

IAS Strategic Internal Audit Plan 2018-2020

47th meeting of the Management Board 28-29 September 2017

Proposal

The Management Board is invited to endorse the 2018 - 2020 Strategic Internal Audit Plan issued by the European Commission's Internal Audit Service (IAS).

Background

The audit plan covers the period 2018-2020. It follows the IAS Strategic Internal Audit Plan 2014 – 2016 and will be updated yearly.

The plan is the result of a risk assessment, which the IAS conducted in March 2017. The draft strategic audit plan was discussed by the working group on audit matters on 20 June. The Working Group provided after the meeting also written comments on the draft document. ECHA commented the draft to IAS on 18 July. IAS took into account ECHA's comments when preparing the final document and submitted the final 2018 - 2020 IAS Strategic Internal Audit Plan for ECHA on 24 July to the Chair of the Management Board and Executive Director.

The report explains the methodology followed, provides a risk map of processes and presents six prospective topics for the IAS audits of ECHA during 2018 – 2020. IAS intends to select three engagements from the topics to be performed in this period. Additionally, IAS describes the action plan of ECHA to mitigate risks of one process (Business continuity) where IAS considers that controls need to be improved.

Rationale

The management agreed in principle with the foreseen IAS audit activities 2018-2020. The prospective audit topics for 2018-20 are the following:

- Conflicts of interest and ethics
- Integrated regulatory strategy: screening, evaluation and RMOA
- Integrated regulatory strategy: harmonised classification and labelling
- Procurement
- Business continuity (including IT)
- IT service management

IAS has announced on 30.8.2017 that the next audit to be conducted in 2018 is "Conflicts of interest and ethics".

Alternative options

None. The multi-annual IAS Strategic Internal Audit Plan is required in the IAS Audit mission charter and therefore must be prepared.

Drawbacks

IAS has carefully conducted a risk assessment of ECHA's activities and selected the prospective audit topics for 2018-20. The Working Group on audit matters provided comments to the draft document and the management advised on the desirability and possible timings of each of the topics. Around year end IAS will decide on the topic to be audited in the next year. Therefore no

drawbacks are foreseen for the endorsement of the document.

Attachment:

- Annex: IAS Strategic Internal Audit Plan 2018 - 2020

For questions: geert.dancet@echa.europa.eu [*director in charge*] with copy to mb-secretariat@echa.europa.eu