

PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS

**66TH MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
22-23 JUNE 2022, HELD IN HELSINKI**

1. Selection of ECHA's next Executive Director

The Management Board selected Sharon McGuinness as ECHA's next Executive Director. She was one of the candidates shortlisted by the European Commission after an open competition, and who were interviewed by the Management Board for the post.

As part of the appointment procedure, Sharon McGuinness will make a statement at the European Parliament and answer questions from its Members. The contract signature is preliminarily scheduled for the Management Board meeting of 29-30 September 2022.

Sharon McGuinness's forthcoming appointment follows that of Bjorn Hansen, who retired in March 2022, while Shay O'Malley has been acting Executive Director since 1 April 2022.

2. Appointment of Committee members

The Management Board renewed the mandates of nine current members (LEINONEN Riitta, VARNAI Veda, BIRÓ Anna, KADIŅIS Normunds, SCHUUR Gerlienke, PEĆZKOWSKA Beata, LUND Bert-Ove, SCHULTE Agnes, MENARD SRPĆIĆ Anja) and appointed four new candidates (FERNANDEZ Mariana, ANGELI Karine, TEKPLI Nina, RAKKESTAD Kirsten) for the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC).

The Management Board also renewed the mandates of four current members (JANSSEN Martien, RODRIGUEZ FERNANDEZ Manuel, JOYCE John, KIISKI Johanna) and appointed one new candidate (SERRA Alexandra) for the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC).

3. Opinion on the final accounts 2021

The Management Board adopted its opinion on ECHA's final annual accounts for the financial year 2021, taking into account the preliminary observation of the European Court of Auditors and the recommendation made by its Subgroup Finance, Audit and Risks.

4. ECHA budget

The Management Board adopted the first amendment to ECHA's 2022 budget, including the corresponding amendment of the procurement plan; and took note of the budget transfers carried out under the responsibility of the Executive Director and Acting Executive Director since the last notification.

5. Potential reattribution of technical and scientific tasks to ECHA

The Management Board took note of an update from the Commission concerning the initiatives relevant to the potential reattribution of certain technical and scientific tasks to ECHA and agreed to closely follow the progress of this process via its Subgroup Strategy, Planning and Implementation.

6. Board of Appeal (BoA)

The Management Board decided to confirm the Legally Qualified Member of the Board of Appeal in her functions at the end of her probationary period and took a decision with respect to the reclassification of BoA members.

The Management Board also endorsed revised administrative arrangements for safeguarding the independence of the Board of Appeal and took note of the Annual report from the Chairman of the BoA, as well as of a report from its Subgroup BoA.

7. Other topics

The Management Board

- adopted two Implementing Rules (IRs) to the EU Staff Regulations, on working time and hybrid working and on the conduct of administrative inquiries and disciplinary proceedings, as well as endorsed the application of two other IRs by analogy, concerning education allowance and home leave;
- adopted the proposal for the revised composition of its Subgroups;
- adopted the proposal to renew the membership of Judite DIPANE, as the person appointed from among the MB members, and of Julio BACIO TERRACINO, as external member, of the ECHA Conflict of Interest Advisory Committee (CoIAC);
- took note of the Quarterly Report on ECHA's activities;
- took note of a report from its Subgroup Finance, Audit and Risks;
- took note of the first Information Security and IT business continuity report and
- took note of the of the European Parliament's decision of 4 May 2022 on ECHA's discharge for the financial year 2020, including its observations.
