



**ITEM 03**  
**47<sup>th</sup> Management Board**  
**Doc. EEA/MB/47/03-final**

**MINUTES OF THE 46<sup>th</sup> MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING**  
**held on 23 November 2006**

Approved by the Chairman of the Management Board on 21 March 2007

*(Signed)*

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Lars-Erik Liljelund  
Chairman EEA Management Board

**Record of proceedings:**

The Chairman Lars-Erik Liljelund opened the meeting by welcoming the new board members and extending apologies on behalf of those members unable to be present. The tabled documents were acknowledged during the course of the meeting (list included in Annex 1).

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**Item 1     Adoption of draft agenda**

The Board approved the agenda (Doc. EEA/MB/46/01rev3) by bringing the last two items for decision (Election of new Bureau members and Designation of new Scientific Committee members) to the morning session.

**Item 2     Adoption of the 45<sup>th</sup> Management Board minutes of 21 June 2006**

The Board adopted the minutes of the 45<sup>th</sup> MB meeting held on 21 June 2006. The final version of the minutes (Doc. EEA/MB/46/02-final) is available on CIRCA. The members took note of the tabled MB rolling action list.

**ITEMS 3-5 FOR INFORMATION**

**Item 3     Draft minutes of the 40<sup>th</sup> Bureau meeting of 10 October 2006**

The Board took note of the draft minutes from the October bureau meeting.

#### **Item 4 Update by the Chairman (oral)**

As part of his update, the Chairman invited the Danish MB member to inform the Board about the latest developments on the building taxation issue. The Board members took note of the fact that the financial committee of the Danish Parliament was holding on the same day a vote on the repayment of back taxes to the EEA. By the end of the meeting he informed the Board on the favourable outcome. The Danish MB member expressed regret on behalf of the Danish state for the delay in resolving the case.

Regarding the in-kind contribution to the ETC Terrestrial Environment from the Spanish Government, the Board was informed on delays in implementing the commitment. However, the Spanish MB member reassured the Management Board that at this stage all the technical problems had been resolved and the contribution was provided for in the state budget.

#### **Item 5 Update by the Executive Director**

The Executive Director informed the Board that a progress report for the last few months was annexed to her update, presenting the state-of-the-art in delivering EEA work programme 2006. In addition to the written update (Doc.EEA/MB/46/05), she informed the members about an EMAS prize awarded to the Agency. In line with the adopted environment policy, she proposed that all the communication with the Board from now on be only electronic.

The members welcomed the new format of the update as very informative. They agreed to the electronic communication in future, requesting however – to the extent possible, that all the background MB papers are sent in one mailing. The Board members were invited to send to the Secretariat the contact details of their assistants that should also be copied in future MB mailings.

The Board members asked for regular information in the update on the publication of EEA reports in different languages and not just in English. Moreover, the Executive Director informed the members that the CLC-update funds from the Commission (DG Agriculture) to the Agency had been endorsed by the European Parliament in the past days. Finally, in this context the Executive Director informed the Board that the latest version of PRELUDE would be launched the following week in Brussels.

### **ITEMS 6-14 FOR DECISION / GUIDANCE**

#### **Item 6 Approval of the Eionet national structure in Switzerland**

The Management Board took note of the fact that Switzerland had established its Eionet national structure for some years now, and this process was completed with the official accession to the EEA in April 2006. The Board members expressed appreciation of this fact and formally approved the Eionet national structure in Switzerland as presented in Doc. EEA/MB/46/06. Furthermore, the Eurostat representative said that as of 1 January 2007 a new agreement on statistics with Switzerland would enter into force.

#### **Item 7 Annual Management Plan (AMP) 2007**

The Executive Director thanked the MB members for the feedback provided during the consultation phase. She informed them that – as required in the Regulation, the Commission's opinion on AMP 2007 was tabled, while the SC opinion had been annexed to Doc. EEA/MB/46/07 sent beforehand.

In the discussion that followed, the Board members welcomed the priorities in the AMP for 2007. The DG ENV representative welcomed the specific reference to the focus on Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) and the activities agreed within the 'Group of Four'. Among the other MB comments made were:

- Following the Stern report, the Agency can play a leading role in the EU discussions on international climate change protection;
- The Agency should consider extending its analysis of costs of inaction and adaptation to further topics (e.g. noise);
- Important to set up a process of consultation on the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment in Europe; it was suggested that the Scientific Committee looks into possibilities to engage the countries in that;
- Important to highlight which activities require NFP/Eionet support and to transpose the relevant AMP activities in the Eionet work programme;
- Focus should be put not only on Europe-wide assessments, but also on regional ones, concentrating on specific regional challenges; reference should be made to the work of international organisations, i.e. OECD;
- The urban environment should be highlighted as a cross-cutting issue;
- The environmental management system should be brought forward very clearly;
- The Agency should consider increasing the resources devoted to the number and quality of its multilingual products;
- It was reiterated that some of the issues in the AMP 2007 (GMES, environment and health, soils) would be implemented in collaboration with DG ENV, JRC and Eurostat;
- The Scientific Committee has recommended closer links to the research community and stronger focus on the long-term planning;
- Last but not least, the Agency should continue to support the environmental agendas of the EU Council Presidencies.

