

Appointment of Committee members

62nd Meeting of the Management Board 23-24 June 2021

Proposal

- The Management Board was invited to renew the mandates of 2 current members and to appoint 3 new candidates for the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC).

The Management Board appointed these members, RAC has now 50 members (including 5 co-opted members) (see Annex 1a).

- The Management Board was invited to renew the mandate of 2 current members and appoint 2 new candidates for the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC).

The Management Board appointed these members, SEAC has now 38 members (including 3 co-opted members) (see Annex 1b).

Background

Each Member State may nominate candidates to membership of RAC and SEAC. The Executive Director is required to establish a list of nominees, which is published on the ECHA website. The Management Board shall appoint the members of the Committee from this list, including at least one member but no more than two from the nominees of each Member State. Members shall be appointed for their experience in performing the tasks specified in the REACH Regulation. Further, the membership of Committee members appointed for a term of three years shall be renewable. In order to safeguard the independence, integrity and credibility of the Committees, Member States were asked to make their nominations in accordance with the eligibility criteria as updated in February 2019.

A letter dated 30 March 2021 was sent by the Secretariat to those Member State Permanent Representations which are due to (re-)nominate candidates for membership of RAC and SEAC.

Member States were asked for written commitment to provide adequate scientific and technical resources to the nominated member and to enable him/her to use at least half of his/her working time for this task. Commitment to provide such support has been received from the Member States for all the nominees (See Annex 2-7).

In addition to the review of their CV and other nomination information by the Chairs, the new nominees are interviewed to make sure that they understand the level of commitment in terms of time and contribution to the Committees and confirm that they are available. Should the nomination arrive too late to set up a suitable moment for interview, it could skip a meeting and pass on to the next MB.

Regarding the re-nomination procedure of an active Committee member, the Management Board has previously discussed to what extent the activity level of Committee members, i.e. contributions to Committee deliberations and rapporteurships, should be taken into account. The Chairs can confirm that the contribution of the candidates for renewal in terms of a) rapporteurships, and/or b) Committee consultations and c) participation in plenary has been acceptable in the last three years.

To be fair to the members, the Chairs review the whole period integrally and take account of the contribution of member's advisor(s) in assessing the member's work.

Numbers of opinions alone do not reflect the workload and can vary in terms of input by an order of magnitude or more per dossier.

If agreed in advance with the Chairs, substantial and frequent commenting on dossiers in RAC/SEAC consultation is a valuable and acceptable substitute to rapporteurship. Active plenary participation without either of the aforementioned conditions is generally not sufficient to convincingly support a 50% contribution.

While upholding the required 50% contribution, the Chairs may use discretion in their assessment with regard to: the level of support provided to the member by their home Institute or MSCA, the role of other unavoidable duties placed upon the members by their employers, the impact of home institution reorganisations, or other contributing factors.

Rationale

Candidates for renewal of RAC membership

The Member States proposed the renewal of the membership of the following RAC members whose 3-year term will expire in the period 1 July – 31 December 2021. If their renewal is approved by the Management Board, the new term of these members will start on the day after the expiry date of their current term of office, as indicated below.

These RAC members are experts with proven expertise in different areas relevant for the work of RAC and have made valuable contributions including rapporteurships to the Committee during their previous periods of membership as indicated in the table below.

The declarations of interest of these members raise no issues regarding their eligibility for membership.

MS	RAC member	Expiry date of current 3-year term	Feedback from the RAC Chair
ES	DE LA FLOR TEJERO Ignacio	16.12.21	Strong contribution as rapporteur in particular for environment across processes; member of several <i>ad hoc</i> working groups.
LU	MÖLLER Ruth	24.09.21	Strong contribution as rapporteur for human health in restrictions, occupational exposure limits and CLH; special expertise on cancer modes of action.

New candidates for RAC membership

There is three new nominations for the Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC).

