meetings would be shared with all Board members in the future.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> MB/45/2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> MB/46/2022, amending the MB Decision 33/2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> MB/47/2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> MB/48/2022.

In this context, the Management Board <u>adopted</u> the revised composition of its Subgroups. The changes concern Magnus LOFSTEDT's (DK) departure from the Subgroup BoA, Karine BOQUET (FR) joining the Subgroup BoA and Kees HOPPENER (NL) joining the Subgroup FAR. The updated composition of the Subgroups will be published on ECHA's website.

### C. Points for information

# C.2 Transfers within the budget since last notification

The Management Board <u>took note<sup>21</sup></u> of the transfers within the budget since the last notification from the Acting Executive Director.

# 5. Any other business

#### Management Board meeting dates 2023-2024

The Chair announced the planned Management Board meeting dates for 2023, as follows:

30-31 March 2023

21-22 June 2023

28-29 September 2023

14-15 December 2023

The Chair also explained that the Management Board meetings for 2024 are preliminarily planned to take place, as follows:

28-29 March 2024

19-20 June 2024

26-27 September 2024

17-18 December 2024

#### Annual recap of corporate ethical duties 2022

The Chair explained that the annual recap of corporate ethical duties had been distributed among the meeting documents as a video, and strongly encouraged Board members to study it carefully. In this context, he reminded Board members that they will be asked to perform the annual review/-update of their declarations of interest and commitment in Q1 2023. A video tutorial of the use of the tool had been made available as part of the meeting documentation.

### Next meeting and closure

The Management Board warmly thanked and bid farewell to Magnus LOFSTEDT, its member representing Denmark, who will leave the Board on 31 December 2022.

It was noted that the next Board meeting is scheduled to take place on 30-31 March 2023.

The Chair thanked participants, the Secretariat and all ECHA staff for their work and commitment in 2022.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> MB/50/2022.

# II. Documents submitted to the Management Board

Draft Agenda	MB/A/05/2022
Draft Minutes of the 67 <sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting	MB/M/04/2022
Election of the Deputy Chair of the Management Board	MB/39/2022
Annual audit plan of the Internal Audit Capability 2023	MB/40/2022
Programming Document 2023-2026, incl. preliminary draft budget 2024	MB/41/2022
Budget, establishment plan and procurement plan 2023	MB/42/2022
Quarterly report on ECHA's activities	MB/43/2022
Functioning of the authorisation applications process	MB/44/2022
Appointment of committee members	MB/45/2022
Revision of the remuneration of the co-opted member rapporteurs in ECHA's scientific committees	MB/46/2022
Update of the ECHA Anti-fraud strategy (2023-2026)	MB/47/2022
Conclusion of the periodic review of the Management Board Subgroups	MB/48/2022
Regular Information Security and IT business continuity report	MB/49/2022
Transfers within budget since last notification	MB/50/2022
Management Board meeting dates 2023-2024	
Annual recap of corporate ethical duties 2022	
Factual summary of the replies following the call for evidence – Proposal for a standalone basic regulation of ECHA	

#### The Management Board:

- Adopted the agenda for its 68<sup>th</sup> meeting (Decision 32/2022).
- Approved the minutes of the 67<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting held on 29 September 2022 (Decision 33/2022).
- Elected Claudia Dumitru as Deputy-Chair of the Management Board from 17 December 2022, for a second (last) term of two years. (Decision 34/2022).
- Took note of oral reports from its Subgroups Finance, Audit and Risks (FAR),
   Strategy, Planning and Implementation (SPI) and Board of Appeal (BoA).
- Approved the Annual audit plan of the Internal Audit Capability (IAC) for 2023 (Decision 35/2022).
- Took note of the audit topic of the Commission's Internal Audit Service for 2023.
- Adopted ECHA's Programming Document (PD) 2023-2026, subject to technicalclerical finalisation, comprising the final PD 2023-2025 and the draft PD 2024-2026, including the draft Work Programme 2024 and the budget request 2024 (Decision 36/2022).
- Adopted the budget of the Agency for 2023, including the establishment plan and the procurement plan (Decision 37/2022).
- Took note of the Quarterly report on ECHA's activities.
- Took note of the second regular information security and IT business continuity report.
- Took note of information from the Commission on the progress of the implementation of the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability.
- Took note of information on the functioning of the authorisation application process.
- Appointed one new member and renewed the mandate of seven members of the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) and renewed the mandate of six members of the Committee of Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC) as follows (Decision 38/2022):

RAC new member	ESPOSITO Dania (IT)
RAC renewed mandates	TSITSIMPIKOU Christina (GR)
	SPETSERIS Nikolaos (GR)
	DOCEA Anca Oana (RO)
	SANTONEN Tiina (FI)
	MURRAY Brendan (IE)
	HAKKERT Betty (NL)
	DOAK Malcolm (IE)
SEAC renewed mandates	ANASTASIOU Christos (CY)
	COGEN Simon (BE)
	DOLENC Darko (SI)
	FANKHAUSER Simone (AT)
	ISKRA Jernej (SI)
	PETERSEN Ida Svostrup (DK)

- Adopted an amended decision on the remuneration of co-opted members and experts invited by the ECHA committees or the Forum. The amended decision

- repeals the Management Board Decision 33/2020 (Decision 39/2022).
- Adopted the revised ECHA Anti-Fraud Strategy, covering 2023-2026 (Decision 40/2022).
- Decided to maintain the current Management Board subgroups, without changes to their terms of reference. Decided that the draft conclusions of the subgroups' meetings will be shared with all Board members. Adopted the revised composition of its subgroups (Decision 41/2022).
- Took note of the budget transfers executed under the responsibility of the Acting Executive Director since the last notification.
- Took note of the planned Management Board meeting dates for 2023-2024.
- Took note of the annual (2022) recap of corporate ethical duties.

