

# PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS

**64<sup>TH</sup> MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING  
15 DECEMBER 2021, VIA REMOTE CONNECTION**

## 1. Programming Document 2022-2025, including preliminary draft budget 2023

The Management Board adopted ECHA's Programming Document 2022-2025, including the work programme for 2022, the draft work programme and preliminary draft budget for 2023.

The extract of the Programming Document 2023-2025 will be provided to the Commission for its opinion by 31 January 2022 and the Programming Document will be sent to the Commission, the European Parliament and the Council, as well as published on ECHA's website.

## 2. ECHA budget 2022

The Management Board adopted the budget, establishment plan and procurement plan for 2022. ECHA's total expenditure budget for 2022 amounts to €112.7 million (including the expenditure related to delegated tasks). The EU balancing subsidy requests and appropriations are aligned with the EU Budget 2022 ceilings and so are the foreseen staffing levels.

The final budget, including the establishment plan, will be transmitted for information to the European Parliament and the Council, the Court of Auditors and the Commission, and published on the website of the Agency.

## 3. Appointment of Committee members

The Management Board renewed the mandate of two members (Michal MARTINEK (CZ) and Julija BROVKINA (LV)) for the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC). The Management Board further nominated one new candidate (Michael BÜCKER (DE)) and renewed the mandate of three members (Jean-Marc BRIGNON (FR), Julieta NIKOVA (BG) and Marit MÅGE (NO)) for the Committee for Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC).

## 4. Audit matters

The Management Board approved the annual audit plan of the ECHA Internal Audit Capability for 2022 and took note of the information provided on the Commission's Internal Audit Service's Strategic Internal Audit plan for 2022-2024.

## 5. Executive Director selection and interim arrangements

The Management Board adopted [*in camera*] the procedure for the appointment process of the next Executive Director. These arrangements include the preparation and organisation of the interviews, the vote(s) and the subsequent appointment process, which involves a statement in the European Parliament. The rules also aim to guarantee

the integrity of the process, in line with the relevant provisions to prevent potential conflicts of interest. Board members also took note of an update from the Commission regarding the pre-selection process and the status of the procedure.

In this context, the Management Board discussed the interim arrangements, which are necessary to ensure the continuity of the Agency's operations until the new Executive Director takes up their role. It was agreed that the Management Board will appoint an interim/acting Executive Director in an extraordinary meeting in January 2022.

## 6. Other topics

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### The Management Board

- adopted the Charter of tasks and responsibilities of the ECHA authorising officer;
- took note of the requests received to support the Commission's Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability (CSS), the input provided so far, and the potential impact on the ECHA Work Programme 2021;
- took note of a report from its Subgroup Strategy, Planning and Implementation, which met on 23 November 2021; its Subgroup Finance, Audit and Risks, which met on 24 November 2021 and its Subgroup Board of Appeal, which met on 3 November 2021;
- took note of the annual recap of corporate ethical duties;
- took note of the Report of the High-Level Roundtable on the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability Enforcement and compliance of chemicals legislation;
- took note of the phase 1 report on the Economic Analysis of the Impacts of the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability (Report for Cefic);
- took note of the transfers within the budget since last notification from the Executive Director;
- took note of the quarterly report on ECHA's activities;
- took note of the study on the Management Boards of the Decentralised Agencies;
- took note of follow-up of discharge recommendations 2019 requested by the European Parliament Committee on Budgetary control;
- took note of the positive outcome of its Written Procedure MB/WP/03/2021 and
- took note of its planned meeting dates for 2022 and 2023.

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