

Appointment of committee members

67th Meeting of the Management Board 29 September 2022

Proposal

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

If the Management Board appoints these members, RAC will have **44 members** (not including 5 co-opted members; see Annex 1a).

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 March 2022.

A letter dated 1 April 2022 was sent by the Secretariat to those Member State Permanent Representations which are due to (re-)nominate candidates for membership of RAC and SEAC. The applications currently under consideration were received too late to be submitted to the June 2022 Management Board.

Member States were asked for written commitment to provide adequate scientific and technical resources to the nominated member and to enable them to use at least 50% of their working time for this task. A commitment to provide such support has been received from the Member States for all the nominees (see Annex 2-3).

In addition to the review of their CV and other nomination information by the Committee Chairs, 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.

Rationale

Candidate for renewal of RAC membership

One Member State proposed the renewal of the membership of the following RAC member whose 3-year term will expire in the period 1 July – 31 December 2022. If the renewal is approved by the Management Board, the new term of this member will start on the day after the expiry date of their current term of office, as indicated below.

MS	RAC member	Expiry date of current 3-year term	Feedback from the RAC Chair
LT	UZOMECKAS Žilvinas	17.12.2022	Mr Uzomeckas has been a RAC member since 18.12.2013. He has provided a strong and consistent contribution as rapporteur on the environmental part of CLP dossiers and has an excellent track record. His declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern.

New candidate for RAC membership

There is one new nomination for the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC).

MS	Nominated RAC member	Feedback from the RAC Chair
ES	PIÑA Benjamin	Mr Piña was interviewed by the Chair on 6 September 2022. He currently works as a Researcher at the Spanish Research Council (CSIC). His area of in depth expertise is in Environment, in particular aquatic ecotoxicology including endocrine effects. Mr Piña previously served as a RAC member between December 2010 and December 2013. His declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern and he has confirmed his availability.

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 proved 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 sole potential disadvantage of the proposal lies in the costs related to reimbursement of members. The benefits of the additional expertise outweigh these costs.

Attachments

- Annex 1a – b: Envisaged composition of the RAC after MB-67

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Annex 1a - Envisaged composition of the Committee for Risk Assessment after the 29-30 September 2022 Management Board meeting (MB67)

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

* Mandate ending in second quarter 2022; new nominations confirmed/pending

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45 co-opted member
46 co-opted member
47 co-opted member
48 co-opted member
49 co-opted member

CHIURTU Elena
DEVILLER Geneviève
GINNITY Bridget
HARTWIG Andrea
VAN DER HAAR Rudolf