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The Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) met for the second time 11-13 March. The Agency briefed it on the call for expression of interest to stakeholders to participate in the work of the Agency. It welcomed the Agency's proposal for admitting stakeholder observers to its meetings. The meeting agreed on the Rules or Procedure by which RAC will abide.

The Agency informed the Committee on the call for expression of interest to stakeholders to participate in the work of the Agency to be published the same week. The members welcomed the Agency's proposal for admitting observers to its meetings. A representative from Norway participated already to this meeting as an observer. Norway was invited by the Committee following a recent agreement of the Management Board to invite EEA/EFTA states to participate to the work of the Committees and Forum.

The meeting agreed a procedure for selecting and appointing Rapporteurs and/or Co-Rapporteurs to draft the Committee's opinions on the dossiers that they would be receiving.

The members agreed that their concise Curriculum Vitae will be made available on the ECHA website by the next meeting.

Three members of the Committee have resigned since the first meeting. New nominations to the open posts are being received from the concerned Member States. A link to the updated list of the RAC members is available below.

The Committee expects to receive first harmonised classification and labelling dossiers before its next meeting in July. First Rapporteurs are likely to be nominated in that meeting and the scientific work of the Committee will then begin.

Links:

Minutes of the previous meeting

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General information on the ECHA Committees

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