

Appointment of Committee members

61st Meeting of the Management Board 25 March 2021

Proposal

- The Management Board is invited to renew the mandate of 1 current member and to appoint 3 new candidates for the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC).

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 as updated in February 2019.

A letter dated 2 October 2020 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 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 (See Annex 2-5).

In addition to the review of their CV and other nomination information by the Chairs, the new nominees are interviewed to make sure that they understand the level of commitment in terms of time and contribution to the Committees and confirm that they are available. Should the nomination arrive too late to set up a suitable moment for interview, it could skip a meeting and pass on to the next MB.

Regarding the re-nomination procedure of an active Committee member, 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. The Chairs can confirm that the contribution of the candidates for renewal in terms of a) rapporteurships, and/or b) Committee consultations and c) participation in plenary has been acceptable in the last three years.

To be fair to the members, the Chairs review the whole period integrally and take account of the contribution of member's advisor(s) in assessing the member's work. Numbers of opinions alone do not reflect the workload and can vary in terms of input by an order of magnitude or more per dossier.

If agreed in advance with the Chairs, substantial and frequent commenting on dossiers in RAC/SEAC consultation is a valuable and acceptable substitute to rapporteurship. Active plenary participation without either of the aforementioned conditions is generally not sufficient to convincingly support a 50% contribution.

While upholding the required 50% contribution, the Chairs may use discretion in their assessment with regard to: the level of support provided to the member by their home Institute or MSCA, the role of other unavoidable duties placed upon the members by their employers, the impact of home institution reorganisations, or other contributing factors.

Rationale

Candidates for renewal of SEAC membership

One Member State proposed the renewal of the membership of the following SEAC member whose 3-year term will expire during June 2021. If the renewal is approved by the Management Board, the new term of this member will start on the day after the expiry date of her current term of office, as indicated below.

This SEAC member is an expert with proven expertise in different areas relevant for the work of SEAC and has made valuable contributions including rapporteurships to the Committee during her previous periods of membership as indicated in the table below.

The declaration of interest of this member raise no issues regarding his eligibility for membership.

MS	SEAC member	Expiry date of current 3-year term	Feedback from the SEAC Chair
PL	DOMINIAK Dorota	19.06.21	Consistent contribution as rapporteur on both restriction dossiers (in particular the Calcium Cyanamide restriction), and on a number of applications for authorisation.

New candidates for SEAC membership

There are three new nominations for the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC).

MS	Nominated SEAC member	Feedback from the SEAC Chair
PL	LIBERSKA Ewa	The nominee is employed as a Head of Unit for Regulation of Chemical Substances and mixtures at the Bureau for Chemical Substances (Competent Authority for REACH and CLP). The SEAC Chair interviewed the candidate on 22 January 2021 to discuss her availability for SEAC membership, and was assured of a commitment of 50% of her time. Her work experience, training and expertise are relevant and in line with the needs of SEAC, particularly her expertise in analysis of alternatives and in regulatory risk management of chemicals. Her declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern, making her eligible for membership of the Committee.
LV	GAIDUKOVŠ Sergejs	The nominee is employed as an Associate professor, Leading Researcher at the Riga technical University. Mr Gaidukovs was interviewed by the Chair on 22 February 2021 to discuss his availability for SEAC membership and

		the Chair was assured of a commitment of 50% of his time. His work experience and expertise are relevant and in line with the needs of SEAC, particularly his expertise in substitution of hazardous chemicals. His declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern, making him eligible for membership of the Committee.
RO	LADARU Georgiana-Raluca	The nominee is employed as an Associate professor at the Bucharest University of Economic Studies. The SEAC Chair interviewed the candidate on 9 February 2021 to discuss her availability for SEAC membership, and was assured of a commitment of 50% of her time. Her work experience and expertise are relevant and in line with the needs of SEAC, particularly her expertise in environmental economics and socio-economic analysis. Her declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern, making her eligible for membership of the Committee.

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 1: Envisaged composition of the SEAC after MB-61
- Annex 2: MB61_2021_Nomination_Liberska_SEAC_PL
- Annex 3: MB61_2021_Nomination_Dominiak_SEAC_PL
- Annex 4: MB61_2021_Nomination_Gaidukovs_SEAC_LV
- Annex 5: MB61_2021_Nomination_Ladaru_SEAC_RO

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**Annex 1 - Envisaged composition of the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis
 after the 25 March Management Board Meeting (MB-61)**

	Nominated by	Nominee's name
1	Austria	FANKHAUSER Simone
2	Belgium	COGEN Simon
3	Bulgaria	NIKOVA Julieta
4	Croatia	KAJIC Silva
5	Cyprus	ANASTASIOU Christos
6	Denmark	MUNCRIEF Sandi
7	Denmark	SVOSTRUP PETERSEN Ida
8	Estonia	LUEDEKE Andreas
9	Finland	KIISKI Johanna
10	France	BRIGNON Jean-Marc
11	France	JOMINI Stephane
12	Germany	URBAN Klaus
13	Germany	THIELE Karen
14	Greece	ANTONIADOU Sofia
15	Hungary	SCHUCHTÁR Endre
16	Ireland	LEAHY Eimear
17	Italy	CASTELLI Stefano
18	Italy	CAVALIERI Luisa
19	Latvia	BERGS Ivars
20	Latvia	GAIDUKOVŠ Sergejs
21	Lithuania	ŽIEMIENĖ Jurgita
22	Netherlands	JANSSEN Martien
23	Netherlands	GABBERT Silke
24	Norway	MÅGE Marit
25	Poland	DOMINIĄK Dorota
26	Poland	LIBERSKA Ewa
27	Portugal	ALEXANDRE Joao
28	Romania	LADARU Georgiana-Raluca
29	Slovenia	DOLENC Darko
30	Slovenia	ISKRA Jernej
31	Spain	RODRIGUEZ HERNANDEZ Manuel
32	Sweden	TURVEY Alex
33	Sweden	JOYCE John
34	Co-opted member	JONES Derrick
35	Co-opted member	ROUW Aart
36	Co-opted member	SHAKHRAMANYAN Nikolinka