

# PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS

**61<sup>ST</sup> MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING  
25 MARCH 2021, REMOTE**

## 1. Annual Report 2020

The Management Board adopted ECHA's Annual Report for 2020. The report merges the General Report required by REACH and the Consolidated Annual Activity Report of the Executive Director. The full report will be published on ECHA's website and submitted to the Institutions and Member States as required.

## 2. Analysis and Assessment of the Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2020

The Management Board took note of the Executive Director's Consolidated Annual Activity Report for 2020, as part of the Annual Report, and discussed its assessment thereof, based on a proposal from the Management Board Subgroup Strategy, Planning and Implementation. The final assessment was adopted and will be published as part of the Annual Report.

## 3. Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability of the Commission: requests for support from ECHA and next steps

The Management Board took note of the status of the requests to support the implementation of the Commission's Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability, and the potential impact on ECHA's Programming Document 2021-2024.

The Management Board endorsed the Executive Director's proposal, i.e. that the Secretariat starts contributing to the Commission's work as requested without carrying out an ex ante analysis of what impact this potentially may have on the work programme estimates for 2021 and accept higher organisational risks. The Board asked the Executive Director to provide timely information on the progress, further requests, as well as on the organisational risks arising from this work, and seek guidance and steer from the Management Board.

## 4. Review of ECHA's Strategy 2019-2023

The Management Board agreed to conduct the review of ECHA's Strategy 2019-2023, with the purpose and ambition level put forward by the Chair. In this context, the Management Board established an ad hoc subgroup that will prepare the review, and provide proposals and recommendations to the Board.

## 5. ECHA Committees

The Management Board approved amendments to the Rules of Procedure of RAC, SEAC and the MSC. The amendments concern the process for the participation of stakeholder observers at committee meetings, as well as the duration of the term of co-opted members in RAC and SEAC.

The Management Board appointed three new members for SEAC (Ewa LIBERSKA, Sergejs GAIDUKOVŠ and Georgiana-Raluca LADARU) and renewed the mandate of one member (Dorota DOMINIĄK).

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

## 6. Revision of the ECHA Procedure for Prevention and management of potential conflicts of interest

---

The Management Board adopted a revision of the ECHA Procedure for the Prevention and management of potential conflicts of interest. The revision concerns the generic exclusion criteria contained in the procedure. The revised procedure will be published on ECHA's website.

## 7. Other topics

---

- The Management Board adopted the revised composition of its subgroups. The composition will be published on ECHA's website.
- The Management Board took note of the Quarterly Report on ECHA's activities.
- The Management Board took note of the status of implementation of the actions aimed at improving the authorisation process. Board members also took note of the approach to implement changes to the SEAC opinion format, following a request from the Commission received in November 2020. The Secretariat will provide further information in the 62<sup>nd</sup> Management Board meeting.
- The Management Board took note of the Secretariat's draft report under REACH Article 117(2). The draft report is open to written input from Board members by 31 March 2021.
- The Management Board took note of the transfers within the budget since the last notification.
- The Management Board took note of the update of the Management Board Rolling Plan 2021-2023.
- The Management Board took note of a technical update to the Programming Document 2021-2024.

\*\*\*\*\*