The Board members underlined the usefulness of sharing the joint work programmes with JRC and Eurostat, and indicated their wish to see these at an earlier stage in the future.

The Board adopted the EEA AMP 2007 (level 2 doc) taking into account the opinion of the Commission and the EEA Scientific Committee. The members were informed that their comments would be taken on board in the final version of AMP 2007 and that this would be made available on the EEA website in January 2007.

The Executive Director confirmed to the MB that all the requests coming from the EP, Commission and Member States in 2006 have been adequately covered.

In closing, the Management Board was informed that the priority setting for AMP 2008 should be expected earlier next year. In the planning process EEA would try to match its budget framework to priorities, of which the Board would be duly kept informed. Moreover, the Scientific Committee would be engaged in mapping priorities for the next EEA Strategy.

## **Item 8 Election of MB Chairperson and two Vice-Chairs**

The Board members re-elected Lars-Erik Liljelund as the Chairman of the EEA Management Board for another term. Additionally, the Board elected Karsten Sach from Germany and Jaime Alexandre from Spain as the new vice-chairs/bureau members to take up their posts as of 1 December 2006.

### **Item 9 Designation of new members to the EEA Scientific Committee**

The Management Board was informed about the selection procedure followed in the 2006 call for new SC experts. The recommendations of the evaluation committee were presented to the bureau in October, when the bureau applied some additional criteria (i.e. geographical and gender balance, academic background, public or private sector) to the scientific merits. The bureau had subsequently come up with a list of proposed experts that were now put forward for MB decision. Nevertheless, in order to ensure transparency, the CVs of all the experts short-listed by the evaluation committee were made available to the Board members.

The Executive Director reminded the members that the current proposal was made based on earlier advice from the Board in the 2004 round.

Following the Bureau's recommendations, the Board designated the following five new members of the EEA Scientific Committee:

1. Marc Bonazountas, Greece - expert in resource and waste management
2. Ulrike Kastrup, Germany - expert in hazards and risk assessment on floods, droughts, volcanic eruption and industrial risks
3. Yves Desaubies, France - expert in ocean and coastal science, including marine biology
4. Nadia Pinardi, Italy - modeller, especially with respect to methodologies and spatial analysis
5. Pierluigi Cocco, Italy - expert in life science, including health sciences, sustainable agriculture, biology

In addition, the Management Board approved a 1-year prolongation of the observer from Turkey (Prof. Saatçı) to the Scientific Committee.

The Chairman of the Scientific Committee informed the Board that seven positions on the committee would become vacant within two years. Experience from the current process would allow the procedure for the next round of designations to be refined. Thus, the Board requested that the next MB meeting in March 2007 should already be presented a timetable with the steps and criteria to be applied for the next SC call in 2008.

### **Item 10 Amended Budget 2006 and Annual Budget 2007**

The Management Board approved the amendment to the Annual Budget 2006 to include a European Commission financial contribution to implementation of the CLC2006/GMES Fast Track Service Land. It took note of the budgetary difficulties arising from the late transfer and requested the Executive Director to ensure proper procedures in future.

With regard to the Annual Budget 2007, the Board was informed that the proposed total amount of €33.715 mio included three elements: subsidy from the Community budget 2007, an increase replacing the membership fees received in previous years from Bulgaria and Romania as they join EU on 1 January 2007, as well as contributions covering the EEA membership of Switzerland, Turkey, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein. In response to the comment raised on the reduced budget for the ETC/Water, the Executive Director reminded the members of the expected in-kind contribution. With that, the Annual Budget 2007 (annex to Doc. EEA/MB/46/08b) was approved by the Management Board.

Speaking of the budgetary framework beyond 2007, the Executive Director said that at the moment there was no indication of a significant increase in the EEA core budget. Referring to a discussion that had taken place earlier on the Board, the members asked to be kept informed about the whole debate around the LIFE+ financial instrument.

#### **Item 11 EEA cooperation with the West Balkan countries in 2007-2008**

The Executive Director informed the Board about the available additional funding from DG Enlargement to support the continuation of the EEA cooperation with the West Balkan countries in 2007-2008, which was lower than had been requested. The overall funding was aimed at extending several Agencies' cooperation with the West Balkan region. The foreseen two-year budget of the EEA grant was of 719,900 EUR. The adoption of the budget by the Management Board at this stage would ensure that implementation of the funds can be initiated immediately upon the signature of the grant.

