



# Minutes of the 50<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Management Board Held in Helsinki from 20 to 21 June 2018

# I. Summary record of the proceedings

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming the participants<sup>1</sup> and, in particular, Ms Enda VESKIMÄE, the new Board member from Estonia, and Ms Ingrid BORG, the future Board member from Malta participating as the person of trust of the current Maltese member.

### 1. Agenda

The Chair introduced the draft agenda<sup>2</sup> and the following room document:

• Draft Management Board opinion on the final accounts 2017, prepared by the Working Group on Audit on 19 June.

The Chair proposed the following points to be covered under 'Any other business':

- Letter exchange with NGOs on microplastics;
- Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the Union authorisation of biocidal products in accordance with Article 42(3) of the Biocidal Product Regulation; and
- Preparation of Management Board written procedures.

The Chair also proposed that the Executive Director give a short update on the main developments at the start of the meeting.

The agenda of the meeting was then <u>adopted</u> on this basis.

# 2. Declaration of specific interests

The Chair informed the members of the Management Board that, together with the Secretariat, she had reviewed the members' declared conflicts of interests, according to ECHA's policy on conflicts of interest. No conflicts relating to the agenda of the 50<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting were identified.

The Chair invited members to further declare any specific interests that could not be drawn from their declarations of interest and which could be considered to be prejudicial to their independence with respect to any items on the agenda. No further specific interests were declared in response to this.

The Chair reminded the members of the importance of keeping their declarations up to date and invited them to regularly check their declarations for completeness, in particular with regard to present employment.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Their names and the names of other participants attending the meeting and the proxy votes of which the Chair was notified are listed in section IV of these minutes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> MB/A/02/2018.

# 3. Minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting

The draft minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting<sup>3</sup>, held from 22 to 23 March 2018 in Helsinki, were <u>adopted</u>.

The Chair also explained the status of agreed follow-up actions as follows.

Secretariat to provide numerical information on known	From MB 46 / Done
SVHCs	
The Secretariat will launch the public consultation on the	From MB 49 / Done
draft strategic plan and put the plan in the context vis-à-	
vis the Commission's second General Report on the	
operation of REACH (REACH review).	

# 4. Update from the Executive Director

The Executive Director gave a brief update to the Management Board on selected recent developments since his last update in the 49<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting. This included the following points:

- The successful completion of the REACH 2018 registration, for which he extended
  his thanks to everybody who played a role, in particular industry, the Member State
  helpdesks and ECHA's staff.
- The ongoing discussions on ECHA's organisation within the ECHA Secretariat, aiming to assess which organisational set-up would be most beneficial to the future way of working of the Agency, which will focus on the assessment of substances in groups. The optimal structure, be it the current or the revised one, should produce efficiencies, support staff development and better facilitate the onboarding of potential new tasks. The Management Board will be informed of the outcome of this assessment in the next Board meetings in 2018.
- ECHA's participation in the public hearing on the EU authorisation procedure for pesticides – EFSA opinion on draft assessment reports and ECHA classification of active substances, organised by the European Parliament Special Committee on the Union's authorisation procedure for pesticides (PEST) on 7 June.

## A. Points for automatic adoption

## A.1 Appointment of the Accounting Officer<sup>4</sup>

The Management Board <u>appointed</u> a new Accounting Officer for ECHA. The Management Board was represented in the selection committee by one of its members and the Working Group on Audit discussed the appointment during its meeting on 19 June.

Following this appointment, ECHA's Executive Director, as the contract-concluding authority, will initiate the signing of the employment contract with the selected candidate.

The Management Board thanked the interim accounting officer for his work.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> MB/M/01/2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> MB/16/2018.

# A.2 Appointment of a Member of Conflicts of Interest Advisory Committee<sup>5</sup>

The Management Board <u>prolonged the appointment</u> of Ms Judite DIPANE (LV) as the person designated by the Management Board to the Conflicts of Interest Advisory Committee for two years, i.e. until 24 August 2020. The Management Board also <u>took note</u> of the fact that the Executive Director decided to renew the mandate of Mr Julio BACIO TERRACINO from the OECD Secretariat as the external member of the committee.

