

PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS

**59TH MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
24-25 SEPTEMBER 2020, REMOTE**

With the exception of the election of a new Chair, the conclusions reached in the meeting and referenced in these preliminary conclusions are subject to being formally confirmed in written procedures.

1. Election of the Chair of the Management Board

Mr Paul Krajnik, the Austrian Board member was elected as the new Management Board Chair, for a first term of office of two years, starting from 1 October 2020. Mr Krajnik succeeds Sharon McGuinness, the Irish Board member, who chaired the Management Board for two full terms.

2. ECHA Finances

The Management Board adopted the first amending budget for 2020. The budget amendment reflects the revised fee revenue estimate for REACH/CLP (decrease of € 7.0 million, to € 28.7 million) and for BPR (decrease of € 2.4 million, to € 2.2 million), together with the corresponding decrease in expenditure levels and, in case of BPR, increase in the EU contribution. The Management Board also took note of the budget transfers carried out under the responsibility of the Executive Director since the last notification.

The Management Board furthermore adopted a revised draft Decision on the financial arrangements for the transfer of a proportion of fees to Member States. The revised Decision will be submitted to the Commission for its opinion and, subject thereto, enter into force in 2021.

3. ECHA Programming

The Management Board held an orientation debate in order to prepare the update of the ECHA Programming Document 2021-2024 and more generally on the Agency's priorities for 2021-2027. The Secretariat will reflect the steer received in its draft Work Programme 2021, and will submit it to the Management Board for written consultation in October 2020, in view of a Management Board adoption in December 2020.

4. ECHA Committees

The Management Board appointed one new member (Wendy RODRIGUEZ-GONZALEZ, BE) for the Committee for Risk-Assessment (RAC) and one new member (Alex TURVEY, SE) for the Committee for Socio-Economic Analysis (SEAC).

The Management Board furthermore adopted a revised Decision on the remuneration of co-opted members and experts invited by the ECHA Committees or the Forum. The amendment brings the remuneration for attendance in virtual meetings to the same level as for attendance in physical meetings and raises the remuneration for attendance in meetings from EUR 300 to EUR 450 per full day of attendance.

5. Unified Declaration of Commitment with respect to security aspects for ECHA's Information systems

The Management Board adopted a revised decision on the scope of application of the ECHA Unified Declaration of Commitment, removing the Poison Centre Notification Portal (PCNP) from the list of tools covered by that decision. The terms and conditions under which ECHA provides services to Appointed Bodies will be covered in the future through a Service Level Agreement to be concluded between ECHA and the Appointed Bodies.

6. Board of Appeal

The Management Board adopted the revised composition of the selection group for the recruitment of the permanent and Alternate/Additional Legally Qualified Members, composed of Kestutis SADAUSKAS, Oscar GONZALEZ SANCHEZ and Sofia ZISI.

The Management Board decided that the Alternate Chairman of the Board of Appeal (BoA) may act also as Alternate Legally Qualified Member. The decision was taken as an exceptional measure to allow the BoA to process cases at a satisfactory rate and is applicable for a period of 12 months.

The Management Board furthermore adopted a revised Decision on the remuneration of alternate and additional members of the BoA. The revised decision raises the scale of remuneration for work related to appeal cases and for work related to alternate and additional members' participation and contributions at the annual meeting of the BoA by 50%.

7. Other topics

- The Management Board held its annual exchange of views with the Chair of the Forum for Enforcement.
- The Management Board took note of the updated status of implementation of the "REACH Review" actions.
- The Management Board took note of the Quarterly Report on ECHA's activities.
- The Management took note of the outcome of the survey on the remote Management Board meeting arrangements.
- The Management Board took note of the Secretariat's report on the follow-up to the 2018 budgetary discharge.¹
- The Management Board took note of the outcome of the Written Procedures launched to formally confirm the conclusions reached in its 58th meeting (MB/WP/15-26/2020).
- The Management Board will receive information on the main events organised in the context of ECHA's chairing role of the EU Agencies Network.

¹ European Parliament decision of 13 May 2020 on discharge in respect of the implementation of the budget of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) for the financial year 2018 (2019/2086(DEC)).