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## **ECHA's Executive Director appointed and the budget for 2008 adopted by the Management Board**

The ECHA Management Board met on 17 December. The Board formally appointed Geert Dancet as the first Executive Director of the Agency. His term will begin on 1 January 2008. It also appointed the members of the Risk Assessment Committee. In addition, the Board adopted the 2008 budget of the Agency and the implementing rules for it.

Chair of the Management Board, Jukka Malm, said: *"I'm pleased to see the Board could again take several important decisions that will make the Agency operational by June 2008. In particular, unanimous appointment of Mr. Dancet as the Executive Director, and the appointment of the members of the Risk Assessment Committee were essential. The Board also welcomed the outcome of the final vote of the European Parliament on the financial and human resources of the Agency."*

The Management Board unanimously appointed Geert Dancet as the first Executive Director of the European Chemicals Agency. The term is five years, renewable once up to another five years. Geert Dancet has served as the Interim Executive Director since the Agency started on 1 June 2007. His term as the Executive Director will start on 1 January 2008.

The Management Board adopted the Agency's staff plan and budget for 2008, and the implementing rules for budget execution. Next year's budget amounts to €66.4 million. € 62.6 million is requested from the budget of the European Union and the remainder is to be covered by registration fees to be paid by industry.

The Agency's core staff, composed of temporary agents, will grow from 101 to 220 by the end of 2008.

Furthermore, the Management Board appointed members of the Committee for Risk Assessment from the list of nominees proposed by the Member States. The names and

professional affiliations of the members are annexed. Risk Assessment Committee is one of the two scientific Committees playing a key role in preparation of the Agency opinions relating to risks to human health or the environment of chemicals. The Committee's opinion can involve evaluations, applications for authorization, proposals for restrictions and for classification and labelling of chemical substances.

Appointments to the Member States Committee and the Forum having been made earlier, three out of the four ECHA Committees can start working now.

The appointment of the members of the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis will be decided at the next meeting of the Management Board which will take place in February 2008.

## **Links:**

### **Geert Dancet's CV**

[http://echa.europa.eu/about/organisation/executive/cv\\_en.html](http://echa.europa.eu/about/organisation/executive/cv_en.html)

### **Members of the Committee for Risk Assessment**

[http://echa.europa.eu/about/organisation/committees/riskassessment\\_en.html](http://echa.europa.eu/about/organisation/committees/riskassessment_en.html)

### **Press release on the Forum**

[http://echa.europa.eu/doc/press/press121207\\_en.pdf](http://echa.europa.eu/doc/press/press121207_en.pdf)

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## ANNEX I: Members of the Committee for Risk Assessment

Surname	Name	Present employer
ANDRIJEWSKI	Michal	Bureau for Chemical Substances and Preparations, PL
BINETTI	Roberto	Istituto Superiore di Sanità, IT
BORGES	Maria Teresa	General Directorate of Health, PT
DUNGEY	Stephen	Environment Agency, UK
ERICSSON	Gunilla	Swedish Chemicals Agency, SE
GREIM	Helmut	Technical University München, DE
GRUIZ	Katalin	Budapest University of Technology and Economics, HU
HOYAUX	Daphne	SPF Economie, PME, Classes moyennes et Energie, BE
KADIKIS	Normunds	Public Health Agency, LV
KORJUS	Pia	National Product Control Agency for Welfare and Health, FI
LE CURIEUX-BELFOND	Olivier	L'Agence française de sécurité sanitaire de l'environnement et du travail (AFSSET), FR
LEINONEN	Riitta	Finnish Environment Institute, FI
LOSERT	Annemarie	Umweltbundesamt, AT
LUKINSKIENE	Lina	Environmental Protection Agency, LT
LUND	Bert-Ove	Swedish Chemicals Agency, SE
MELANITOU	Maria	Ministry of Finance & Economics, General Chemical State Laboratory, EL
MEZZANOTTE	Roberto	APAT, Italian Agency for Environmental Protection and Technical Services, IT
MULLOOLY	Yvonne	Health and Safety Authority, IE
NAKOPOULOU	Chrysanthi	Ministry of Finance, General Chemical State Laboratory, EL
NUNES	Céu	Ministry of the Environment, PT
ORPHANOU	Maria	Ministry of Labour and Social Insurances, CY
PICHARD	Annick	Bureau d'évaluation des risques des produits et agent chimiques, FR
POLAKOVICOVA	Helena	Occupational Safety Research and Educational Institute, SK
POSPISCHIL	Erich	Arbeits- und sozialmedizinisches Zentrum Mödling GesmbH, AT
PRONK	Marja	Centre for Substances and Integrated Risk Assessment, NL
RUPPRICH	Norbert	Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, DE
SCHULTE	Agnes	Federal Institute for Risk Assessment, DE
SMERHOVSKY	Zdenek	National Institute of Public Health, Centre of Occupational Medicine, CZ
SMITH	Andrew	Health & Safety Executive, UK
STOLZENBERG	Hans-Christian	Federal Environment Agency, DE
SULG	Helen	Chemicals Notification Centre, EE
TARAZONA	Jose	Spanish National Institute for Agriculture and Food Research and Technology, ES
TOMSONE	Margita	Latvian Environment, Geology and Meteorology Agency, LV
TYLE	Henrik	Environmental Protection Agency, DK
VAN MALDEREN	Karen	Federal Public Service for Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment, BE
VILANOVA GIBERT	Eugenio	University Miguel Hernández of Elche, ES
ZGLOBIU	Mariana	Ministry of the Environment – Environment Institute, PT