#### A.3 Technical amendment to the Guide for Reimbursement<sup>6</sup>

The Management Board <u>adopted</u> a technical amendment to ECHA's Guide for the Reimbursement of Travel and Accommodation Expenses and Payment of Subsistence Allowances to Management Board, Committee and Forum members and other participants invited to attend ECHA meetings. The technical amendment concerns the reimbursement rate per kilometre for travel by car.

### **B. Points for discussion/decision**

# B.1 Report from the Joint meeting of the Working Groups on Audit and Planning & Reporting

The Management Board <u>took note</u> of the report<sup>7</sup> from the first Joint meeting of the Working Groups on Audit and Planning & Reporting (held on 19 June) and their recommendations on a number of topics on the agenda, including the status of *ex ante* and *ex post* evaluations, the 2016 discharge recommendations by the European Parliament<sup>8</sup>, and the future format of quarterly reporting to the Management Board, complemented by monthly numerical information to Board members on key activities (dashboard).

### B.2 Opinion on the final accounts 2017

The Management Board <u>took note</u> of the Agency's final annual accounts for the financial year 2017 and <u>adopted</u> its opinion on these accounts<sup>9</sup>, taking into account the recommendation made by its Working Group on Audit matters.

The Management Board noted in its opinion the comments in the Court of Auditors preliminary observations, which do not call into question their opinion that the accounts of the Agency are presented fairly, and agreed to discuss the follow-up on the basis of the final report from the Court of Auditors. The Executive Director will present an action plan for this purpose.

The Board discussed the comments by the Court of Auditors, in particular those regarding the completeness of fees collected from SME registrants, procurement processes, the organisational independence of the accounting officer and EPSO publications. The Management Board also took note of the draft ECHA replies to these preliminary observations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> MB/17/2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> MB/18/2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> MB/19/2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> European Parliament decision of 18 April 2018 on discharge with respect to the implementation of the budget of the European Chemicals Agency for the financial year 2016 (2017/2167(DEC)).

<sup>9</sup> MB/20/2018.

A representative of the Commission emphasised that the observations on procurement and the organisational role of the accounting officer, if maintained in the final report, require due consideration and follow-up and suggested that the IAC of the Agency should ask the Internal Audit Service of the Commission to bring forward in time its planned audit on procurement foreseen in the IAS Strategic Internal Audit Plan 2018-2020<sup>10</sup> and offered the support of the Commission services if need be.

Regarding the fee income predictions and the correctness of the fees collected from companies, members discussed the challenges for ECHA in verifying the SME status of companies and the link to national enforcement activities.

The Executive Director will forward the opinion to the Commission's Accounting Officer, the European Court of Auditors, the European Parliament and the Council by 1 July 2018. The document will be published.

# B.3 Review of the Policy for avoiding potential conflicts of interest – elements for consideration

The Management Board <u>took note</u> of proposed principles<sup>11</sup> for reviewing ECHA's Conflicts of Interest (CoI) policy. Further to its last update in 2014, the ECHA Secretariat will propose an update to the CoI policy at one of the upcoming Board meetings in 2018. It was agreed that the Management Board will be closely involved in the elaboration of the review of the policy. The ECHA Conflict of Interest Advisory Committee (CoIAC) will also be available to provide input.

The Management Board underlined the importance of transparency for ECHA and for the Management Board, it being a key element of public trust in ECHA's work, alongside the assurance that ECHA has the appropriate policy and means in place to detect and manage conflicts of interest. Board members recognised that although ECHA's CoI policy has proven its robustness, certain adjustments can nevertheless be made for further improvement. When considering improvements, Board members called for a careful balance between criteria leading to exclusion from work with ECHA and the operational need for expertise in the Agency's work, either directly or through Member State activity. They pointed out that avoiding potential conflicts of interest is not purely a question of control and checks but also requires awareness-raising, clear guidance and training for staff, external experts, Member States as well as Board members.

