

Conclusion of the periodic review of the Management Board Subgroups

68th Meeting of the Management Board 15-16 December 2022

Proposal

The Management Board (MB) is invited to agree to the Chair's proposal to maintain the current MB subgroups, without changes to their terms of reference. It is furthermore proposed that the draft conclusions of the subgroups' meetings would be shared with all Board members in the future.

Background and rationale

The MB initiated the periodic review of its subgroups in its 67th meeting of 29 September 2022¹. In that meeting, Board members expressed their general satisfaction with the functioning of the subgroups, and it was proposed that the outcome of all subgroup meetings would be circulated to all Board members, for increased transparency. Matching views were expressed with respect to the large size of SG SPI and the need to consider this in the overall context of the functioning of the MB in the future. A Board member representing the Commission referred to the occasional overlap of topics between SG SPI and SG FAR and pointed out the need to have members present in both groups to achieve a more coherent view on the matters discussed.

The MB Chair invited Board members to submit any further comment on the MB subgroups to the Secretariat by 31 October 2022. No proposal was received in response to this call.

Alternative option

The MB may decide to revise its subgroups. The Chair does not recommend this option, considering that the Commission is preparing ECHA's future basic regulation, which may impact the MB subgroups. As announced in the 67th Board meeting, the Commission intends to consult Board members with respect to the functioning and structure of the MB, and in this context, feedback will be invited on a two-level governance structure, which is recommended in the Common Approach on decentralised agencies.

Drawbacks

No drawbacks are identified for this proposal.

Attachments

- N/A

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¹ MB/30/2022 final.