

PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS

**58TH MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
17-18 JUNE 2020, VIA REMOTE CONNECTION**

All the conclusions reached in the meeting and referenced in these preliminary conclusions are subject to being formally confirmed in written procedures.

1. Opinion on the final accounts 2019

The Management Board adopted its opinion on ECHA's final annual accounts for the financial year 2019, taking into account the preliminary observations of the European Court of Auditors and the recommendation made by its Subgroup Finance, Audit and Risk.

2. ECHA Committees

The Management Board adopted amended Rules of Procedure for the Member State Committee (MSC), giving the possibility for alternates to take on rapporteurships.

The Management Board appointed Theodoros XANTHOS (CY), Ifthekhar Ali MOHAMMED (SE) and Malcolm DOAK (IE) to the Risk Assessment Committee (RAC) and Sandi MUNCRIEF (DK), Ida Svostrup PETERSEN (DK), Darko DOLENC (SI), Jernej ISKRA (SI) and Jurgita ŽIEMIENĖ (LT) to the Committee for Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC). The Management Board renewed the membership of the following RAC members: Peter Hammer SØRENSEN (DK), Laure GEOFFROY (FR), Ralf STAHLMANN (DE), Gabriele AQUILINA (IT), Irina KARADJOVA (BG) and the SEAC member João ALEXANDRE (PT).

The Management Board also took note of the third annual report from the ECHA Committees (RAC, SEAC, MSC and the Biocidal Products Committee (BPC)).

3. Management Board and Forum Rules of Procedure

The Management Board adopted a revised version of its own Rules of Procedure and of the Rules of Procedure of the Forum, with a view to referencing remote meeting and decision-making arrangements.

4. Composition of the Conflict of Interest Advisory Committee (CoIAC)

The Management Board renewed the membership of Judite DIPANE, as the person appointed among its members, and of Julio BACIO TERRACINO, as external member of the CoIAC. The renewals are for a term of two years, renewable.

5. ECHA finances

The Management Board took note of the status of ECHA's 2020 budget implementation, noting with concern the continuing low level of fee income under REACH/CLP and BPR. The Management Board also adopted an amendment to the procurement plan 2020.

The Management Board took note of preliminary information regarding the 2021 draft budget and the financial outlook of the Agency under the future Multiannual Financial Framework. In this context, the Management Board held an exchange of views on ECHA's long-term financing and welcomed the Secretariat's preparatory reflections on a possible

scenario under the next MFF 2021-2027 where ECHA would no longer have the human and financial resources needed to implement its vision and Strategic Plan. The Board discussed in this context possible interventions towards national governments in support of adequate resourcing for the Agency to fulfil its tasks.

6. Revised Audit Charters of the Internal Audit Service and the Internal Audit Capability

The Management Board approved the revised Audit Charters of the Internal Audit Service and the Internal Audit Capability. The revisions align the mission charters with the legal basis in force, namely the 2019 Framework Financial Regulation for decentralised agencies and the Financial Regulation of ECHA.

7. Board of Appeal

The Management Board took note of a report from its Subgroup Board of Appeal, as well as of the first annual report of Antoine BUCHET, the Chair of the Board of Appeal.

The Management Board appointed the selection groups for the recruitment of the Technically Qualified Member, composed of Hans MEIJER, Kestutis SADAUSKAS and Sofia ZISI, and the selection group for the recruitment of permanent and Alternate/Additional Legally Qualified Members, composed of Kestutis SADAUSKAS, Oscar GONZALEZ SANCHEZ and Marie-Laure METAYER.

The Management Board endorsed administrative arrangements for alternate/additional members of the Board of Appeal and instructed the Executive Director to implement the arrangements by signing the corresponding Service Level Agreements.

8. New tasks

The Management Board took note of an interim analysis on the resources and implementation of ECHA's future tasks under the Drinking Water Directive.

The Management Board took note of the status of resourcing of ECHA's tasks under the Waste Framework Directive (SCIP Database) and supported the Secretariat's recommendation with regards resource allocation for 2020.

9. Other topics

- The Management Board expressed its support to the Secretariat's proposal for ECHA to become climate-neutral by 2030.
- The Management Board took note of a report from the 11 June 2020 meeting of the Subgroup on Finance, Audit and Risks and of the 12 June 2020 meeting of the Subgroup on Strategy, Planning and Implementation.
- The Management Board took note of the status of implementation of the REACH Review actions and in particular the progress in the grouping approach.
- The Management Board took note of the quarterly report on ECHA's activities and the status of preparedness actions for the UK withdrawal.
- The Management Board took note of the European Parliament's decision of 13 May 2020 on ECHA's discharge for the financial year 2018, including its observations.
- The Management Board took note of an update on the transparency approach.
- The Management Board took note of the upcoming election of the Management Board Chair in the 59th meeting.
- The Management Board took note of substitution-supporting activities in 2018-19 and focus areas for 2020-21.