

**LIST OF DECISIONS AND GUIDANCE
90TH BUREAU MEETING, 15 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Agenda item	Outcome	Comments
Opening of the meeting	The Chair welcomed participants and highlighted recent changes regarding Bureau and EEA participants.	Diane Simiu joined the Bureau as new Vice Chair further to her election in June 2021.
	The Chair of the MB Advisory Committee on Eionet mapping joined the Bureau meeting as a guest to prepare for the MB discussions on the topic.	Luc Bas joined the EEA as head of the Coordination and Strategy programme.
		Jasmiina Laurmaa resumes her role in the MB Secretariat.
FOR ADOPTION		
1 Agenda of the 90th Bureau meeting	The meeting agenda was adopted with an additional point on the five-yearly review of the EEA.	The meeting agenda is included in Annex 1.
FOR BUREAU ORIENTATION IN PREPARATION OF THE 93rd MANAGEMENT BOARD		
2 93 rd MB meeting agenda	The Bureau took note of the agenda for the 93 rd MB meeting and provided guidance regarding the order of the agenda points.	The Bureau recommended to start the Eionet agenda point 5 with the review of Eionet functions and roles (AP 5C), as it provides an overview to the topic.
3 Management Board Advisory Committee on Eionet mapping of resources: report and recommendations	The Bureau welcomed the approach foreseen to frame the discussions in the MB meeting.	The Bureau recommended to make more explicit the importance of science/academia as part of the Eionet mapping discussions in the countries.
	The Bureau recognised the excellent work done by the Management Board Advisory Committee (MBAC) and supported the continuation of its work until the end of 2021.	The basis for the mapping exercise in the countries will be the questions in the guidance document developed by the MBAC.
	The Bureau highlighted the importance of strong commitment and engagement of MB members in the strategic steering of Eionet development. They encouraged the MB to initiate the dialogue and steer the implementation of MBAC recommendations in the countries to land the mapping exercise by mid-November 2021. The Bureau highlighted the importance of the mapping exercise in the next steps. The Bureau agreed that the level of ambition in the coming steps should remain high and focus on how the network can best be transformed.	A proposal will be brought to the December MB meeting to continue with a Management Board Advisory Committee and open it up for new members to guide and support the discussion among countries during the implementation phase of the Eionet mapping exercise, from early 2022.



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		EEA plans to organise a large EEA-Eionet event in March 2023 to reconfirm the position of Eionet as a key environmental network in Europe, presenting the concrete achievements and outcomes of the transformation process.
4	Review of Eionet Groups structure	The preparations for this point were addressed as part of the point above.
5	Review of Eionet Core Data flows	The preparations for this point were addressed as part of the point above.
6	Review of Eionet: functions and roles	The Bureau recommended that the MB starts their discussions with this point, which provides an overview for the topic.
FOR INFORMATION		
7	Copernicus Contribution Agreement 2021-2027	<p>The Bureau took note of the ongoing preparation of a new Copernicus Contribution Agreement for tasks delegated to the EEA by DG DEFIS for the period 2021-2027 (budget €135 million).</p> <p>The Bureau welcomed the opportunity for the EEA to take on board these delegated tasks. They highlighted the importance of keeping the Bureau and Management Board updated about progress on Copernicus, including in connection to resourcing discussions.</p>
8	Feedback from Bureau members	<p>The Bureau took note of the review of the EEA by the Commission to be launched in the coming months.</p> <p>The Bureau took note of the update on the European Scientific Advisory board on Climate Change, in particular the upcoming appointment of the members of the Evaluation Committee by the MB Chair. The Chair will represent the MB on the Committee.</p> <p>In relation to the withdrawal of the UK from the European Union, the Bureau took note of the confirmation from EEA that there is commitment for the environmental aspects of the agreement to be fully implemented.</p> <p>The Bureau took note of the upcoming selection procedure for EEA's next Executive Director considering the end of the current mandate mid-2023.</p> <p>A paper outlining the process for the selection of the next EEA Executive Director will be brought to the December MB meeting in a closed session to launch the procedure. The paper will include details on the process and respective roles of the Commission and the MB.</p> <p>The December MB meeting is foreseen to take place in Copenhagen, provided that it is possible to hold physical meetings at that stage.</p>

The meeting closed at 16.30

Approved by the EEA Bureau at its 90th meeting
MS Teams video conference, 15 September 2021

Signed

Laura Burke
Chair, EEA Management Board

Annexes

- Annex 1: Final agenda of 90th Bureau meeting, 15 September 2021
- Annex 2: Participants list, 90th Bureau meeting, 15 September 2021



Annex 1:

Agenda of the 90th Bureau meeting
15 September 2021, (14:00-16:30 CEST), video conference on Microsoft Teams

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENTS
FOR ADOPTION	
1. Agenda of the 90th Bureau meeting	EEA/BU/90/01

FOR BUREAU ORIENTATION IN PREPARATION OF THE 93RD MANAGEMENT BOARD	
2. 93 rd MB meeting agenda	EEA/MB/93/01
3. Management Board Advisory Committee on Eionet mapping of resources: report and recommendations	EEA/MB/93/04
4. Review of Eionet Groups ¹ structure	EEA/MB/93/05A
5. Review of Eionet Core Data flows	EEA/MB/93/05B
6. Review of Eionet: functions and roles	EEA/MB/93/05C

FOR INFORMATION	
7. Copernicus Contribution Agreement 2021-2027	EEA/BU/90/07
8. Feedback from Bureau members	[Verbal update]

¹ Formerly known as National Reference Centres (NRCs) structure.


Annex 2: Participants list, 90th Bureau meeting (virtual), Wednesday 15 September 2021, 14:00–16:30 CEST

Name	Represented country/organisation	Role
Laura Burke	Ireland	Chair
Diane Simiu	France	Vice-Chair
Julia Werner	Germany	Vice-Chair
André Weidenhaupt	Luxembourg	Vice-Chair
Michal Pastvinsky	Czech Republic	Vice-Chair
Alessandro Bratti	Italy	Vice-Chair
Gilles Gantelet	European Commission (DG ENV)	
Jürgen Salay	European Commission (DG CLIMA)	
Lena Neij	European Parliament representative	
Per Mickwitz	Chair of the Scientific Committee	
Bergþóra Njála Guðmundsdóttir	Observer from non-EU member state (Iceland)	
Anna Otmalm	Sweden	Guest (item 3)
Hans Bruyninckx	EEA	
Luc Bas	EEA	
Søren Nielsen	EEA	
Chris Steenmans	EEA	
Katja Rosenbohm	EEA	
Jock Martin	EEA	
Martin Adams	EEA	
Eva Jensen	EEA	
Riyong Kim	EEA	
Milan Chrenko	EEA	
Jasmiina Laurmaa	EEA/MB Secretariat	
Marisa Turanzas	EEA/ MB Secretariat	