

## Appointment of Committee members

63<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Management Board 23 September 2021

### Proposal

- The Management Board is invited to appoint two new candidates and to renew the mandate of one current member for the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC).
- The Management Board is invited to appoint one new candidate for the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC).

### Background

Each Member State may nominate candidates to membership of RAC and SEAC. The Executive Director is required to establish a list of nominees, which is published on the ECHA website. The Management Board shall appoint the members of the Committee from this list, including at least one member but no more than two from the nominees of each Member State. Members shall be appointed for their experience in performing the tasks specified in the REACH Regulation. Further, the membership of Committee members appointed for a term of three years shall be renewable. In order to safeguard the independence, integrity and credibility of the Committees, Member States were asked to make their nominations in accordance with the eligibility criteria as updated in February 2019.

*A letter dated 30 March 2021 was sent by the Secretariat to those Member State Permanent Representations which are due to (re-)nominate candidates for membership of RAC and SEAC.*

Member States were asked for written commitment to provide adequate scientific and technical resources to the nominated member and to enable him/her to use at least half of his/her working time for this task. Commitment to provide such support has been received from the Member States for all the nominees (see Annex 2-5).

In addition to the review of their CV and other nomination information by the Chairmen, the new nominees are interviewed to make sure that they understand the level of commitment in terms of time and contribution to the Committees and confirm that they are available.

RAC and SEAC are in the process of appointing co-opted members - MB will be informed of the outcome at the next occasion.

## Rationale

### New candidates for RAC membership

There are two new nominations and one re-nomination for the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC).

MS	Nominated RAC member	Feedback from the RAC Chairman
DE	GEBEL Thomas	<p>Prof. Dr Gebel is employed as Head of the Regulatory Toxicology Unit at BAuA and is an Associate Professor at the Univ. Dortmund. He is active in the German Committee on Hazardous Substances, that provides advice on issues on occupational safety and health for hazardous substances to the German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs. His qualifications are of direct relevance to RAC. His declaration of interest does not raise any concerns, making him eligible for membership of the Committee.</p> <p>The Chair interviewed Dr Gebel on 24 August, confirming his availability for RAC membership and was assured of a commitment of 50%</p>
AT	LOSERT Annemarie	<p>Dr Losert is employed as a Toxicologist at the Austrian Federal, Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment Agency. She has a Ph.D. in medical biology and has a strong background in toxicology with a research specialization in thyroid development. Her training and expertise are very much in line with the needs of RAC. Dr Losert has served two previous terms as a member of RAC, from 2008 to 2014 and from 2017 to 2020, and has an excellent track record. Her declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern, making her eligible for membership of the Committee.</p> <p>The Chair interviewed Dr Losert on 24 August 2021, confirming her availability for RAC membership and was assured of a commitment of 50%.</p>
RO	PRIBU Mihaela	<p>Ms Pribu is employed as a senior chemist in occupational toxicology at the National Institute of Public Health in Bucharest. Her main area of expertise is with plant protection and biocidal products, including Toxicology and Metabolism, Operator exposure and Classification &amp; Labeling. Her expertise is directly relevant to RAC and her declaration of interest does not raise any concerns, making her eligible for membership of the Committee. She is a regular commentator on many CLH opinions, providing valuable and consistent advice.</p> <p>The Chair interviewed Ms Pribu on 27 August 2021, confirming her availability for RAC membership and was assured of a commitment of 50%.</p>

## New candidates for SEAC membership

There is one new nomination for the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC).

MS	Nominated SEAC member	Feedback from the SEAC Chairman
LT	RUZGYS Karolis	<p>The nominee is employed as Chief specialist at the Ministry of Economy and Innovation of Republic of Lithuania, and was a SEAC member in good standing for 18 months (during 2017-2019). Mr Ruzgys has an academic background in environmental engineering. Apart from his earlier experience as SEAC member, he has experience in cost-benefit analysis and environmental impact assessment, as well as assessing the impact of regulation, which is highly relevant to the work of SEAC.</p> <p>His declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern, making him eligible for membership of the Committee.</p> <p>The SEAC Chair interviewed the candidate on 14 July 2021 and confirmed his availability for SEAC membership, receiving assurance of a commitment of 50% of his time.</p>

## Alternative options

The Management Board could decide not to appoint a second member nominated by a given Member State. This would be contradictory to the requests made for nominating a second member and detrimental to the efforts to strengthen the capacity of the Committees for coping with their high workload, in particular where the member has demonstrated to be an active one. No other candidates have been proposed and there are therefore no alternative candidates to appoint. The Secretariat will continue to monitor the activity level of the appointed members to inform their potential renewal.

## Drawbacks

The only visible disadvantage of the proposal lies in the costs related to reimbursement of members. The benefits of the additional expertise outweigh these costs by far.

