

Appointment of Committee members

56th Meeting of the Management Board 12-13 December 2019

Proposal

- The Management Board is invited to renew the mandates of 9 current members and appoint 1 new candidate for the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC).

If the Management Board appoints these members, RAC will have 54 members (including 5 co-opted members). By June 2020, taking into account the non-renewal of certain members, RAC membership will drop to 51 members (including 5 co-opted members) (see Annex 1a). This is a substantial drop of 6 members since June 2019.

- The Management Board is invited to renew the mandates of 6 current members and appoint 1 new candidate for the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC).

If the Management Board appoints these members, SEAC will have 37 members (including 3 co-opted members) (see Annex 1b). This is a substantial drop of 4 members since June 2019.

There is an urgent need for additional nominations for SEAC, as there is a lack of qualified members that can act as rapporteurs for the many opinions to be processed. The Management Board members are therefore requested to liaise with their counterparts in the Member States and a similar initiative is planned from the ECHA Secretariat.

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 3 October 2019 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 2-3).

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. Should the nomination arrive too late to set up a suitable moment for interview, it could skip a meeting and pass on to the next MB.

Regarding the re-nomination procedure of an active Committee member, the Management Board has previously discussed to what extent the activity level of Committee members, i.e. contributions to Committee deliberations and rapporteurships, should be taken into account. The Chairmen can confirm that the contribution of the candidates for renewal in terms of a) rapporteurships, and/or b) Committee consultations and c) participation in plenary has been acceptable in the last three years.

To be fair to the members, the Chairmen review the whole period integrally and take account of the contribution of member's advisor(s) in assessing the member's work. Numbers of opinions alone do not reflect the workload and can vary in terms of input by an order of magnitude or more per dossier.

If agreed in advance with the Chairmen, substantial and frequent commenting on dossiers in RAC/SEAC consultation is a valuable and acceptable substitute to rapporteurship. Active plenary participation without either of the aforementioned conditions is generally not sufficient to convincingly support a 50% contribution.

While upholding the required 50% contribution, the Chairmen may use discretion in their assessment with regard to: the level of support provided to the member by their home Institute or MSCA, the role of other unavoidable duties placed upon the members by their employers, the impact of home institution reorganisations, or other contributing factors.

Rationale

Candidates for renewal of RAC membership

The Member States proposed the renewal of the membership of the following RAC members whose 3-year term will expire in the period 1 January - 30 June 2020. If their renewal is approved by the Management Board, the new term of these members will start on the day after the expiry date of their current term of office, as indicated below¹.

These RAC members are experts with proven expertise in different areas relevant for the work of RAC and have made valuable contributions including rapporteurships to the Committee during their previous periods of membership as indicated in the table below.

The declarations of interest of these members raise no issues regarding their eligibility for membership.

¹ The renewal of the membership of UK member(s) will be without prejudice to the UK withdrawal from the EU and the length of the new mandate would be determined by the date on which the withdrawal takes effect.

MS	RAC member	Expiry date of current 3-year term	Feedback from the RAC Chairman
GR	SPETSERIS Nikolaos	22.03.20	Consistent contribution as rapporteur on the human health parts of CLP dossiers
GR	TSITSIMPIKOU Christina	22.03.20	Consistent contribution as rapporteur on the human health part of CLP dossiers
FI	SANTONEN Tiina	16.06.20	Strong and consistent contribution as rapporteur on the human health part of OEL, restriction, authorisation and CLP dossiers
IE	MURRAY Brendan	16.06.20	Strong and consistent contribution as rapporteur on larger CLP dossiers
LU	NEUMANN Michael	16.06.20	Strong and consistent contribution as rapporteur on the environment part of restriction dossiers
PL	BARANSKI Boguslaw	18.06.20	Strong and consistent contribution as rapporteur on human health parts of CLP dossiers and on restrictions, noting additional support from an advisor
NL	HAKKERT Betty	20.06.20	Strong and consistent contribution as rapporteur on CLP dossiers, noting additional support from advisors on occupational health and safety
EE	SCHLÜTER Urs	22.03.20	Strong and consistent contribution as rapporteur on Authorisation and Restriction dossiers
UK	SMITH Andrew	18.12.19	Strong and consistent contribution as rapporteur on human health parts of CLP dossiers and on restrictions, noting additional support from an advisor

New candidates for RAC membership

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

MS	Nominated RAC member	Feedback from the RAC Chairman
NL	SCHUUR Gerlienke	The nominee Gerlienke SCHUUR is employed as a Scientific adviser/Risk assessor in the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM). Ms Schuur was interviewed by the Chairman on 25 October 2019 to discuss her availability for RAC membership and assured of a commitment of 50% of her time. Her training and her expertise are very much in line with the needs of RAC. Her declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern, making her eligible for membership of the Committee.

Candidates for renewal of SEAC membership

The Member States proposed the renewal of the membership of the following SEAC members whose 3-year term will expire in the period 1 January - 30 June 2020. If their renewal is approved by the Management Board, the new term of these members will start on the day after the expiry date of their current term of office, as indicated below².

These SEAC members are experts with proven expertise in different areas relevant for the work of SEAC and have in most cases made valuable contributions including rapporteurships to the Committee during their previous periods of membership as indicated in the table below.

The declarations of interest of these members raise no issues regarding their eligibility for membership.

