

Appointment of Committee members

48th Meeting of the Management Board 14-15 December 2017

Proposal

The Management Board is invited to appoint 4 candidates for the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) and 5 candidates for the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC) membership. The duration of the appointment of the UK nominee to the SEAC is foreseen to be terminated when the UK withdrawal from the EU takes effect.

If the Management Board appoints these members, RAC will have 54 members (including 4 co-opted members) and SEAC will have 38 members (including 3 co-opted members).

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 adopted by the Management Board at its 31st Meeting on 26-27 September 2013.

A letter dated 10 October 2017 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 (see nomination forms attached) 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.

Rationale

New candidates for RAC membership

There are no new nominations for the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC).

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 2018. 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 below:

MS	RAC member	Expiry date of the current 3-year term
Austria	KAPELARI Sonja	20 May 2018
Czech Republic	RUCKI Marian	25 June 2018
Denmark	TOBIASSEN Lea Stine	17 June 2018
Norway ¹	HUSA Stine	18 March 2018

¹ Ms HUSA was previously nominated by Iceland but has now been nominated by Norway

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

New candidates for SEAC membership

There are no new nominations for the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC).

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 2018. 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 below:

MS	SEAC member	Expiry date of the current 3-year term
Portugal	ALEXANDRE Joao	16 December 2017
Romania	OLTEANU Maria	16 June 2018
Netherlands	LUIT Richard	16 June 2018
Estonia	LÜDEKE Andreas	19 March 2018
United Kingdom	DOUGHERTY Gary	16 December 2017

These SEAC members are experts with proven expertise in different areas relevant for the work of SEAC and the renominated members from PT, NL, EE and UK have made valuable contributions including rapporteurships to the Committee during their previous period of memberships. The declarations of interests of these members raise no issues regarding their eligibility for membership.

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 in the context of the re-appointment process. The ECHA Secretariat has taken the commitment to monitor this aspect. The Board could also consider this element in the context of the (first) regular reporting from RAC and SEAC planned for the March 2018 meeting, and postpone any relevant appointment until that date.

Regarding the UK nominee, the duration of the appointment of the UK nominee to the SEAC is foreseen to be terminated when the UK withdrawal from the EU takes effect, i.e., on current assumptions, on 30 March 2019. If the outcome of the withdrawal negotiations were to have an effect on the UK membership in ECHA Committees the Management will be informed and involved accordingly.

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 RAC and SEAC after the MB 48
- Annex 2 Support documents²_KAPELARI_Renewal_AT_RAC
- Annex 3 Support documents_RUCKI_Renewal_CZ_RAC
- Annex 4 Support documents_HUSA_Renewal_NO_RAC
- Annex 5 Support documents_TOBIASSEN_Renewal_DK_RAC
- Annex 6 Support documents_ALEXANDRE_Renewal_PT_SEAC
- Annex 7 Support documents_OLTEANU_Renewal_RO_SEAC
- Annex 8 Support documents_LUIT_Renewal_NL_SEAC
- Annex 9 Support documents_LUEDEKE_Renewal_EE_SEAC
- Annex 10 Support documents_DOUGHERTY_Renewal_UK_SEAC

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² Support documents include nominee's (re-)nomination letter/email, nomination form, CV, declaration of interests (DoI) and expertise grid.

Annex 1a - Envisaged composition of the Committee for Risk Assessment after the 14-15 December 2017 Management Board Meeting (MB-48)