Board members provided input on the elements in the CoI policy that are being considered for improvement. These included the guidelines to avoid conflicts of interest at Member State level, the clarification of interests that lead to exclusion from the work of the Agency, the strengthening of the scrutiny for key functions in the secretariat and ECHA bodies, the clarity of the template for the annual declarations of interest, and the provision of additional assurance on the effectiveness of the policy. The ECHA Secretariat also confirmed that the outcome of the Commission's Internal Audit Service's ongoing audit on conflicts of interest will be taken into account in the review.

The discussion was informed by a report from the Management Board member in the ECHA CoIAC, which met on 13 June and also discussed the review of the policy.

### B.4 Appointment of Committee members

The Management Board <u>appointed</u><sup>12</sup> two new members, Raili MOLDOV (EE) and Davor ZELJEZIC (HR), for the Committee of Risk Assessment (RAC) and one new member, Dorota DOMINIAK (PL), for the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC).

In addition, the Management Board renewed the memberships of five RAC members, Stephka CHANKOVA-PETROVA (BG), Kostas ANDREOU (CY), Ruth MOELLER (LU), João

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> See IAS Strategic Internal Audit Plan 2018-2020 in MB/37/2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> MB/21/2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> MB/22/2018.

CARVALHO (PT) and Ignacio DE LA FLOR TEJERO (ES), as well as the memberships of two SEAC members, Stefano CASTELLI (IT) and Maria NORING (SE).

Following these appointments and renewals, RAC will have 55 members (including four coopted members) and SEAC will have 35 members (including two co-opted members). The names of the committee members will be published on ECHA's website together with their annual declarations of interest.

It was agreed that the Secretariat will provide more comprehensive information on the level of activity of the members that are up for reappointment and the overall composition of expertise in the committees for future appointments and renewals, and in the context of the annual reporting on committees.

#### B.5 Potential new tasks for ECHA

The Management Board <u>took note</u> of an update from the ECHA Secretariat concerning new tasks for ECHA, namely the Waste Framework Directive, Poison Centres and the Delegation agreement for a European Union Chemicals Legislation Finder (EUCLEF).

Members discussed the developments and challenges, especially in relation to resources, which will require priority setting by ECHA. In light of the ongoing discussions on resources, the Management Board noted that it may be required to agree on certain aspects of the implementation of these new tasks by written procedure over the summer. In addition, ECHA took note of the start of the legislative process on the POP Regulation<sup>13</sup>, which will entail additional tasks for ECHA once adopted.

#### A. Revised EU Waste Framework Directive<sup>14</sup>

The Management Board noted that the legislator assigned new regulatory tasks to ECHA under the revised Directive<sup>15</sup>. The ECHA Secretariat has requested adequate and stable human and financial resources to perform this task. At present, there is no positive outcome to this request, therefore the Management Board noted that the ECHA Secretariat may have to, ad interim, reallocate some REACH/CLP resources to prepare the on-boarding of this new regulatory task.

#### B. EU Poison Centres<sup>16</sup>

The Management Board noted that work is progressing well for a number of tasks related to the EU Poison Centres. At the same time, the development of a central notification portal, in particular in its extended version (searchable database), and the corresponding human and financial resources has become an urgent topic to be clarified by a Commission decision that is expected to be voted on in July in the REACH Committee. Board members pointed out that this timeline is not only challenging for ECHA but also for the Member States, who wish ECHA to develop the extended (searchable) portal. If the extended version is not developed, Member States may have to build their own systems within a short time frame.

The Management Board recognised that ECHA has invested substantial resources in making these tasks progress but additional clarification in terms of financial and human resources is key to ensuring the sustainability of this work.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Regulation on persistent organic pollutants (recast) 2018/0070 (COD) – see report to the Management Board in December 2017 (MB/60/2017).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> MB/23/2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Directive 2008/98/EC on Waste (Waste Framework Directive).

<sup>16</sup> MB/24/2018.

# C. Delegation agreement for a European Union Chemicals Legislation Finder<sup>17</sup>

Since 2016 ECHA has, under a delegation agreement with the Commission, explored the possibility to build an EU Chemicals Legislation Finder (EUCLEF). The funds for this work have been allocated from a Commission programme, after consultation of the Management Board. The Management Board noted that the EUCLEF would fit well within ECHA's strategic priorities and core competencies and supported the project. However, pursuing its development would also entail certain risks, not least related to the funding for maintaining the tool and the human resources needed for its development and operation.

