

PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS

**56TH MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
12-13 DECEMBER 2019, HELSINKI**

1. ECHA Programming

The Management Board adopted the Programming Document (PD) 2020-2022, as well as its reply to the Commission's opinion on the draft PD. In connection to this PD, the Management Board took note of the 2020 IT Masterplan and, as part of the PD, adopted a new Integrated Management System Strategy and Framework, replacing the current Integrated Management Standards adopted in 2013¹. The final PD will be submitted to the Institutions, Member States and published on ECHA's website.

The Management Board also adopted the draft Programming Document 2021-2023, including the draft Work Programme 2021, pursuant to Article 78(b) of REACH. The draft PD will be submitted to the Commission, as the basis of ECHA's 2021 budget request.

In order to provide a better overview on continuous tasks and simplify the drafting process, the Secretariat continued its practice to merge the programming documents of two parallel planning cycles into a single document and the Management Board instructed the Secretariat to provide the relevant extract of the draft PD 2021-2023 to the Commission for its opinion.

The Management Board took note of an update on the development of ECHA's new tasks concerning the Drinking Water Directive².

2. ECHA Finance

Budget 2019

The Management Board adopted the third amending budget for 2019 and took note of the transfers carried out under the responsibility of the Executive Director since the last notification. The third amending budget was necessary to reflect the lowered expenditure levels, which are due to an unanticipated decrease in fee income.

Budget 2020

The Management Board adopted the final 2020 budget, establishment plan and procurement plan. ECHA's total expenditure budget for 2020 amounts to € 116.4 million. The subsidy requests and appropriations for REACH/CLP, Biocides, PIC/POPs and the Waste Framework Directive are aligned with the EU Budget 2020 ceilings and so are the foreseen staffing levels.

In addition, the Management Board held an exchange of views concerning ECHA's long-term resource outlook and, in particular, the challenges in ECHA's current financing model.

¹ Management Board Decision 36/2013.

² Quality of water intended for human consumption, recast COM(2017) 753 final.

3. ECHA Committees

The Management Board appointed SCHUUR Gerlienke (NL) and DOYLE Ian (UK) to the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC) and JOYCE John (SE) to the Committee for Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC). The Management Board also renewed the appointment of the following RAC members: SPETSERIS Nikolaos (GR), TSITSIMPIKOU Christina (GR), SANTONEN Tiina (FI), MURRAY Brendan (IE), NEUMANN Michael (LU), BARANSKI Boguslaw (PL), HAKKERT Betty (NL), SCHLÜTER Urs (EE), SMITH Andrew (UK) and the following SEAC members: ANASTASIOU Christos (CY), THIELE Karen (DE), KAJIC Silva (HR), BERGS Ivars (LV), LOCS Janis (LV), GEORGIU Stavros (UK). The renewal of mandates and the appointment of UK members is without prejudice to the UK withdrawal.

In addition, the Management Board adopted amendments to the Rules of Procedure of RAC and SEAC, concerning changes in the way committee meetings' minutes are agreed.

4. Board of Appeal

The Management Board appointed three alternate/additional Technically Qualified Members of the Board of Appeal (ATQMs). The appointment is conditional on the candidates' acceptance thereof and will be for a first, renewable term of five years. The Chairman of the BoA and the appointed ATQMs will be informed of the considerations of the Conflict of Interest Advisory Committee with regard to mitigation measures to ensure the independence of the BoA.

5. Management Board subgroups

The Management Board adopted Terms of Reference for its five standing subgroups (Strategy Planning and Implementation, Finance, Audit and Risk, Board of Appeal, Reporting Officers Executive Director, Reporting Officers BoA members) and authorised the Secretariat to reflect the necessary technical changes in the Management Board Code of Governance, Rules of Procedure and Operating Framework.

In this context, the Management Board appointed the members of two of its subgroups: The Reporting Officers for the Executive Director subgroup will be composed of Paul KRAJNIK, Sabine JULICHER and Alojz GRABNER. The Reporting Officers for the Board of Appeal members subgroup will be composed of Kestutis SADAUSKAS, Hans MEIJER and Oscar GONZALEZ SANCHEZ.

6. Security provisions for granting access to the Poison Centre Notification Portal

The Management Board adopted a revised decision on the adoption and scope of application of Unified Declarations of Commitment by a Competent Authority/Mandated National Institution/Designated National Authority of a Member State and the European Commission with respect to security aspects for ECHA's Information Systems. It was agreed that the deployment of the optional eDelivery service is subject to agreement of the Terms and Conditions applicable to this service. The Terms and Conditions will apply to all the authorities who make use of the service and will be jointly agreed between the ECHA Secretariat and this group of Member States.

7. Other topics

- The Management Board took note of a report from its Working Group on Audit and approved the annual work plan of the Internal Audit Capability (IAC) for 2020. The audit topics for 2020 will be a consultative audit on harmonised classification and labelling and applications for authorisation.
- The Management Board endorsed ECHA's revised approach for the development of guidance documents, replacing the Guidance Consultation Procedure endorsed in 2013³. It was agreed that the Management Board will be informed of the details of the revised procedure, as developed in ECHA's Quality documentation.
- The Management Board took note of the quarterly report on ECHA's activities.
- The Management Board took note of information on the new Commission priorities, as provided by its members representing Commission services (DG GROW, DG ENV and DG SANTE).
- The Management Board took note of information concerning ECHA's work on providing scientific opinions on OELs and heard an address in this context by Joost KORTE, the Director General of the Commission DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion.
- The Management Board took note of the progress of ECHA's future building project, as well as the removal, planned for 20 December 2019 - 6 January 2020.
- Pursuant to Article 7 of the Financial Regulation⁴, the Management Board took note of written information circulated by the Secretariat on the upcoming signature of three contribution agreements between the European Commission and ECHA.

³ Management Board document MB/63/2013.

⁴ Management Board Decision 30/2019.