

Matter for Decision: Appointment of Committee members

Meeting of the Management Board 16-17 December 2014, Rome

Item	10.1
Action	For decision
Status	Final - Public

Proposal

The Management Board is invited to appoint new nominees for the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) and the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC) membership and to renew the 3-year terms of RAC and SEAC members.

- **RAC**
The Management Board appoints three new candidates nominated by Austria, Cyprus and Germany. The Austrian nomination will replace one of the two current Austrian members. In addition, two members have been re-nominated for a further term. RAC will then have 45 members.
- **SEAC**
The Management Board appoints five new candidates nominated by Croatia, Czech Republic, Latvia and United Kingdom. Additionally, one member is re-nominated for a further term. If the Management Board (re)appoints these members, SEAC will then have 37 members.

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 candidates, Member States were asked to make their nominations in accordance with the eligibility criteria adopted by the Management Board at its 31st Meeting on 26-27 September 2013.

A letter dated on 30 September 2014 was sent by the Secretariat to those Member State Permanent Representations which are due to (re-)nominate candidates to membership of RAC and SEAC. Member States were asked for written commitment (see nomination forms attached) 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.

Rationale

New candidates for RAC membership

Three Member States have nominated the following new candidates:

Austria HÖLZL Christine

The nominee Christine Hölzl holds a PhD in nutritional sciences. She is currently employed as a regulatory toxicologist at the Environment Agency in Austria. Her main fields of in-depth expertise are related to human health. The expertise of the proposed nominee is in line with the RAC needs and her declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern, making her eligible for membership of the Committee.

Cyprus KALOGIROU Andreas

The nominee Andreas Kalogirou holds a PhD degree in organic chemistry. He is currently engaged in post-doctoral studies in organic chemistry at the University of Cyprus, working on the synthesis of oligomeric organic molecules for uses in organic photovoltaics. His main field of in-depth expertise is related to chemistry. While the nominee does not have direct regulatory experience, his main fields of expertise, especially in relation to chemistry, are in line with RAC needs. Furthermore, the Secretariat can provide him some training relevant to RAC activities to support the members to complement his capacity as Committee member. His declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern, making him eligible for membership of the Committee.

Germany STAHLMANN Ralf

The nominee Prof. Dr Ralf Stahlmann is a physician and pharmacist, former Director of the Institute of Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology at the Free University of Berlin. He is specialist in pharmacology and toxicology and is currently employed as the Head of the Master degree-program in toxicology at *Charité – Universitätsmedizin* Berlin. His main fields of in-depth expertise are related to reproductive toxicity and immunotoxicity. The expertise of the proposed nominee is in line with the RAC needs and his declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern, making him eligible for membership of the Committee.

New candidates for SEAC membership

Four Member States have nominated the following new candidates:

Croatia KAJIĆ Silva

The nominee Silva Kajić is employed at the Croatian Ministry of Health, in the Directorate of Sanitary Inspection. Her main fields of expertise are related to methodologies on socio-economic analysis and assessing costs and benefits. The expertise of the proposed nominee is in line with the SEAC needs and her declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern, making her eligible for membership of the Committee.

Czech Republic PÍŠKOVÁ Martina

The nominee Martina Pišková is employed at the Ministry of the Environment of Czech Republic. She holds a Master in Chemical Engineering. Her main fields of expertise are related to methodologies on socio-economic analysis, assessing costs and benefits as well as in risk management measures related to environment. The expertise of the proposed nominee is in line with the SEAC needs and her declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern, making her eligible for membership of the Committee.

Latvia BERGS Ivars

The nominee Ivars Bergs is partner and senior economic consultant with Laurus Konsultātjas Ltd., a company working mainly with infrastructure projects. He holds an MSc in Economics. His fields of expertise are related to methodologies on socio-economic analysis and more specifically in cost-benefit analysis. The expertise of the proposed nominee is in line with the SEAC needs and his declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern, making him eligible for membership of the Committee.

