

PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS

**53RD MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
28-29 MARCH 2019, HELSINKI**

1. Election of the Management Board Deputy Chairman

Mr Paul KRAJNIK, the Austrian Board member was unanimously elected as Deputy Chair, for his first term of office of two years, starting from 1 June 2019. Mr Krajnik replaces Mr Henrik LARSEN, the Danish Board member, whose second and final term in ECHA's Management Board is ending on 31 May 2019.

2. General Report 2018

The Management Board adopted the General Report 2018. Some amendments were agreed, which the Secretariat will reflect in the final document. The report will be submitted to the Member States, the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission, the European Economic and Social Committee, and the Court of Auditors, and will be published.

3. Assessment of the Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2018

The Management Board took note of the Executive Director's Consolidated Annual Activity Report for 2018 and adopted its assessment of this report. It was agreed to include an additional recommendation in the assessment, concerning assessing applications for authorisations and drafting of opinions. The final assessment includes 12 recommendations for 2019. The report and the assessment will be sent to the Court of Auditors, the European Parliament, and the Commission by 1 July 2019.

4. Work Programme implementation

The Management Board took note of an update from the Secretariat on dossier evaluation and endorsed the Secretariat's intention to make the necessary additional resources available to **improve REACH registration dossier compliance and quality**, in particular by implementing the REACH Evaluation Joint Action Plan, which will be developed with the Commission.

The Management Board took note of an update on the Agency's new tasks and in particular on the resourcing of its tasks under the **Waste Framework Directive (WFD)**. In this context, the Management Board approved the adaptation of the Agency's draft estimate of revenue and expenditure 2020 to accommodate the human and financial resource needs necessary for carrying out these tasks. The adaptation will increase ECHA's financial and human resources request under Titles 1, 2 and 5 within the PIC and POPs line for 2020 by EUR 2.442 million and 8 FTEs.

The Management Board also approved the submission of a **technical version of the Programming Document 2020-2022** to the Commission in order to facilitate the provision of its opinion on the draft work programme 2020.

5. ECHA Committees

The Management Board adopted revisions updating the **Rules of Procedure for RAC and SEAC** concerning lowering the quorum from at least 60% to at least 50%, necessary for a meeting and necessary for the adoption of opinions in written procedure.

The Management Board **appointed** one new member for RAC (Ms Julija BROVKINA) and one for SEAC (Ms Zieduna VASILIUNE).

The Management Board also took note of the **second annual report from the ECHA committees** (RAC, SEAC, MSC and BPC). The report included information on the committees' workload, expertise needs, as well as on the level of engagement of their members.

6. ECHA's transparency approach – update on actions for 2019-2020

The Management Board took note of a report on the actions undertaken in 2017-2018 to improve transparency of the Agency's work and endorsed actions for 2019-2020 for continual improvement. In order to improve its transparency, the Agency will in the next two years in particular focus on further developing the dissemination of information on chemicals and on practising open communication and participatory decision making.

7. Poison Centre Notification Portal security model

The Management Board amended its decision No 37/2018 on the scope of application of the ECHA Unified Security Declaration, in order to include the Poison Centre Notification Portal (PCNP) in the list of tools covered by that decision. The Management Board also endorsed tailored security requirements for Poison Centre Appointed Bodies accessing this notification portal.

8. Ad hoc Management Board Working Group on the EP Resolution on sodium dichromate

The Management Board took note of a background document prepared by the Secretariat on the progress of the ad hoc Working Group. It was noted that the group in the time allotted, did not manage to arrive at conclusions or recommendations. Therefore, one further meeting will be scheduled, to receive a report from ECHA on the steps proposed or taken to improve the AfA process and the quality of opinions in line with the principles set out in the recent General Court judgment on lead chromates and to further work on its conclusions and recommendations. The ad hoc group will provide its report to the June Management Board meeting.

9. Board of Appeal

The Management Board heard a report from its Working Group on Board of Appeal and an update on the Chairman selection from the selection group. The Management Board also adopted a decision on a staff matter and held an exchange of views on the implementation of certain audit recommendations.

The Management Board also took note of the final report of the Board of Appeal Chairman, whose second and final mandate ends on 15 April 2019. Board members warmly thanked Ms Mercedes ORTUÑO for her service.

10. Other topics

- The Management Board decided to hold an extraordinary meeting in Brussels in April, in order to appoint the Chairman of the Board of Appeal.
- The Management Board heard the quarterly report on ECHA's progress in implementing the 2019 Work Programme.
- The Management Board took note of the annual report from the Advisory Committee on Conflict of Interests.

- The Management Board took note of the budget transfers carried out under the responsibility of the Executive Director since the last notification in December 2018.
- The Management Board held an exchange of views of its own working methods and in particular on improving the functioning of its sub-groups.
- The Management Board took note of the positive outcome of the Written Procedures MB/WP/01-02/2019 on the revision of the Conflict of Interest policy and on the OEL related budget and programming document amendments.
- The Management Board took note of its updated rolling plan.
- The Management Board received a summary note from the Secretariat on the revised ECHA Policy for the Prevention and Management of potential Conflicts of Interest and in particular to the elements thereof pertaining to Board members.
- The Management Board thanked and bid farewell to a number of its members, whose mandate ends on 31 May 2019.