## Attachments:

- Annex 1a – b: Envisaged composition of the RAC and SEAC after MB-63
- Annex 2: Nomination\_RAC\_DE
- Annex 3: Nomination\_RAC\_AT
- Annex 4: Renomination\_RAC\_RO
- Annex 5: Nomination\_SEAC\_LT

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**Annex 1a - Envisaged composition of the Committee for Risk Assessment after the 23 September Management Board Meeting (MB-63)**

	<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Nominee's name</b>
1	Austria	FACCHIN Manuel
2	Austria	LOSERT Annemarie
3	Belgium	RODRIGUEZ-GONZALEZ Wendy
4	Bulgaria	KARADJOVA Irina
5	Bulgaria	TSAKOVSKA Ivanka
6	Croatia	VARNAI Veda
7	Croatia	MENDAŠ STARČEVIĆ Gordana
8	Cyprus	XANTHOS Theodoros
9	Czech Republic	MARTÍNEK Michal
10	Denmark	SØRENSEN Hammer Peter
11	Denmark	TOBIASSEN Lea Stine
12	Estonia	SCHLÜTER Urs
13	Estonia	MOLDOV Raili
14	Finland	LEINONEN Riitta
15	Finland	SANTONEN Tiina
16	France	PRINTEMPS Nathalie
17	France	GEOFFROY Laure
18	Germany	DOBREV Ivan ( <i>term ending 13.12.2021</i> )
19	Germany	STAHLMANN Ralf
20	Greece	SPETSERIS Nikolaos
21	Greece	TSITSIMPIKOU Christina
22	Hungary	BIRÓ Anna
23	Ireland	MURRAY Brendan
24	Ireland	DOAK Malcolm
25	Italy	AQUILINA Gabriele
26	Italy	PARIS Pietro
27	Latvia	BROVKINA Julija
28	Latvia	KADIKIS Normunds
29	Lithuania	UŽOMECKAS Žilvinas
30	Luxembourg	MOELLER Ruth
31	Luxembourg	NEUMANN Michael
32	Netherlands	HAKKERT Betty
33	Netherlands	SCHUUR Gerlienke
34	Norway	BJØRGE Christine
35	Norway	HUSA Stine
36	Poland	BARAŃSKI Bogusław
37	Poland	PĘCZKOWSKA Beata
38	Portugal	VIEGAS Susana
39	Romania	PRIBU Mihaela
40	Romania	DOCEA Anca Oana
41	Slovenia	MENARD SRPČIČ Anja
42	Slovenia	SCHULTE Agnes
43	Spain	SOGORB Miguel A.
44	Spain	DE LA FLOR TEJERO Ignacio
45	Sweden	MOHAMMED Ifthekhar Ali

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46	Sweden	LUND Bert-Ove
47	co-opted member	-
48	co-opted member	-
49	co-opted member	-
50	co-opted member	-
51	co-opted member	-

**RAC is expected to co-opt five additional members at its 58<sup>th</sup> meeting in September 2021.**

**Annex 1b - Envisaged composition of the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis after the 23 September Management Board Meeting (MB-63)**

	<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Nominee's name</b>
1	Austria	FANKHAUSER Simone
2	Belgium	COGEN Simon
3	Belgium	GARCET PINEROS Juan
4	Bulgaria	NIKOVA Julieta
5	Croatia	KAJIC Silva
6	Cyprus	ANASTASIOU Christos
7	Cyprus	ARGYROPOULOS Christos
8	Denmark	MUNCRIEF Sandi
9	Denmark	SVOSTRUP PETERSEN Ida
10	Estonia	LUEDEKE Andreas
11	Finland	KIISKI Johanna
12	France	BRIGNON Jean-Marc
13	France	JOMINI Stephane
14	Germany	URBAN Klaus
15	Germany	THIELE Karen
16	Greece	ANTONIADOU Sofia
17	Hungary	SCHUCHTÁR Endre
18	Ireland	LEAHY Eimear
19	Italy	CASTELLI Stefano
20	Italy	CAVALIERI Luisa
21	Latvia	BERGS Ivars
22	Latvia	GAIDUKOVŠ Sergejs
23	Lithuania	ŽIEMIENĖ Jurgita
24	Lithuania	RUZGYS Karolis
25	Netherlands	JANSSEN Martien
26	Netherlands	GABBERT Silke
27	Norway	MÅGE Marit
28	Poland	DOMINIĄK Dorota
29	Poland	LIBERSKA Ewa
30	Portugal	ALEXANDRE Joao
31	Romania	LADARU Georgiana-Raluca
32	Slovenia	DOLENC Darko
33	Slovenia	ISKRA Jernej
34	Spain	RODRIGUEZ HERNANDEZ Manuel
35	Sweden	TURVEY Alex
36	Sweden	JOYCE John
37	Co-opted member	-
38	Co-opted member	-
39	Co-opted member	-
40	Co-opted member	-
41	Co-opted member	-

**SEAC is expected to co-opt five additional members at its 52<sup>nd</sup> meeting in September 2021.**