Latvia LOČS Jānis

The nominee Jānis Ločs is an Associated Professor at the Riga Technical University. He holds an MSc and a PhD in Material science. His fields of expertise in socio-economic analysis are related to availability of alternatives and more specifically on technical feasibility and future trends in the development of alternatives. The expertise of the proposed nominee is in line with the SEAC needs and his declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern, making him eligible for membership of the Committee.

United Kingdom DOUGHERTY Gary

The nominee Gary Dougherty is a senior regulatory scientist at the UK Health & Safety Executive. He holds an MSc in Surface Science & Catalysis and a PhD in Chemistry. His fields of expertise in socio-economic analysis are related to availability of alternatives and more specifically on technical feasibility of alternatives and in cross cutting issues on the knowledge of the requirements of titles VII and VIII of REACH and its provisions and tools, such as exposure scenarios. The expertise of the proposed nominee is in line with the SEAC needs and his declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern, making him eligible for membership of the Committee. Mr Dougherty is also a member of the Member State Committee.

Candidates for renewal of RAC membership

The following two Member States proposed the renewal of the membership of RAC members whose 3-year term will expire in the period 1 January – 30 June 2015. If their renewal is decided by the Management Board, the new term of these members will start on the day after the expiry date of their current term of office, as indicated below:

MS	RAC member	Expiry date of the current 3-year term
Austria	Sonja KAPELARI	20 May 2015
Czech Republic	Marian RUCKI	25 June 2015

These RAC members are experts with proven expertise in different areas relevant for the work of RAC and have made valuable contributions to the Committee during their previous period of memberships. The declarations of interests of these members raise no issues regarding their eligibility for membership.

Candidates for renewal of SEAC membership

The following Member State proposed the renewal of the membership of SEAC member whose 3-years term will expire in the period 14 December 2014 – 30 June 2015. If his renewal is decided by the Management Board, the new term of this member will start on the day of the appointment.

MS	SEAC member	Expiry date of the current 3-year term
Portugal	João Henrique ALEXANDRE	14 December 2014

This SEAC member is expert with proven expertise in different areas relevant for the work of SEAC and has made valuable contributions to the Committee during his previous period of membership. The declaration of interest of the member raises no issues regarding his eligibility for membership.

Alternative options considered

The Management Board could decide to not appoint or re-nominate a second member nominated by a given Member State. This may reduce the costs for future Committee meetings because of less travel and accommodation costs. However, this would be detrimental to the efforts to strengthen the capacity of the Committees for coping with their high workload¹. It would also weaken the expertise available to the Committee.

Drawbacks

The only visible disadvantage of the proposal lies in the costs related to reimbursement of members. However, the Committees need additional expertise and this outweighs these costs by far.

Attachments:

- Annex 1 Envisaged composition of RAC and SEAC after the MB 36
- Annex 2 Support documents² for João ALEXANDRE_Renewal_PT_SEAC
- Annex 3 Support documents for Sonja KAPELARI_Renewal_AT_RAC
- Annex 4 Support documents for Marian RUCKI_Renewal_CZ_RAC
- Annex 5 Support documents for Christine HÖLZL_Nomination_AT_RAC
- Annex 6 Support documents for Andreas KALOGIROU_Nomination_CY_RAC
- Annex 7 Support documents for Ralf STAHLMANN_Nomination_DE_RAC
- Annex 8 Support documents for Silva KAJIĆ_Nomination_HR_SEAC
- Annex 9 Support documents for Martina PÍŠKOVÁ_Nomination_CZ_SEAC
- Annex 10 Support documents for Ivars BERGS_Nomination_LV_SEAC
- Annex 11 Support documents for Jānis LOČS_Nomination_LV_SEAC
- Annex 12 Support documents for Gary DOUGHERTY_Nomination_UK_SEAC

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¹ Cf agenda point 10.2

² Support documents include nominee´s (re-)nomination letter, nomination form, CV, declaration of interests (DoI) and expertise grid.

