

Decision EEA/BU/2021/018

LIST OF DECISIONS AND GUIDANCE 89^{TH} BUREAU MEETING, 16 JUNE 2021

Agenda item		Outcome Comments	
	FOR ADOPTION		
1	Agenda of the 89th Bureau meeting	The meeting agenda was adopted.	The meeting agenda is included in Annex 1. The Bureau took note that, as her second term is coming to an end, this would be Alda Ozola's last meeting. The Bureau thanked Alda for her valuable contributions. The Bureau took note that Michal Pastvinsky is up for re-election for a second term at the MB closed session on 17 June.
2	Changes to the procurement plan 2021	The Bureau approved on behalf of the Management Board the updated EEA procurement plan for 2021.	The procurement plan is updated as of 28 May 2021 and includes the estimation of needs for the remainder of 2021.
	FOR BUREAU ORIENTATION IN PREPARATION OF THE 92 nd MANAGEMENT BOARD		
3	92 nd MB meeting agenda	The Bureau took note of the agenda for the 92nd MB meeting. Per Mickwitz informed that he is prevented from participating in the Board meeting and will be replaced by the newly elected Vice-Chair of the Scientific Committee, Claire Dupont.	The Bureau requested that further clarification be brought to the Board during item 5 on the procedure and criteria for the designation of members of the Evaluation Committee for selection of the members. EEA informed that the proposal is in accordance with the principles of the Climate Law and aims to ensure a fair, transparent and independent process. EEA will provide additional clarification for discussion at the MB on: - MB representation and involvement in the selection of members of the evaluation committee as well as members of the European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change, - Eligibility and selection criteria, - MB input to the call for members prior its publication.

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4	Designation of European Topic Centres and instruction to conclude ETC agreements	Bureau recommends MB endorsement for EEA to designate consortia for European Topic Centres (ETCs) for the period 2022–2026 based on the recommendations of the ETC Evaluation Committee. Bureau also recommends that MB give EEA mandate to pursue alternatives for the area of biodiversity and ecosystems (where a suitable candidate was not found).	André Weidenhaupt (Chair of the ETC Evaluation Committee) gave an overview of the Committee's recommendations which will be elaborated further at the MB meeting. Bureau acknowledged the work undertaken by the evaluation committee.	
5	Final accounts 2020	The Bureau recommends that the Management Board gives its opinion on the EEA final accounts 2020 as required by the EEA Financial Regulation.	Audits of the provisional annual accounts 2020 were undertaken by independent external auditors as well as by the Court of Auditors. No findings were reported.	
6	Meeting calendar 2022	The Bureau recommends MB approval of the draft meeting calendar for Management Board and Bureau meetings in 2022.	Physical MB meetings may resume in 2022 if the Covid situation allows. Bureau meetings not held back-to-back with MB meetings will continue to be held as virtual Teams' meetings.	
	FOR INFORMATION		-	
7	2019 draft report to the discharge authorities	The Bureau took note of the EEA discharge for the year 2019, granted by the European Parliament.	Bureau took note of the European Parliaments' acknowledgement that collaboration between Agencies provided valuable support to increasingly integrated European policies.	
8	Overview of Audits	The Bureau took note of the EEA audits and auditors' visits to the Agency since the last update at the March Bureau meeting.	No issues to be reported.	
9	2021 call for expression of interest for Seconded National Experts (SNE)	Due to the few nominations received, the Bureau recommends that the Management Board actively support possible applicants from Member States and agrees to a further extension beyond 30 June 2021 (possibly until 15 July 2021).	Depending on the outcome of the extended call, it might be advisable to review the use of seconded national experts in order to avoid leaving critical expert functions unfilled. In such case, EEA will provide the Management Board with a discussion paper.	
10	Feedback from Bureau members	André Weidenhaupt informed that the newly appointed alternate member for Luxembourg, Paul Rasqué would participate in the MB meeting on 17 June. Hans informed that he has been invited by the Executive Director of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) to provide input to ECHA's strategy development.		



The meeting closed at 15:25

Approved by the EEA Bureau at its 89th meeting MS Teams video conference, 16 June 2021

Laura Burke Chair, EEA Management Board

Annexes

Annex 1: Final agenda of 89th Bureau meeting, 16 June 2021
Annex 2: Participants' list, 89th Bureau meeting, 16 June 2021

Annex 1:

Agenda of the 89^h Bureau meeting 16 June 2021, (14:00-16:00 CEST), video conference on Microsoft Teams

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENTS
FOR ADOPTION	
1. Agenda of the 89th Bureau meeting	EEA/BU/89/01
2. Changes to the procurement plan 2021	EEA/BU/89/02

ITEMS FOR BUREAU ORIENTATION IN PREPARATION OF THE 92 ND MANAGEMENT BOARD		
3. 92 nd MB meeting agenda	EEA/MB/92/01	
4. Designation of European Topic Centres and instruction to conclude ETC agreements	EEA/MB/92/06	
5. Final accounts 2020	EEA/MB/92/11A	
6. Meeting calendar 2022	EEA/MB/92/11B	

FOR INFORMATION	
7. 2019 draft report to the discharge authorities	EEA/BU/89/07
8. Overview of Audits	EEA/BU/89/08
9. 2021 call for expression of interest for Seconded National Experts (SNE)	EEA/BU/89/09
10. Feedback from Bureau members	[Verbal update]



Annex 2: Participants list, 89th Bureau meeting, Wednesday 16 June 2021, 14:00–16:00 CEST, Teams virtual meeting

PARTICPANTS	COUNTRY/AFFILIATION	ORGANISATION	ATTENDANCE
Laura BURKE	Ireland	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Present
Michal PASTVINSKY	Czech Republic	Ministry of Environment	Present
André WEIDENHAUPT	Luxembourg	Ministère du Développement durable et des Infrastructures	Present
Julia WERNER	Germany	Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety	Present
Alda OZOLA	Latvia	Ministry of Environment Protection and Regional Development	Present
Alessandro BRATTI	Italy	ISPRA	Present
Lena NEIJ	European Parliament	Professor, International Institute for Industrial Environmental Economics (IIIEE), Sweden	Present
Gilles GANTELET	European Commission	DG ENV, Director A – Policy, Coordination and Resources	Apologies
GUESTS/OBSERVERS	COUNTRY/AFFILIATION	ORGANISATION	
Per MICKWITZ	Sweden	EEA Scientific Committee	Present
Jurgen Salay	European Commission	DG CLIMA	Present
Josiane MASSON	European Commission	DG ENV	Present
Yvon SLINGENBERG	European Commission	DG CLIMA	Present
Bergthóra Njála GUDMUNSDOTTIR	Iceland	Ministry for the Environment and Natural Resources	Present
EEA PARTICIPANTS			
Hans BRUYNINCKX			Present
Teresa RIBEIRO			Present
Jock MARTIN			Present
Søren NIELSEN			Present
Eva JENSEN			Present
Katja ROSENBOHM			Present
Chris STEENMANS			Present
Riyong KIM			Present

Martin ADAMS		Present
Marisa TURANZAS		Present