

# PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS

**68<sup>TH</sup> MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING  
15-16 DECEMBER 2022, HELSINKI**

*The Management Board welcomed Dr Sharon McGuinness, ECHA's new Executive Director. The Management Board had concluded the appointment of Dr McGuinness for a first term of office of five years during its 67<sup>th</sup> meeting in September 2022.*

## 1. Election of the Deputy Chair of the Management Board

Claudia Dumitru, the Romanian Board member, was re-elected as the Management Board Deputy Chair, for a second term of office of two years, starting from 17 December 2022.

## 2. ECHA Programming

The Management Board adopted ECHA's Programming Document 2023-2026, including the work programme for 2023 and the draft work programme and preliminary draft budget for 2024.

The final Programming Document will be forwarded to the Commission, the European Parliament and the Council, as well as published on ECHA's website. The extract of the Programming Document 2024-2026 will be provided to the European Commission for its opinion by 31 January 2023.

## 3. ECHA finances

The Management Board adopted the budget, establishment plan and procurement plan of the Agency for 2023. ECHA's total expenditure budget will amount to €118.5 million. The EU balancing subsidy requests and appropriations for 2023 are aligned with the EU Budget ceilings and so are the staffing levels.

The final budget, including the establishment plan, will be transmitted for information to the European Parliament and the Council, the Court of Auditors and the Commission, and published on the website of the Agency.

The Management Board took note of the budget transfers carried out under the responsibility of the Acting Executive Director since the last notification.

## 4. ECHA Committees

The Management Board appointed one new candidate (ESPOSITO Daniela (IT)) and renewed the mandate of seven members (TSITSIMPIKOU Christina (GR), (SPETSERIS Nikolaos (GR), (DOCEA Anca Oana (RO), (SANTONEN Tiina (FI), (MURRAY Brendan (FI), (HAKKERT Betty (NL) and DOAK Malcolm (IE)) for the Committee for Risk Assessment

(RAC). The Management Board renewed the mandate of six members (ANASTASIOU Christos (CY), (COGEN Simon (BE), (DOLENC Darko (SI), (FANKHAUSER Simone (AT), (ISKRA Jernej (SI) and PETERSEN Ida Svostrup (DK)) for the Committee for Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC).

The Management Board took note of information concerning the potentially high number of REACH authorisation applications expected in 2023-2024, the risks deriving thereof, as well as mitigation measures to be put in place by the secretariat.

The Management Board furthermore amended its decision on the remuneration of co-opted members and experts invited by the ECHA Committees or the Forum. The amendment concerns raising the daily rate of co-opted member rapporteurs from €300 to €450 per day of work, keeping the maximum number of remunerated days at 20.

## 5. Other topics

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The Management Board

- approved the annual audit plan of the ECHA Internal Audit Capability for 2023 and took note of information provided with respect to the European Commission's Internal Audit Service audit topic for 2023;
- adopted the revised ECHA Anti-Fraud Strategy, covering the period 2023-2026;
- concluded the review of its subgroups, deciding to maintain the current set of subgroups and increasing the transparency of their work towards all Management Board members;
- adopted the revised composition of its subgroups;
- took note of a report from its Subgroup Strategy, Planning and Implementation, which met on 22 November 2022; its Subgroup Finance, Audit and Risks, which met on 25 November 2022 and its Subgroup Board of Appeal, which met on 2 December 2022;
- took note of the quarterly report on ECHA's activities;
- took note of an update from the European Commission regarding the implementation of the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability;
- took note of the regular report on information security and IT business continuity;
- took note of the annual recap of corporate ethical duties and
- took note of its planned meeting dates for 2023 and 2024.

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