According to the delegation agreement between ECHA and the Commission, a decision needs to be taken by Q3/2018 on whether to continue with the implementation of the EUCLEF. Following the clarification of the constraints, risks and concerns, the Executive Director will consult the Management Board on the way forward.

The Management Board recognised the importance of all new tasks and acknowledged that their allocation to ECHA is recognition of ECHA's past performance. Board members pointed to possible synergies and efficiencies between the various legislations, which can be achieved if ECHA indeed executes them all. Board members also emphasised that all of the new tasks require strong collaboration with other stakeholders, notably Member States, and their point of view should also be considered during the legislative process and the implementation phase.

The Management Board expressed its concerns when it comes to the resourcing of the new tasks, in particular if considered in a cumulative way. It was pointed out that if ECHA has a legal obligation to execute certain tasks, then the necessary resources should also be made available by the legislator, as already foreseen in the legislative process. Once new tasks are allocated to ECHA in law, the ECHA Secretariat has the obligation to execute them and the Management Board has to provide the necessary steer as to how to allocate the necessary resources. The Management Board asked the Executive Director to provide updates on the new tasks as the information becomes available; the necessary steer can then be provided via written procedures, which will decide on the necessary modifications in ECHA's programming documents and budget, if appropriate.

### B.6 Exchange of views with the Vice-Chair of the Forum

The Management Board <u>took note</u> of a report on the Forum for Exchange of Information on Enforcement's (Forum) Multi-Annual Work Programme 2019-2023, the draft enforcement priorities 2019-2023, and the Forum's plans for addressing the actions from REACH Refit evaluation<sup>18</sup>.

The Management Board also held an exchange of views with Ms Sinead MCMICKAN (IE), the acting Chair of the Forum. Board members expressed their appreciation for the Forum's work and their support for the proposed draft enforcement priorities, in particular on cooperation with customs and e-commerce, and underlined the usefulness of such exchange of views between the Management Board and the Forum. With respect to the Forum's plans to address the actions from the REACH Refit evaluation, in particular action 13(2) on annual reporting to ECHA for the purpose of monitoring enforcement activities by Member States, Board members underlined the delicate nature and practical challenges of collecting and publishing comparable and useful data at EU level.

After the presentation of Ms MCMICKAN, the Head of Unit Support, Forum & HelpNet Secretariat gave an overview of the work done by ECHA staff members supporting the activities of the Forum.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> MB/25/2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> MB/26/2018.

# B.7 Self-evaluation of the Management Board

Due to time constraints, the item was not discussed. The Chair informed Board members on the progress of the self-evaluation. As a first step, the Chair has conducted interviews with 30 members. The summary of the outcome of this first phase of the self-evaluation will be shared with Board members after the meeting and a report will be provided to the next Management Board meeting.

# B.8 Annual report from the Working Group on the Board of Appeal (in camera)

The Management Board <u>took note</u> of the annual report<sup>19</sup> from its Working Group on the Board of Appeal. The Chair of the Working Group explained that the contract management of Board of Appeal members required a lot of attention from the Working Group and the full Management Board in 2017. Further follow-up, especially regarding the division of responsibilities between the Executive Director and the Management Board, may be necessary if the ongoing audit on conflicts of interest and ethics by the Commission's Internal Audit Service reflects on this aspect. He also underlined that the replacement process for the Chairman of the Board of Appeal has to start soon and that the Working Group will be consulted on the Commission vacancy notice.

# B.9 Annual report from the Chairman of the Board of Appeal

The Management Board <u>took note</u> of the annual report from the Chairman of the Board of Appeal (BoA)<sup>20</sup> and congratulated all the members of the BoA, as well as the Registry, for their excellent work. The Chairman of the BoA reported on the period June 2017–June 2018, and also gave an overview of the main findings contained in the BoA's decisions adopted over the 10 years of the REACH Regulation's existence. The Chairman emphasised in her intervention the importance of guaranteeing the independence of the BoA and expressed appreciation for the clarifications in this regard provided through the revised Commission Decision laying down the Rules of Procedure of the BoA in 2016.

