

PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS

**70TH MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
20-21 JUNE 2023, HELSINKI**

1. Opinion on the final accounts 2022

The Management Board adopted its opinion on ECHA's final accounts for the financial year 2022, taking into account the draft annual report of the European Court of Auditors and the recommendation made by its Subgroup Finance, Audit and Risks.

2. ECHA budget

The Management Board adopted the first amendment to ECHA's 2023 budget, as well as an amendment of the procurement plan 2023. The budget amendment reflects contribution and service-level agreements, while the three new procurements relate to advance planning and do not impact the 2023 budget.

The Management Board also took note of the budget transfers carried out under the responsibility of the Executive Director since the last notification.

3. Appointment of Committee members

The Management Board renewed the mandates of six current members (Manuel FACCHIN, Wendy RODRIGUEZ GONZALEZ, Irina KARADJOVA, Peter Hammer SØRENSEN, Laure GEOFFROY and Ifthekhar Ali MOHAMMED) and appointed one new candidate (Levonas MANUSADŽIANAS) to the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC), as well as welcomed the future Chair of the RAC, Robert SCAZZOLA.

The Management Board renewed the mandates of four current members (Silke GABBERT, Stéphane JOMINI, Karen THIELE and Alex TURVEY) of the Committee for Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC).

4. ECHA conflict of interest policy

The Management Board adopted the revised ECHA conflict of interest policy, including its underlying procedures for the prevention and management of potential conflicts of interest for members of ECHA bodies and for ECHA staff. For the latter, the draft Implementing Rules to the Staff Regulations were endorsed for consultation with the Staff Committee and for requesting the approval of the European Commission.

The Management Board also adopted Guidelines for Member State Competent Authorities to ensure the independence of Member State services provided to ECHA. The Guidelines will be published on ECHA's website.

In addition, the Management Board adopted the amended version of the Code of Conduct for the members of the Management Board and the Management Board Operating Framework, to reflect the revised conflict of interest policy.

5. Board of Appeal (BoA)

The Management Board took note of the Annual report from the Chairman of the BoA, of a report from its Subgroup BoA, and took a decision with respect to the reclassification of BoA members.

6. Other topics

The Management Board

- held an exchange of views as part of the development of the future ECHA strategy statement;
- took note of the report from the Executive Director;
- took note of an update from its members representing the European Commission regarding published or upcoming legislative proposals with an impact on ECHA's mandate and resourcing;
- took note of a report from its Subgroups Strategy, Planning and Implementation and Finance, Audit and Risks;
- took note of the regular Information Security and IT business continuity report;
- took note of the of the European Parliament's decision of 10 May 2023 granting the Executive Director discharge for the financial year 2021, including the observations contained therein and
- took note of a debrief from the Reporting Officers for the Executive Director, as well as the upcoming written procedure to take a decision on the probationary period of the Executive Director.