	Nominated by	Nominee's name
1	Austria	LOSERT Annemarie
2	Austria	KAPELARI Sonja
3	Belgium	SÉBA Julie
4	Bulgaria	CHANKOVA-PETROVA Stephka
5	Bulgaria	KARADJOVA Irina
6	Croatia	VARNAI Veda
7	Cyprus	AGAPIOU Agapios
8	Cyprus	ANDREOU Kostas
9	Czech Republic	MARTINEK Michal
10	Czech Republic	RUCKI Marian
11	Denmark	SOERENSEN Hammer Peter
12	Denmark	TOBIASSEN Lea Stine
13	Estonia	SCHLÜTER Urs
14	Finland	LEINONEN Riitta
15	Finland	SANTONEN Tiina
16	France	PRINTEMPS Nathalie
17	France	GEOFFROY Laure
18	Germany	RUPPRICH Norbert
19	Germany	STAHLMANN Ralf
20	Greece	SPETSERIS Nikolaos
21	Greece	TSITSIMPIKOU Christina
22	Hungary	BIRO Anna
23	Hungary	GRUIZ Katalin
24	Ireland	MULLOOLY Yvonne
25	Ireland	MURRAY Brendan
26	Italy	AQUILINA Gabriele
27	Italy	PARIS Pietro
28	Latvia	KADIKIS Normunds
29	Lithuania	DUNAUSKIENE Lina
30	Lithuania	UŽOMECKAS Žilvinas
31	Luxembourg	MOELLER Ruth
32	Luxembourg	NEUMANN Michael
33	Netherlands	HAKKERT Betty
34	Netherlands	PRONK Marja
35	Norway	BJØRGE Christine
36	Norway	HUSA Stine
37	Poland	BARANSKI Boguslaw
38	Poland	CZERCZAK Slawomir
39	Portugal	CARVALHO João
40	Romania	BRANISTEANU Radu
41	Romania	ILIE Mihaela
42	Slovakia	POLAKOVICOVA Helena
43	Slovenia	MENARD Anja
44	Slovenia	SCHULTE Agnes
45	Spain	SOGORB Miguel A.
46	Spain	DE LA FLOR TEJERO Ignacio
47	Sweden	GUSTAFSON Anne-Lee (<i>to be replaced by BORG Daniel in Jan. 2018</i>)
48	Sweden	LUND Bert-Ove
49	United Kingdom	DUNGEY Stephen
50	United Kingdom	SMITH Andrew

51	co-opted member	CHIURTU Elena
52	co-opted member	JANKOWSKA Elzbieta
53	co-opted member	VAN DER HAAR Rudolf
54	co-opted member	VIEGAS Susana

Annex 1b - Envisaged composition of the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis after the 14-15 December 2017 Management Board Meeting (MB-48)

	Nominated by	Nominee's name
1	Austria	FANKHAUSER Simone
2	Austria	KNOFLACH Georg
3	Belgium	COGEN Simon
4	Belgium	DELCOURT Benjamin
5	Bulgaria	STOYANOVA-LAZAROVA Elina Velinova
6	Croatia	KAJIĆ Silva
7	Cyprus	ANASTASIOU Christos
8	Cyprus	NICOLAIDES Leandros
9	Czech Republic	BLAHA Karel
10	Denmark	FOCK Lars
11	Estonia	LÜDEKE Andreas
12	Finland	KIISKI Johanna
13	France	BRIGNON Jean-Marc
14	France	FIORE-TARDIEU Karine
15	Germany	URBAN Klaus
16	Germany	THIELE Karen
17	Hungary	SCHUCHTÁR Endre
18	Italy	CASTELLI Stefano
19	Italy	CAVALIERI Luisa
20	Latvia	BERGS Ivars
21	Latvia	LOČS Jānis
22	Lithuania	RUZGYS Karolis
23	Lithuania	ZAIKOVA Ilona
24	Netherlands	LUIT Richard
25	Netherlands	JANSSEN Martinus
26	Poland	RYDLEWSKA-LISZKOWSKA Izabela
27	Portugal	ALEXANDRE João
28	Romania	OLTEANU Maria
29	Romania	ZAMFIR Adrian Stefan
30	Slovenia	KRAJNC Karmen
31	Spain	NARROS Adolfo
32	Sweden	NORING Maria
33	Sweden	THORS Åsa
34	United Kingdom	DOUGHERTY Gary
35	United Kingdom	GEORGIU Stavros
36	co-opted member	JONES Derrick
37	co-opted member	DRAKE Lars
38	co-opted member	CSERGO Robert