MS	Nominated RAC member	Feedback from the RAC Chair
BG	TSAKOVSKA Ivanka	Ivanka Tsakovska is a full Professor at the Univ. of Sofia, with a Ph.D in computational chemistry. Her unique qualifications and experience in this field will assist RAC in examining proposals relying on 'read-across' from one substance to another in a robust and comprehensive manner. Dr. Tsakovska was interviewed by the Chair on 7 May 2021 to discuss her availability for RAC membership and assured of a commitment of 50% of her time. Her declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern, making her eligible for membership of the Committee.
HR	MENDAŠ STARČEVIĆ Gordana	Gordana Mendaš Starčević has a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry and is currently employed by the Institute for Medical Research and Occupational Health, Zagreb. Her knowledge of indirect exposure of humans (including biomonitoring) and the environment can complement the expertise required by RAC, particularly in relation to restrictions and authorisations. Dr Mendas confirmed her availability for RAC duties to the Chair in an interview on 18 May, 2021. Her declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern, making her eligible for membership of the Committee.
PT	VIEGAS Susana	Susana Viegas is an Assistant Professor at the NOVA Univ. of Lisbon National School of Public Health. Trained as a toxicologist she has in depth knowledge and active research experience of workplace exposure to chemicals. She has previously served as a co-opted member of RAC, completing a successful three year term. Prof. Viegas confirmed her availability for RAC duties to the Chair in an interview on 19 May, 2021. Her declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern, making her eligible for membership of the Committee.

Candidates for renewal of SEAC membership

Two Member States proposed the renewal of the membership of the following SEAC members whose 3-year term will expire by 31 December 2021. If these renewals are approved by the Management Board, the new term of these members will start on the day after the expiry date of their current term of office, as indicated below.

These SEAC members are an experts with proven expertise in different areas relevant for the work of SEAC and have made valuable contributions including rapporteurships to the Committee during their previous periods of membership as indicated in the table below.

The declaration of interest of these members raise no issues regarding their eligibility for membership.

MS	SEAC member	Expiry date of current 3-year term	Feedback from the SEAC Chair
IE	LEAHY Eimear	20.09.21	Consistent contribution as rapporteur in autorisation dossiers in particular OPE_Sebia, OPE_BioMérieux, OPE_BioMarin, OPE_Stago. Currently part of the support group for the lead in ammunition and fishing tackle restriction.
IT	CASTELLI Stefano	16.12.21	Consistent contribution as rapporteur in autorisation dossiers, in particular OPE_Swedish Orphan Biovitrum, OPE_Pfizer.

New candidates for SEAC membership

There is two new nominations for the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis (SEAC).

MS	Nominated SEAC member	Feedback from the SEAC Chair
CY	ARGYROPOULOS Christos	Christos Argyropoulos is employed as a Senior research Fellow for the CERIDES, European University Cyprus, where he teaches in the PhD programme on OSH. His work experience and expertise are relevant and in line with the needs of SEAC. His academic background is in Chemical Engineering and Computational Fluid Dynamics, but he has had further education involving economics, and has had extensive professional experience in socio-economic and risk analysis, as well as in health impact assessment of policies. This experience has not been in chemicals regulation per se, but in areas such as OSH, air quality and major hazards, so it involves skills that are very transferable to the work of SEAC (particularly impact assessment of risk regulation) and that would be very useful to the Committee. The SEAC Chair interviewed the candidate on 19 April 2021, and was assured of his availability for 50% of his time for SEAC work. His declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern, making him eligible for membership of the Committee.
BE	GARCET PINEROS Juan	The nominee is employed as a Senior attaché in the area of risk management of chemicals at the Risk Management Unit of the Federal Public Service Health, food chain safety and environment. His work experience and expertise are relevant and in line with the needs of SEAC. He has extensive experience in regulation of chemicals under chemicals and environmental regulation, and in assessing the impact of such regulation, particularly on the environment. Furthermore, he has experience in substitution as a result of professional experience in green chemistry. The SEAC Chair interviewed the candidate on 20 May 2021,

		and was assured of his availability for 50% of his time for SEAC work. His declaration of interest does not raise any issues of concern, making him eligible for membership of the Committee.
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Alternative options

The Management Board could decide not to appoint a second member nominated by a given Member State. This would be contradictory to the requests made for nominating a second member and detrimental to the efforts to strengthen the capacity of the Committees for coping with their high workload, in particular where the member has demonstrated to be an active one. No other candidates have been proposed and there are therefore no alternative candidates to appoint. The Secretariat will continue to monitor the activity level of the appointed members to inform their potential renewal.

Drawbacks

The only visible disadvantage of the proposal lies in the costs related to reimbursement of members. The benefits of the additional expertise outweigh these costs by far.