Annex 1
**Envisaged composition of the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) after
 the 16-17 December 2014 Management Board Meeting (MB-36)**

	Nominated by	Nominee's name
1.	Austria	HÖLZL Christine
2.	Austria	KAPELARI Sonja
3.	Belgium	KORATI Safia
4.	Croatia	VARNAI Veda Marija
5.	Czech Republic	RUCKI Marian
6.	Cyprus	KALOGIROU Andreas
7.	Denmark	JENSEN Frank
8.	Denmark	SØRENSEN Hammer Peter
9.	Estonia	SCHLÜTER Urs
10.	Finland	LEINONEN Riitta
11.	Finland	SANTONEN Tiina
12.	France	PASQUIER Elodie
13.	France	VIVIER Stéphanie
14.	Germany	RUPPRICH Norbert
15.	Germany	STAHLMANN Ralf
16.	Greece	SPETSERIS Nikolaos
17.	Greece	TSITSIMPIKOU Christina
18.	Hungary	BIRÓ Anna
19.	Hungary	GRUIZ Katalin
20.	Ireland	MURRAY Brendan
21.	Ireland	MULLOOLY Yvonne
22.	Italy	Di PROSPERO Fanghella Paola
23.	Italy	PARIS Pietro
24.	Latvia	KADIKIS Normunds
25.	Latvia	STASKO Jolanta
26.	Lithuania	DUNAUSKIENE Lina
27.	Lithuania	UZOMECKAS Zilvinas
28.	Luxembourg	NEUMANN Michael
29.	Luxembourg	STOLZENBERG Hans-Christian
30.	Netherlands	HAKKERT Betty
31.	Netherlands	PRONK Marja
32.	Norway	BJØRGE Christine
33.	Poland	BARANSKI Boguslaw
34.	Poland	CZERCZAK Slawomir
35.	Portugal	CARVALHO João
36.	Romania	BRANISTEANU Radu
37.	Romania	ILIE Mihaela
38.	Slovenia	MENARD SRPČIČ Anja
39.	Slovenia	SCHULTE Agnes
40.	Spain	SOGORB Miguel
41.	Spain	TADEO José Luis
42.	Sweden	GUSTAFSON Anne-Lee
43.	Sweden	LUND Bert-Ove
44.	United Kingdom	DUNGEY Stephen
45.	United Kingdom	SMITH Andrew

Envisaged composition of the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC) after the 16-17 December 2014 Management Board Meeting (MB-36)

	Nominated by	Nominee's name
1.	Austria	FANKHAUSER Simone
2.	Austria	KNOFLACH Georg
3.	Belgium	COGEN Simon
4.	Belgium	DANTINNE Catheline
5.	Bulgaria	STOYANOVA-LAZAROVA Elina Velinova
6.	Croatia	KAJIĆ Silva
7.	Cyprus	BOUSTRAS Georgios
8.	Cyprus	NICOLAIDES Leandros
9.	Czech Republic	BENDL Jiri
10.	Czech Republic	PÍŠKOVÁ Martina
11.	Denmark	FOCK Lars
12.	Finland	KIISKI Johanna
13.	France	BRIGNON Jean-Marc
14.	France	FIORE-TARDIEU Karine
15.	Germany	SIMON Franz-Georg
16.	Germany	THIELE Karen
17.	Greece	ALEXANDROPOULOU Ionna
18.	Greece	MEXA Alexandra
19.	Hungary	SCHUCHTÁR Endre
20.	Hungary	PALOTAI Zoltan
21.	Ireland	DALTON Marie
22.	Italy	D'AMICO Flaviano
23.	Italy	GRANDI Silvia
24.	Latvia	BERGS Ivars
25.	Latvia	LOČS Jānis
26.	Lithuania	GOLOVACIOVA Ilona
27.	Lithuania	SMILGIUS Tomas
28.	Netherlands	LUTTIKHUIZEN Cees
29.	Norway	SLETTEN Thea Marcelia
30.	Portugal	ALEXANDRE João
31.	Romania	CSERGO Robert
32.	Slovenia	FURLAN Janez
33.	Slovenia	KRAJNC Karmen
34.	Spain	NARROS Adolfo
35.	Sweden	THORS Åsa
36.	United Kingdom	DOUGHERTY Gary
37.	United Kingdom	GEORGIU Stavros