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## ECHA Management Board supports work of the Agency and the Executive Director

ECHA's Management Board has finalised the prolongation procedure for mandate of Executive Director in its 25th meeting and takes important strategic and budgetary decisions.

**Helsinki, 23 March 2012** – ECHA's Management Board has concluded the evaluation procedure related to the prolongation of the mandate of Mr Geert Dancet as the Agency's Executive Director. After the final discussion about the future tasks and challenges of the Agency, the Board unanimously decided that Mr Dancet is suitable for leading the Agency towards future objectives, and that pursuant to Article 84(2) of the REACH Regulation, his mandate as Executive Director shall be prolonged for another term in office of five years as of 1 January 2013. The prolongation procedure was initiated in September 2011 and an evaluation of the first mandate of the Executive Director was concluded in December 2011.

Thomas Jakl, Chairman of the Management Board: *"I am particularly pleased with the underlying evaluation process related to the prolongation decision taken with regard to the Executive Director's mandate. This was much more than just an administrative procedure because it permitted the Board to discuss and agree with the Agency's management the future strategic aims of ECHA and how these should be implemented in the multi-annual work programme."*

The Management Board also adopted the ECHA General Report for 2011 and endorsed the draft multi-annual work programme 2013-2015 for public consultation. Both documents will be available on the ECHA website shortly.

Further decisions taken at the meeting included the budget proposal for 2013 to the Commission, the adoption of a Code of Conduct of the Management Board and a strategic decision regarding the future approach towards verification of the SME status of registrants.

More information about the meeting will be available in the coming days and published on ECHA's website.

### Further information

- The preliminary conclusions of the Management Board meeting will be published soon at: <http://echa.europa.eu/management-board-documents>
- Management Board's web pages: <http://echa.europa.eu/about-us/who-we-are/management-board>