Board members held an exchange of views with the Chairman of the BoA, touching upon a number of issues, such as ensuring operability in relation to the forthcoming changes in the BoA's composition, the need for appropriate human resources to be made available to BoA members, and, in particular in the scientific field, third party interventions in BoA cases, as well as some specific cases brought before the BoA.

Board members expressed their appreciation with respect to the important contribution of the BoA decisions to clarifying the interpretation of REACH and the BPR and to helping ensure their effective implementation by ECHA. The Management Board also thanked current Chair Mercedes Ortuño, who provided the last report before her mandate as Chairman ends in April 2019.

### B.10 Quarterly Report on ECHA's Activities

The Management Board <u>took note of</u> the quarterly report<sup>21</sup> on ECHA's progress in reaching the 2018 Work Programme targets.

The exchange of views touched upon a number of elements, including:

- the public interest in and the public perception of the European Union Observatory for Nanomaterials (EUON), in particular with respect to the recent launch of two searchable databases;
- the outcome of the studies on risk of use of pigments and criteria used to conduct market studies for nanomaterials;

<sup>20</sup> MB/28/2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> MB/27/2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> MB/29/2018.

- the publication of the ECHA/EFSA Guidance on endocrine disruptors' identification;
- the General Court's ruling on SONC; and
- the follow-up of the EOGRTS cases.

# B.11 Report on the outcome of the 3rd REACH registration deadline

The Management Board <u>took note</u> of a report<sup>22</sup> from the Secretariat on the outcome of the third REACH registration deadline, as well as of the immediate tasks related to the high number of registrations, such as the processing of dossiers submitted in the last weeks, the publication of information and the processing of confidentiality claims. The Management Board thanked the Secretariat for the support provided to registrants and for the smooth running of the registration phase before the deadline.

# C. Points for information

# C.1 Update on the collaborative approach (COLLA) pilot projects and their review

The Management Board <u>took note</u> of an update<sup>23</sup> on the collaborative approach (COLLA) pilot projects and their review. Further to the Management Board discussion in December 2016, five pilot projects were ran for a period of 12 months, during which Member States volunteering to take part in the project identified groups of substances to work on to improve the quality of REACH registration dossiers. Addressing substances in groups, intensifying collaboration between authorities and initiating early interaction with registrants when addressing the groups proved to be useful; nevertheless, the ECHA Secretariat proposed not to formalise this cooperation but to rely on best practice recommendations.

# C.2 Report from Written Procedure MB/WP/01/2018

The Management Board <u>took note</u> of the positive outcome<sup>24</sup> of the Written Procedure MB/WP/01/2018 on the extension of the scope of ECHA Cloud Services to non-SMEs, where the Management Board approved the opening of ECHA Cloud Services to a broader user community, beyond availability only to SMEs.

Further to comments received from the Commission, the Secretariat provided the Management Board with written information about the status of the ex-post evaluation of the cloud services and the future plans on maintaining two parallel IUCLID systems.

# C.3 Report from the Advisory Group on the building project

The Management Board <u>took note</u> of an oral report from its Advisory Group on ECHA's building project. It was noted that the construction of ECHA's future premises is progressing according to plan and the next meeting of the Advisory Group will take place in December.

#### C.4 Notification of budget transfers

The Management Board <u>took note</u> of the budget transfers<sup>25</sup>, carried out since the previous notification, under the responsibility of the Executive Director.

<sup>23</sup> MB/31/2018.

<sup>24</sup> MB/32/2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> MB/30/2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> MB/33/2018.

# 5. Any other business

Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the Union authorisation of biocidal products in accordance with Article 42(3) of Regulation

The Management Board <u>took note</u> of an oral presentation on the Commission report on the implementation of the Union authorisation of biocidal products in accordance with Article 42(3) of the Biocidal Products Regulation.

# Debrief from the Reporting Officers for the Executive Director and the Board of Appeal

The Management Board <u>took note</u> of a debriefing by the reporting officers for the Executive Director and the Board of Appeal.

