

Appointment of Committee members

53rd Meeting of the Management Board 28-29 March 2019

Proposal

The Management Board is invited to appoint 1 candidate for the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) and 1 candidate for the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC) membership.

If the Management Board appoints these members, RAC will have 58 members (including 5 co-opted members) and SEAC will have 39 members (including 5 co-opted members). For RAC, a larger than normal number of resignations of regular members (up to 7) are expected in 2019, bringing this total down again, as renewals may not take place or can be delayed.

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 adopted by the Management Board at its 31st Meeting on 26-27 September 2013. The Management Board then adopted ECHA's revised policy for the Prevention and Management of potential Conflicts of Interest on 25 February 2019, which includes a revised set of eligibility criteria. The Chairmen of the committees reviewed the candidates' declarations and assessed their eligibility against this new set of criteria. They confirmed that the candidates fulfil the criteria.

A letter dated 12 October 2018 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 nominations attached were submitted too late for consideration by the December Management Board.

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.

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

In fairness to the members, the Chairmen should review the whole period integrally and take account of the contribution of Member's advisors 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 Chairmen, 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 foregoing is generally not sufficient to convincingly support a 50% contribution.

While upholding the required 50% contribution, the Chairmen 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

New candidates for RAC membership

There is one new nomination for the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC).

MS	Nominated RAC member
Latvia	BROVKINA Julija

The nominee Julija BROVKINA is employed as an 'Expert-chemist' at the Latvian Environment, Geology and Meteorology Centre in Riga. Ms Brovkina has a Ph.D. in chemical engineering and her main area of expertise is in environmental chemistry. She was interviewed by the Committee Chairman on 14 January and confirmed her availability. She is also a member of the ECHA Biocidal Products Committee. The expertise of the proposed nominee is relevant for current RAC needs, in particular the oncoming peak in authorisations and her declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern, making her eligible for membership of the Committee.

New candidates for SEAC membership

There is one new nomination for the Socio-Economic Analysis Committee (SEAC).

MS	Nominated SEAC member
Lithuania	VASILIUNE Zieduna

The nominee Ms Zieduna VASILIUNE is employed by the Lithuanian Environmental Protection Agency as Chief specialist of chemical substances. Ms Vasilune's main areas of expertise is in chemical engineering and risk management of chemicals. She has been interviewed by the Committee Chairman on 17 January and she confirmed her availability. The MS CA has also confirmed the availability of technical support. The expertise of the proposed nominee is relevant for current SEAC needs and 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.

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Attachments:

- Annex 1a – b: Envisaged composition of the RAC and SEAC after MB 53
- Annex 2: BROVKINA_Nomination_RAC
- Annex 3: VASILIONE_Nomination_SEAC

**Annex 1a - Envisaged composition of the Committee for Risk Assessment after
the 28-29 March Management Board Meeting (MB-53)**

	Nominated by	Nominee's name
1	Austria	KAPELARI Sonja
2	Austria	LOSERT Annemarie
3	Belgium	SÉBA Julie
4	Bulgaria	CHANKOVA-PETROVA Stephka
5	Bulgaria	KARADJOVA Irina
6	Croatia	VARNAI Veda
7	Croatia	ZELJEZIC Davor
8	Cyprus	AGAPIOU Agapios
9	Cyprus	ANDREOU Kostas
10	Czech Republic	MARTÍNEK Michal
11	Czech Republic	RUCKI Marian
12	Denmark	SØRENSEN Hammer Peter
13	Denmark	TOBIASSEN Lea Stine
14	Estonia	SCHLÜTER Urs
15	Estonia	MOLDOV Raili
16	Finland	LEINONEN Riitta
17	Finland	SANTONEN Tiina
18	France	PRINTEMPS Nathalie
19	France	GEOFFROY Laure
20	Germany	DOBREV Ivan
21	Germany	STAHLMANN Ralf
22	Greece	SPETSERIS Nikolaos
23	Greece	TSITSIMPIKOU Christina
24	Hungary	BIRÓ Anna
25	Hungary	GRUIZ Katalin
26	Ireland	MULLOOLY Yvonne
27	Ireland	MURRAY Brendan
28	Italy	AQUILINA Gabriele
29	Italy	PARIS Pietro
30	Latvia	BROVKINA Julija
31	Latvia	KADIKIS Normunds
32	Lithuania	DUNAUSKIENE Lina
33	Lithuania	UŽOMECKAS Žilvinas
34	Luxembourg	MOELLER Ruth
35	Luxembourg	NEUMANN Michael
36	Netherlands	HAKKERT Betty
37	Netherlands	PRONK Marja
38	Norway	BJØRGE Christine
39	Norway	HUSA Stine
40	Poland	BARAŃSKI Bogusław
41	Poland	CZERCZAK Slawomir
42	Portugal	CARVALHO João
43	Romania	ILIE Mihaela
44	Romania	PRIBU Mihaela
45	Slovakia	POLAKOVICOVA Helena
46	Slovenia	MENARD SRPČIČ Anja
47	Slovenia	SCHULTE Agnes
48	Spain	SOGORB Miguel A.
49	Spain	DE LA FLOR TEJERO Ignacio
50	Sweden	BORG Daniel

51	Sweden	LUND Bert-Ove
52	United Kingdom	DUNGEY Stephen
53	United Kingdom	SMITH Andrew
54	co-opted member	BRANISTEANU Radu
55	co-opted member	CHIURTU Elena-Ruxandra
56	co-opted member	HARTWIG Andrea
57	co-opted member	HEEDERIK Dick
58	co-opted member	VAN DER HAAR Rudolf

Annex 1b - Envisaged composition of the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis after the 28-29 March Management Board Meeting (MB-53)

	Nominated by	Nominee's name
1	Austria	FANKHAUSER Simone
2	Austria	KNOFLACH Georg
3	Belgium	COGEN Simon
4	Belgium	DELCOURT Benjamin
5	Bulgaria	STOYANOVA-LAZAROVA Elina Velinova
6	Croatia	KAJIĆ Silva
7	Cyprus	ANASTASIOU Christos
8	Czech Republic	BLAHA Karel
9	Denmark	FOCK Lars
10	Estonia	LÜDEKE Andreas
11	Finland	KIISKI Johanna
12	France	BRIGNON Jean-Marc
13	France	FIGURE-TARDIEU Karine
14	Germany	URBAN Klaus
15	Germany	THIELE Karen
16	Hungary	SCHUCHTÁR Endre
17	Ireland	LEAHY Eimear
18	Italy	CASTELLI Stefano
19	Italy	CAVALIERI Luisa
20	Latvia	BERGS Ivars
21	Latvia	LOČS Jānis
22	Lithuania	RUZGYS Karolis
23	Lithuania	VASILIUNE Zieduna
24	Netherlands	LUIT Richard
25	Netherlands	JANSSEN Martinus
26	Poland	DOMINIĄK Dorota
27	Portugal	ALEXANDRE João
28	Romania	ZAMFIR Adrian Stefan
29	Slovenia	KRAJNC Karmen
30	Spain	NARROS Adolfo
31	Sweden	FORKMAN Mats
32	Sweden	JANS Jenny
33	United Kingdom	DOUGHERTY Gary
34	United Kingdom	GEORGIOU Stavros
35	Co-opted member	RONKAINEN Dora
36	Co-opted member	SHAKHRAMANYAN Nikolinka
37	Co-opted member	ROUW Aart
38	Co-opted member	JOYCE John
39	Co-opted member	JONES Derrick