

PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS

**67TH MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
29 SEPTEMBER 2022, REMOTE**

1. Election of the Chair of the Management Board

Paul Krajnik, the Austrian Board member, was reappointed as the Management Board Chair, for a second term of office of two years, starting from 1 October 2022.

2. Appointment of the Executive Director

The Management Board concluded the appointment of Dr Sharon McGuinness as ECHA's next Executive Director. Dr McGuinness' initial five-year term as ECHA's Executive Director will commence on 1 December 2022.

The Management Board selected Dr McGuinness for this position on 22 June 2022. She was afterwards invited to make a statement before the European Parliament Committee for Environment, Public Health and Food Safety on 4 July 2022, and answered questions from Members of the Parliament. The President of the European Parliament subsequently informed the Management Board that the Parliament endorses the appointment.

The Management Board warmly thanked ECHA's Acting Executive Director, Mr Shay O'Malley, for his valued work since 1 April 2022 until December 2022, which has ensured continuity of ECHA's operations.

3. Appointment of Committee Members

The Management Board appointed a new member (PIÑA Benjamin) and reappointed a member (UŽOMECKAS Žilvinas) for the Committee for Risk-Assessment (RAC).

4. ECHA finances

The Management Board adopted the second amending budget for 2022, including the corresponding amendment of the procurement plan; and took note of the budget transfers carried out under the responsibility of the Acting Executive Director since the last notification. The amendments reflect the review of the expenditure needs and fee income estimates, taking account of the latest information available.

5. ECHA Programming

The Management Board held an orientation debate to prepare the update of the ECHA Programming Document 2023-2026 and, more generally, reflect on the Agency's objectives and priority outputs for 2023-2024. The Secretariat will reflect the steer received in its draft Work Programme 2023 and will submit it to the Management Board for written consultation in October 2022, with a view towards a Management Board adoption in December 2022.

6. Other topics

The Management Board

- took note of the Quarterly Report on ECHA's activities;
- took note of a presentation from a member representing the European Commission on the *Call for evidence* on the proposal for the ECHA basic regulation;
- took note of a report from its Subgroups Finance, Audit and Risks and Strategy, Planning and Implementation;
- took note of an update on ECHA's approach for the promotion of alternative methods to animal testing;
- held its annual exchange of views with the Chair of the Forum for Enforcement;
- exchanged views about the periodic review of its Subgroups and adopted the revised composition thereof, and
- took note of the Secretariat's report on the follow-up to the 2020 Discharge recommendations.