- The reporting officers for the Executive Director held a meeting with the Executive Director on 21 June for the probationary period dialogue. They will as a next step submit their assessment report to the Executive Director.
- The Chair informed Board members that she has received the annual appraisal reports for the members of the Board of Appeal, and there are no issues of concern to be brought to the attention of the Management Board.

# Preparation of written procedures

The Management Board <u>took note</u> of potential upcoming written procedures, regarding the delegation agreement on EUCLEF, updates to the Programming Document stemming from other new tasks, and an update to the ECHA Procurement Plan. The written procedures are likely to be launched over the summer and Board members will be notified accordingly.

# NGOs' letter on microplastics and MB Chair's reply to the letter

The Management Board <u>took note</u> of an exchange of letters between the Chair and a group of six environmental NGOs. The NGOs expressed concerns regarding the scope and wording of ECHA's recent call for evidence on intentional uses of microplastics, and in particular of one sentence, which may be misinterpreted to describe the effects of the lack of alternatives on the restriction procedure. The ECHA Secretariat clarified that the relevant Q&A has been removed from its website and will be updated. With regard to the scope of the call for evidence, it was underlined that ECHA has mechanisms in place to collect information on hazards and risks other than calls for evidence. The ECHA Secretariat also reiterated its objectivity and its practice of gathering and considering all relevant facts and information when preparing a restriction dossier.

Board members held an exchange of views on the letters and recognised the sensitivity of the matter. They emphasised the importance of clear communication and encouraged ECHA to strive for clarity in all scientific dossiers and in all communications products. Some Board members pointed out that the wording of the NGOs' letter deviates from the open style of communication that has become the norm between ECHA and NGOs and expressed concerns that some allegations may be interpreted as an attempt to lead ECHA away from science-based decision making and as predicting the outcome of scientific processes. The Chair, with support from the ECHA Secretariat, has responded to the facts of the NGOs' letter and ECHA will continue the clear and open dialogue it has established with NGOs.

# Next meeting and closure

The Management Board thanked two of its members and bid farewell to Mr Peter VAN PUYVELDE (European Parliament) and Ms Parvoleta LULEVA (BG).

The Chair noted that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled to take place from 20 to 21 September 2018 in Vienna and thanked the Board member from Austria and the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union for the invitation.

# II. Documents submitted to the Management Board

Draft Agenda	MB/A/02/2018
Draft Minutes of the 49 <sup>th</sup> Meeting	MB/M/01/2018
Appointment of the Accounting Officer	MB/16/2018
Appointment of a Member of Conflicts of Interest Advisory Committee	MB/17/2018
Technical amendment to the Guide for Reimbursement	MB/18/2018
Report from the Joint meeting of the Working Groups on Audit and Planning & Reporting	MB/19/2018
Opinion on the final accounts 2017	MB/20/2018
Review of the Policy for avoiding potential conflicts of interest – elements for consideration	MB/21/2018
Appointment of Committee members	MB/22/2018
Potential new tasks for ECHA – Revised EU Waste Framework Directive	MB/23/2018
Potential new tasks for ECHA – EU Poison Centres	MB/24/2018
Potential new tasks for ECHA – Delegation agreement for a European Union Chemicals Legislation Finder	MB/25/2018
Exchange of views with the Vice-Chair of the Forum	MB/26/2018
Annual report from the Working Group on the Board of Appeal	MB/27/2018
Annual report from the Chairman of the Board of Appeal	MB/28/2018
Quarterly Report on ECHA's Activities	MB/29/2018
Report on the outcome of the 3rd REACH registration deadline	MB/30/2018
Update on the collaborative approach (COLLA) pilot projects and their review	MB/31/2018
Report from Written Procedure MB/WP/01/2018	MB/32/2018
Notification of budget transfers	MB/33/2018

