

Appointment of Committee members¹

69th Meeting of the Management Board 30 March 2023

Proposal

- The Management Board is invited to appoint two new candidates and to renew the mandate of three current members for the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC).

If the Management Board appoints these members, RAC will have **43 members** (not including 5 co-opted members; see Annex 1a).

- The Management Board is invited to appoint two new candidates for the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC).

If the Management Board appoints this member, SEAC will have **34 members** (not including 4 co-opted members; see Annex 1b).

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. Furthermore, 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 March 2022.

A letter dated 3 October 2022 was sent by the Secretariat to those Member State Permanent Representations which are due to (re-)nominate candidates for membership of RAC and SEAC. The attached nominations were received since the December 2022 Management Board.

Member States were asked for written commitment to provide adequate scientific and technical resources to the nominated member and to enable them to use at least 50% of their working time for this task. A commitment to provide such support has been received from the Member States for all the nominees (see Annex 2-3).

In addition to the review of their CV and other nomination information by the Committee 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.

¹ In REV1 the RAC nomination of Urs SCHLÜTER was corrected (in the document version of 15 March 2023 he was erroneously listed as a renewal of membership).

Rationale

There are two new nominations for the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC).

MS	Nominated RAC member	Feedback from the RAC Chair
CY	CHRISTODOULOU Sotirios	Dr Christodoulou was interviewed by the RAC Chair on 3 March. He has a PhD in chemistry and is specialised in nano materials. He works as a lecturer in Inorganic Chemistry at the Inorganic Nanocrystals Laboratory of the University of Cyprus. He can offer specialised expertise not currently available in RAC and will focus on CLH. His declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern and he has confirmed his availability.
DE	SCHLÜTER Urs	Dr Schlüter is specialised in worker exposure assessment and is employed at BauA. Previously nominated by Estonia, he has been a RAC member since 2011 and has provided a strong and consistent contribution as rapporteur on Authorisation and Restriction dossiers. His declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern and he has confirmed his availability.

Candidates for renewal of RAC membership

Three Member States proposed the renewal of the membership of the following RAC members whose 3-year term will expire in the period 1 January – 30 June 2023. If the renewals are approved 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 current 3-year term	Feedback from the RAC Chair
IT	AQUILINA Gabriele	21/06/2023	Dr Aquilina has been a RAC member since 2017. He has contributed as rapporteur on CLH dossiers. He was interviewed by the Chair on 19 October 2022. His declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern and he has confirmed his availability.
LU	NEUMANN Michael	16/06/2023	Dr Neumann has been a RAC member since 2014. He has provided a strong and consistent contribution as rapporteur on the environmental part of restriction and CLH dossiers. His declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern and he has confirmed his availability.

PL	BARANSKI Boguslaw	18/06/2023	Dr Baranski has been a RAC member since June 2008. He has provided a strong and consistent contribution as rapporteur on the human health parts of CLP dossiers and on restrictions. He was interviewed by the Chair on 19 October 2022. His declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern and he has confirmed his availability.
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New candidates for SEAC membership

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

MS	Nominated SEAC member	Feedback from the SEAC Chair
HR	ŽELJEŽIĆ Davor	Dr Zeljezic is employed as a professor at the University of Rijeka, and was employed as Deputy Director at the Croatian Institute for Medical Research and Occupational Health till 2016, since which time he has been also working for them as a consultant. His PhD is in toxicology, and through his work he has developed expertise in areas of interest to SEAC, such as analysis of alternatives and substitution. He also has substantial experience in scientific committee work, having been Deputy Chair of the Scientific Committee at his institute, as well as a RAC member between 2018-2021. He was interviewed by the Chair on 2 February 2023 and provided assurance of his availability for the work. His declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern.
HU	TÓKÉS Gábor	Dr Tőkés was the Deputy Director of the Hungarian National Food Chain Safety Office and Head of the Authorisation Department for Plant Protection Products and Yield Enhancers until 2021. Since then, he has been self-employed as a consultant, advising companies on areas unrelated to the work of SEAC (so there are no concerns regarding conflict of interest). His academic background is as a chemist, and he has experience in risk regulation and in work at EU working group level, and his profile would fit SEAC's work on analysis of alternatives. The SEAC chair interviewed him on 23 February 2023, and he confirmed his availability.

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 proved 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 sole potential disadvantage of the proposal lies in the costs related to reimbursement of members. The benefits of the additional expertise outweigh these costs.