Attachments:

- Annex 1a – b: Envisaged composition of the RAC and SEAC after MB-62
- Annex 2: Compilation of nomination forms_renewals
- Annex 3: Nomination_SEAC_CY
- Annex 4: Nomination_SEAC_BE
- Annex 5: Nomination_RAC_BG
- Annex 6: Nomination_RAC_PT
- Annex 7: Nomination_RAC_HR

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**Annex 1a - Envisaged composition of the Committee for Risk Assessment after
 the 23-24 June Management Board Meeting (MB-62)**

	Nominated by	Nominee's name
1	Austria	FACCHIN Manuel
2	Belgium	RODRIGUEZ-GONZALEZ Wendy
3	Bulgaria	KARADJOVA Irina
4	Bulgaria	TSAKOVSKA Ivanka
5	Croatia	VARNAI Veda
6	Croatia	MENDAŠ STARČEVIĆ Gordana
7	Cyprus	XANTHOS Theodoros
8	Czech Republic	MARTÍNEK Michal
9	Denmark	SØRENSEN Hammer Peter
10	Denmark	TOBIASSEN Lea Stine
11	Estonia	SCHLÜTER Urs
12	Estonia	MOLDOV Raili
13	Finland	LEINONEN Riitta
14	Finland	SANTONEN Tiina
15	France	PRINTEMPS Nathalie
16	France	GEOFFROY Laure
17	Germany	DOBREV Ivan (<i>term ending 13.12.2021</i>)
18	Germany	STAHLMANN Ralf
19	Greece	SPETSERIS Nikolaos
20	Greece	TSITSIMPIKOU Christina
21	Hungary	BIRÓ Anna
22	Ireland	MURRAY Brendan
23	Ireland	DOAK Malcolm
24	Italy	AQUILINA Gabriele
25	Italy	PARIS Pietro
26	Latvia	BROVKINA Julija
27	Latvia	KADIKIS Normunds
28	Lithuania	UŽOMECKAS Žilvinas
29	Luxembourg	MOELLER Ruth
30	Luxembourg	NEUMANN Michael
31	Netherlands	HAKKERT Betty
32	Netherlands	SCHUUR Gerlienke
33	Norway	BJØRGE Christine
34	Norway	HUSA Stine
35	Poland	BARAŃSKI Bogusław
36	Poland	PĘCZKOWSKA Beata
37	Portugal	VIEGAS Susana
38	Romania	PRIBU Mihaela
39	Romania	DOCEA Anca Oana
40	Slovenia	MENARD SRPČIČ Anja
41	Slovenia	SCHULTE Agnes
42	Spain	SOGORB Miguel A.
43	Spain	DE LA FLOR TEJERO Ignacio
44	Sweden	MOHAMMED Iftekhar Ali
45	Sweden	LUND Bert-Ove

46 co-opted member
47 co-opted member
48 co-opted member
49 co-opted member
50 co-opted member

BRANISTEANU Radu
CHIURTU Elena-Ruxandra
HARTWIG Andrea
HEEDERIK Dick
VAN DER HAAR Rudolf

Annex 1b - Envisaged composition of the Committee for Socio-economic Analysis after the 23-24 June Management Board Meeting (MB-62)

	Nominated by	Nominee's name
1	Austria	FANKHAUSER Simone
2	Belgium	COGEN Simon
3	Belgium	GARCET PINEROS Juan
4	Bulgaria	NIKOVA Julieta
5	Croatia	KAJIC Silva
6	Cyprus	ANASTASIOU Christos
7	Cyprus	ARGYROPOULOS Christos
8	Denmark	MUNCRIEF Sandi
9	Denmark	SVOSTRUP PETERSEN Ida
10	Estonia	LUEDEKE Andreas
11	Finland	KIISKI Johanna
12	France	BRIGNON Jean-Marc
13	France	JOMINI Stephane
14	Germany	URBAN Klaus
15	Germany	THIELE Karen
16	Greece	ANTONIADOU Sofia
17	Hungary	SCHUCHTÁR Endre
18	Ireland	LEAHY Eimear
19	Italy	CASTELLI Stefano
20	Italy	CAVALIERI Luisa
21	Latvia	BERGS Ivars
22	Latvia	GAIDUKOVŠ Sergejs
23	Lithuania	ŽIEMIENĖ Jurgita
24	Netherlands	JANSSEN Martien
25	Netherlands	GABBERT Silke
26	Norway	MÅGE Marit
27	Poland	DOMINIĄK Dorota
28	Poland	LIBERSKA Ewa
29	Portugal	ALEXANDRE Joao
30	Romania	LADARU Georgiana-Raluca
31	Slovenia	DOLENC Darko
32	Slovenia	ISKRA Jernej
33	Spain	RODRIGUEZ HERNANDEZ Manuel
34	Sweden	TURVEY Alex
35	Sweden	JOYCE John
36	Co-opted member	JONES Derrick
37	Co-opted member	ROUW Aart
38	Co-opted member	SHAKHRAMANYAN Nikolinka