### The Management Board:

- Adopted the agenda for its 50<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Approved the minutes of its 49<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Appointed the new Accounting Officer of ECHA.
- Prolonged the appointment of Ms Judite DIPANE (LV) as the person designated by the Management Board to the Conflicts of Interest Advisory Committee.
- Adopted a technical amendment to ECHA's Guide for the Reimbursement of Travel and Accommodation Expenses and Payment of Subsistence Allowances to Management Board members, Committee and Forum members and other participants invited to attend meetings of ECHA.
- Took note of a report from the Joint meeting of the Working Groups on Audit and Planning & Reporting (held on 19 June), including their recommendations.
- Took note of ECHA's final annual accounts for the financial year 2017, the preliminary observations of the European Court of Auditors thereon and adopted its opinion on the final annual accounts for 2017.
  - Instructed the Executive Director to forward the accounts and the opinion to the relevant European institutions by 1 July 2018.
- Took note of key principles of change for the revision of ECHA's conflict of interest management policy and provided orientation to the ECHA Secretariat.
- Appointed new members and renewed mandates for members of the Committee of Risk Assessment (RAC) and the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC).

#### RAC

New appointment	Renewal	
Raili MOLDOV (EE)	Stephka CHANKOVA-PETROVA (BG)	
Davor ZELJEZIC (HR)	Kostas ANDREOU (CY)	
	Ruth MOELLER (LU)	
	João CARVALHO (PT)	
	Ignacio DE LA FLOR TEJERO (ES)	

#### **SEAC**

New appointment	Renewal
Dorota DOMINIAK (PL)	Stefano CASTELLI (IT)
	Maria NORING (SE)

- Took note of an update on potential new tasks for ECHA (Revised EU Waste Framework Directive, EU Poison Centres and Delegation agreement for a European Union Chemicals Legislation Finder).
- Took note of a report from the Acting Chair of the Forum for Exchange of Information on Enforcement (Forum) on the Forum's Multi-Annual Work Programme 2019-2023, the draft enforcement priorities 2019-2023 and the Forum's plans for addressing the actions from REACH Refit evaluation.

- Took note of the annual report from its Working Group on the Board of Appeal.
- Took note of the annual report from the Chairman of the Board of Appeal.
- Took note of the guarterly report on ECHA's activities in Q2/2018.
- Took note of a report on the outcome of the third REACH registration deadline.
- Took note of an update on the collaborative approach (COLLA) pilot projects and their review.
- Took note of the positive outcome of the Written Procedure MB/WP/01/2018 on the extension of the scope of ECHA Cloud Services to non-SMEs.
- Took note of an oral report from its Advisory Group on the building project.
- Took note of the budget transfers, carried out under the responsibility of the Executive Director.
- Took note of a presentation on the Commission Report on the implementation of the Union authorisation of biocidal products in accordance with Article 42(3) of the Biocidal Products Regulation.
- Took note of a debrief from the reporting officers for the Executive Director and the Board of Appeal.
- Took note of potential upcoming written procedures, with regard to the delegation agreement on EUCLEF, updates to the Programming Document stemming from other new tasks and an update to the ECHA Procurement Plan.
- Took note of an exchange of letters between the Management Board Chair and environmental NGOs with respect to the scope and wording of ECHA's recent call for evidence on intentional uses of microplastics.

## Agreed follow-up actions:

- The ECHA Secretariat will closely involve Board members in the drafting of the revision of ECHA's Conflicts of Interest (CoI) policy.
- The Secretariat will provide more comprehensive information on the level of activity of the members that are up for reappointment and the overall composition of expertise in the committees for future appointments and renewals.

#### IV. List of attendees

#### Representatives of the Member States

Paul KRAJNIK	(AT)	
Anne-France RIHOUX	(BE)	
Anastassios YIANNAKI	(CY)	(2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting day 21 June only)
Tatjana KOLESNIKOVA	(CZ)	
Henrik Søren LARSEN	(DK)	
Enda VESKIMÄE	(EE)	
Hanna KORHONEN	(FI)	
Jörg LEBSANFT	(DE)	(also acting as proxy of Marie-Laure METAYER)
Kassandra DIMITRIOU	(EL)	(also acting as proxy of Anastassios YIANNAKI (for 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting day 20 June) and of Krisztina BIRÓ)
Sharon McGUINNESS	(IE)	
Francesca GIANNOTTI	(IT)	
Judīte DIPĀNE	(LV)	
Paul RASQUE	(LU)	
Hans MEIJER	(NL)	(also acting as proxy of Edward XUEREB)
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