

# PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS

**EXTRAORDINARY MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING  
19 JANUARY 2022, VIA REMOTE CONNECTION**

## 1. Appointment of an acting Executive Director

The Management Board appointed the longest serving senior manager, Shay O'MALLEY, as ECHA's acting Executive Director, as of 1 April 2022. The appointment decision was taken to ensure business continuity for the Agency after the current Executive Director, Bjorn HANSEN, retires on 31 March 2022, and is valid until the future Executive Director starts in this function.

The decision was based on the recommendation of the Management Board preparatory group for the selection and appointment of the Executive Director. It was informed by an exchange of views on the function and main duties of the ECHA Executive Director.

## 2. Other topic

The Management Board took note of an update from the Commission with respect to the progress of the pre-selection process of the future ECHA Executive Director. It was noted that the process is progressing as scheduled, and that the Commission treats the file as a matter of priority.

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