MS	SEAC member	Expiry date of current 3-year term	Feedback from the SEAC Chairman
CY	ANASTASIOU Christos	29.03.20	Consistent contribution as rapporteur on authorisation dossiers
DE	THIELE Karen	24.09.20	Strong and consistent contribution as rapporteur mainly on restriction dossiers
HR	KAJIC Silva	16.12.20	Growing contribution as rapporteur on authorisation dossiers
LV	BERGS Ivars	16.12.20	Consistent contribution as rapporteur mainly on authorisation dossiers
LV	LOCS Janis	16.12.20	Contribution as rapporteur on authorisation dossiers
UK	GEORGIU Stavros	13.02.20	Outstanding contribution as rapporteur on authorisation dossiers, and commentator on SEAC opinions

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
SE	JOYCE John	The nominee John JOYCE is employed as an investigator (Socioeconomics) in the Swedish Chemicals Agency. He is currently a co-opted member of SEAC and has shown a strong and consistent contribution as rapporteur on authorisation dossiers. His training and his expertise are very much in line with the needs of SEAC. His declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern, making him eligible for membership of the Committee.

² The renewal of the membership of UK member(s) will be without prejudice to the UK withdrawal from the EU and the length of the new mandate would be determined by the date on which the withdrawal takes effect.

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-56
- Annex 2: Compilation of nomination forms_RAC renewals
- Annex 3: Compilation of nomination forms_SEAC renewals
- Annex 4: Nomination_RAC_NL
- Annex 5: Nomination_SEAC_SE

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Annex 1a - Envisaged composition of the Committee for Risk Assessment after the 12-13 December Management Board Meeting (MB-56)

	Nominated by	Nominee's name
1	Austria	KAPELARI Sonja
2	Austria	LOSERT Annemarie
3	Belgium	SÉBA Julie
4	Bulgaria	CHANKOVA-PETROVA Stephka
5	Bulgaria	KARADJOVA Irina
6	Croatia	VARNAI Veda
7	Croatia	ZELJEZIC Davor
8	Cyprus	AGAPIOU Agapios (<i>term ending 29.3.2020</i>)
9	Cyprus	ANDREOU Kostas
10	Czech Republic	MARTÍNEK Michal
11	Czech Republic	RUCKI Marian
12	Denmark	SØRENSEN Hammer Peter
13	Denmark	TOBIASSEN Lea Stine
14	Estonia	SCHLÜTER Urs
15	Estonia	MOLDOV Raili
16	Finland	LEINONEN Riitta
17	Finland	SANTONEN Tiina
18	France	PRINTEMPS Nathalie
19	France	GEOFFROY Laure
20	Germany	DOBREV Ivan
21	Germany	STAHLMANN Ralf
22	Greece	SPETSERIS Nikolaos
23	Greece	TSITSIMPIKOU Christina
24	Hungary	BIRÓ Anna
25	Ireland	MURRAY Brendan
26	Italy	AQUILINA Gabriele (<i>term ending 21.6.2020</i>)
27	Italy	PARIS Pietro
28	Latvia	BROVKINA Julija
29	Latvia	KADIKIS Normunds
30	Lithuania	DUNAUSKIENE Lina
31	Lithuania	UŽOMECKAS Žilvinas
32	Luxembourg	MOELLER Ruth
33	Luxembourg	NEUMANN Michael
34	Netherlands	HAKKERT Betty
35	Netherlands	SCHUUR Gerlienke
36	Norway	BJØRGE Christine
37	Norway	HUSA Stine
38	Poland	BARAŃSKI Bogusław
39	Poland	PĘCZKOWSKA Beata
40	Portugal	CARVALHO João
41	Romania	PRIBU Mihaela
42	Slovenia	MENARD SRPČIČ Anja
43	Slovenia	SCHULTE Agnes
44	Spain	SOGORB Miguel A.

45	Spain	DE LA FLOR TEJERO Ignacio
46	Sweden	BORG Daniel
47	Sweden	LUND Bert-Ove
48	United Kingdom	DUNGEY Stephen (<i>term ending 18.12.2019</i>)
49	United Kingdom	SMITH Andrew
50	co-opted member	BRANISTEANU Radu
51	co-opted member	CHIURTU Elena-Ruxandra
52	co-opted member	HARTWIG Andrea
53	co-opted member	HEEDERIK Dick
54	co-opted member	VAN DER HAAR Rudolf

Annex 1b - Envisaged composition of the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis after the 12-13 December Management Board Meeting (MB-56)

	Nominated by	Nominee's name
1	Austria	FANKHAUSER Simone
2	Austria	KNOFLACH Georg
3	Belgium	COGEN Simon
4	Belgium	DELCOURT Benjamin
5	Bulgaria	NIKOVA Julieta
6	Croatia	KAJIC Silva
7	Cyprus	ANASTASIOU Christos
8	Czech Republic	BLAHA Karel (<i>term ending 21.06.2020</i>)
9	Denmark	FOCK Lars
10	Estonia	LUEDEKE Andreas
11	Finland	KIISKI Johanna
12	France	THIERRY-MIEG Morgane
13	France	BRIGNON Jean-Marc
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	LOCS Janis
23	Lithuania	VASILIUONE Zieduna
24	Netherlands	JANSSEN Martien
25	Netherlands	LUIT Richard
26	Norway	MÅGE Marit
27	Poland	DOMINIAK Dorota
28	Portugal	ALEXANDRE Joao
29	Spain	DIAZ MORENO Ismael
30	Spain	RODRIGUEZ HERNANDEZ Manuel
31	Sweden	JANS Jenny
32	Sweden	JOYCE John
33	United Kingdom	DOUGHERTY Gary
34	United Kingdom	GEORGIU Stavros
35	Co-opted member	JONES Derrick
36	Co-opted member	ROUW Aart
37	Co-opted member	SHAKHRAMANYAN Nikolinka