#### Agreed follow-up actions:

- The secretariat will finalise and send the Programming Document 2023-2026 to the Institutions and Member States and publish it on ECHA's website.
- The secretariat will provide the extract of the Programming Document 2024-2026 to the Commission by 31 January 2023, as input to the 2024 budgetary process and the basis for the Commission's opinion under Article 32(7) of the Financial Regulation.
- The secretariat will transmit the final budget 2023, including the establishment plan, for information, to the European Parliament and the Council, the Court of Auditors and the Commission, and publish them on the website of the Agency within four weeks from the adoption.

Representatives of the Member S	<u>States</u>	
Paul KRAJNIK	(AT)	(Acting as proxy for Stephen CURRAN (IE) and Szilvia DEIM HU))
Teodora VALKOVA	(BG)	
Dubravka Marija KREKOVIC	(HR)	
Tasoula KYPRIANIDOU- LEONTIDOU	(CY)	(remote)
Tatjana KOLESNIKOVA	(CZ)	(Acting as proxy for Helena POLAKOVICOVA (SK))
Magnus LOFSTEDT	(DK)	
Hanna KORHONEN	(FI)	(Acting as proxy for Alojz GRABNER (SI))
Karine BOQUET	(FR)	(remote)
Axel VORWERK	(DE)	(remote)
Sofia ZISI	(EL)	(Acting as proxy for Tasoula KYPRIANIDOU- LEONTIDOU (CY) and Karine BOQUET (FR))
Szilvia DEIM	(HU)	(remote)
Pasqualino ROSSI	(IT)	
Judite DIPANE	(LV)	
Donata PIPIRAITE- VALISKIENE	(LT)	
Ingrid BORG	(MT)	
Kees HOPPENER	(NL)	(Acting as proxy for Jerome FAE (LU))
Anna LEWANDOWSKA	(PL)	(Acting as proxy for Axel VORWERK (DE) and Lilia MARTINS (PT))
Lilia MARTINS	(PT)	(remote)
Claudia DUMITRU	(RO)	(Acting as proxy for Anne-France RIHOUX (BE))
Helena POLAKOVICOVA	(SK)	(remote)
Alojz GRABNER	(SI)	(remote)
Oscar GONZALEZ SANCHEZ	(ES)	
Per ÄNGQUIST	(SE)	

 $^{22}$  31 members, including ten proxies (all remote participants provided proxies to members participating in person), and two EEA/EFTA observers joined the meeting.

### Representatives of the European Commission

Kristin SCHREIBER DG GROW (Acting as proxy to Aurel CIOBANU-

DORDEA (DG ENV)

Klaus BEREND DG SANTE

### <u>Independent persons appointed by the European Parliament</u>

Kristel BERNAERTS (Acting as proxy to Olwenn MARTIN)

#### Representatives from interested parties appointed by the European Commission

Marco MENSINK (remote) Cefic

Alexander ROESKE Industriegewerkschaft Bergbau, Chemie, Energie

Stefan SCHEUER EEB-BEUC – European Environmental

Bureau/European Consumer Organisation

# Not participating, no substitutes

Enda VESKIMÄE (EE)

Anne-France RIHOUX (BE)

### Observers from EEA/EFTA countries

Steinunn Fjóla SIGURDARDOTTIR (IS)

Heidi MORKA (NO)

### Persons participating on behalf of Board members / observers:

Cristina DE AVILA (remote) DG ENV

# **European Commission observers**

Giuseppe CASELLA (remote) DG GROW

Abdel-Ilah EL-AMELI DG GROW

### **Observer**

Charlotta Amalia WALLENSTEN (DK) Accompanying Magnus LOFSTEDT

### ECHA staff and representatives of ECHA bodies

Dr Sharon MCGUINNESS (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)

Shay O'MALLEY (Director of Resources)

Tim BOWMER (Chair of the Committee for Risk Assessment)

Maria OTTATI (remote) (Chair of the Committee for Socio-Economic Analysis)

Katinka VAN DER JAGT

(remote)

(Chair of the Member State Committee)

Frank BÜCHLER (Head of Governance, Strategy and Relations Unit)

Minna HEIKKILÄ (Head of Legal Unit)

Tuula HAKALA (Head of Finance Unit)

Eric RIEGER (Head of Human Resources Unit)

Minna STRÖMBERG (Internal Audit Capability)

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