Attachments

- Annex 1a – b: Envisaged composition of the RAC and SEAC after MB-69
- Annex 2: MB69_2023_New nomination_RAC_CY
- Annex 3: MB69_2023_New nomination_RAC_DE
- Annex 4: MB69_2023_Renomination_RAC_IT
- Annex 5: MB69_2023_Renomination_RAC_LU
- Annex 6: MB69_2023_Renomination_RAC_PL
- Annex 7: MB69_2023_New nomination_SEAC_HR
- Annex 8: MB69_2023_New nomination_SEAC_HU

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Annex 1a - Envisaged composition of the Committee for Risk Assessment after the 30 March 2023 Management Board meeting (MB69)

Nominated by	Nominee's name
1 Austria	FACCHIN Manuel
2 Austria	LOSERT Annemarie
3 Belgium	RODRIGUEZ-GONZALEZ Wendy
4 Bulgaria	KARADJOVA Iriņa
5 Croatia	MENDAŠ STARČEVIĆ Gordana
6 Croatia	VARNAI Veda
7 Cyprus	CHRISTODOULOU Sotirios
8 Czech Republic	MARTÍNEK Michal
9 Denmark	SØRENSEN Hammer Peter
10 Denmark	TOBIASSEN Lea Stine
11 Estonia	MOLDOV Raili
12 Germany	SCHLUTER Urs
13 Finland	LEINONEN Riitta
14 Finland	SANTONEN Tiina
15 France	ANGELI Karine
16 France	GEOFFROY Laure
17 Greece	SPETSERIS Nikolaos
18 Greece	TSITSIMPIKOU Christina
19 Hungary	BIRÓ Anna
20 Ireland	DOAK Malcolm
21 Ireland	MURRAY Brendan
22 Italy	AQUILINA Gabriele
23 Italy	ESPOSITO Dania
24 Latvia	BROVKINA Julija
25 Latvia	KADIKIS Normunds
26 Lithuania	UŽOMECKAS Žilvinas
27 Luxembourg	MOELLER Ruth
28 Luxembourg	NEUMANN Michael
29 Netherlands	HAKKERT Betty
30 Netherlands	SCHUUR Gerlienke
31 Norway	RAKKESTAD Kirsten Eline
32 Norway	TEKPLI Nina
33 Poland	BARAŃSKI Bogusław
34 Poland	PĘCZKOWSKA Beata
35 Portugal	VIEGAS Susana
36 Romania	DOCEA Anca Oana
37 Romania	PRIBU Mihaela
38 Slovenia	MENARD SRPČIČ Anja
39 Slovenia	SCHULTE Agnes
40 Spain	FERNANDEZ Mariana
41 Spain	PIÑA Benjamin
42 Sweden	LUND Bert-Ove
43 Sweden	MOHAMMED Iftekhar Ali
44 co-opted member	CHIURTU Elena
45 co-opted member	DEVILLER Geneviève
46 co-opted member	GINNITY Bridget
47 co-opted member	HARTWIG Andrea
48 co-opted member	VAN DER HAAR Rudolf

**Annex 1b - Envisaged composition of the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis
after the 30 March 2023 Management Board meeting (MB69)**

Nominated by	Nominee's name
1 Austria	FANKHAUSER Simone
2 Belgium	COGEN Simon
3 Belgium	PIÑEROS GARCET Juan
4 Bulgaria	NIKOVA Julieta
5 Croatia	ŽELJEŽIĆ Davor
6 Cyprus	ANASTASIOU Christos
7 Cyprus	ARGYROPOULOS Christos
8 Denmark	SVOSTRUP PETERSEN Ida
9 Estonia	LUEDEKE Andreas
10 Finland	KIISKI Johanna
11 France	BRIGNON Jean-Marc
12 France	JOMINI Stéphane
13 Germany	BÜCKER Michael
14 Germany	THIELE Karen
15 Greece	SOFIKITI Nikoletta
16 Hungary	TÓKÉS Gábor
17 Ireland	LEAHY Eimear
18 Italy	CASTELLI Stefano
19 Italy	REALE Priscilla
20 Latvia	BERGS Ivars
21 Latvia	GAIDUKOVŠ Sergejs
22 Lithuania	RUZGYS Karolis
23 Luxembourg	FREUDENTHAL Oona
24 Netherlands	JANSSEN Martien
25 Netherlands	GABBERT Silke
26 Norway	MÅGE Marit
27 Poland	DOMINIAK Dorota
28 Portugal	SERRA Alexandra
29 Slovenia	DOLENC Darko
30 Slovenia	ISKRA Jernej
31 Spain	GRACIA FERNÁNDEZ Ignacio
32 Spain	RODRIGUEZ HERNANDEZ Manuel
33 Sweden	TURVEY Alex
34 Sweden	JOYCE John
34 Co-opted member	ROUW Aart
35 Co-opted member	JONES Derrick
36 Co-opted member	SPITERI Jonathan
37 Co-opted member	CAVALIERI Luisa