The members expressed satisfaction with the EEA work in the West Balkan region and recommended that in future EEA should consider including these countries in the general assessments. They also commented that the available grant, when split across different activities in the different sectors, revealed the need for more funding in that area.

With that, the Board adopted the multi-annual funding for continuation of the EEA cooperation with the West Balkan countries under the CARDS 2005 Regional Programme in 2007-2008, conditional upon the signature of the contract with the Commission.

#### **Item 12 EEA Staff Policy Plan**

The Executive Director informed the Board that the Agency has submitted the draft EEA Staff Policy Plan 2008-2010 to DG ADMIN for Commission opinion. Discussion with the Commission is required before the formal adoption of the plan by the Management Board. For this reason, the approval of the EEA Staff Policy Plan was delegated to the bureau. Following its adoption, the EEA Multiannual Staff Policy Plan will be included in the documentation for the preliminary draft budget 2008 discussions.

#### **Item 13 Eurostat work programme – approval of the Board**

The Eurostat representative thanked the Management Board for the comments provided to the draft Statistical Programme 2007, circulated in September 2006. He informed the members about the enhanced cooperation between Eurostat and EEA, confirmed by the joint work programme between the two institutions developed for the first time this year (tabled). Appreciation was expressed also for the fact that Eurostat was consulted on the SC opinion on environmental indicators, developed in the autumn. Among the other issues mentioned, of priority to both institutions, were: quality of data, standards for data exchange, environmental accounts, GMES, WISE, common architecture for data centres and SEIS, as well as cooperation with the West Balkans and the Mediterranean region.

The MB members welcomed the enhanced dialogue with Eurostat and supported closer cooperation with Eionet. With that, the Management Board approved the Eurostat Statistical Programme 2007.

#### **Item 14 Conclusions from the MB Seminar – further steps on SEIS in the process towards the next EEA Strategy 2009-2013**

The Executive Director informed the members that the conclusions from the MB Seminar held the day before had been tabled (Doc. EEA/MB/46/12rev1). As discussed, the overall conclusions covered the following three points:

- 1). SEIS would continue to be tracked by the MB members in EPRG and through the upcoming DG ENV Communication on SEIS, recognising that different solutions would be needed in different countries;
- 2). EEA in partnership with the 'Group of Four' would produce a paper on the benefits and associated risks of SEIS in relation to better regulation, streamlining of reporting and quality assurance requirements;
- 3). The Management Board members would support the Agency's efforts by tracking and monitoring the budgetary processes required to make financial support possible for SEIS e.g. LIFE+ and twinning projects.

In order to facilitate the streamlining and implementation of SEIS in the member countries in a step-by-step approach, the Board members welcomed the idea that the Agency would produce an operational timetable on SEIS related activities across the G4 for 2007-2008 jointly with NFP/Eionet. The timetable would address such issues as relevant costs, benefits, interoperability, as well as the anticipated roles of EEA and Eionet in the process.

In line with the above timetable, the Management Board agreed that in early 2007 the Agency should undertake, together with the member countries, a review of the Eionet structure and activities in the context of G4. The MB members expressed their general commitment to support SEIS activities at the country level. Taking into consideration the above mentioned points, the Board agreed on the conclusions from the MB Seminar. They would be further used for EEA's guidance in continuing the work on SEIS.

#### **ITEMS 15-17 – FOR INFORMATION**

##### **Item 15 Court of Auditors and EC Internal Audit Services Reports 2005**

The background document (Doc. EEA/MB/46/15) for this item contained an outline of the recommendations and observations of the auditors' final reports following their visits in 2005, together with the EEA management responses. The Board members took note of the information provided.

##### **Item 16 Update on the progress towards Belgrade report 2007**

The Management Board took note of the latest developments related to the preparation of the Belgrade 2007 report as presented in Doc. EEA/MB/46/16. The members were invited to support the NFPs in coordinating the country comments to be provided to the Agency during the consultation process, running until early December 2006.

##### **Item 17 Feed back from members of the Management Board**

On behalf of Karl-Heinz Florenz, the European Parliament representative passed thanks to the EEA and its Executive Director for the good cooperation with EP, noting that it had never been as active as it was over the last couple of years.

The French MB member notified the Board that France had taken over the presidency of the Alpine Convention. This was in line with the fact that France had decided to give priority to mountainous regions and sustainable tourism. Moreover, he announced the upcoming Conference for Global Ecological Governance taking place on 2-3 February 2007 in Paris, during which a strong push for strengthening environmental governance would be sought. The Management Board gave a clear steer to the Executive Director in advance of her bilateral meeting with the Israeli authorities, underlining that co-operation with Israel should be set in the context of regional initiatives. In closing, the Chairman reminded the members of the date of the next MB meeting – 21 March 2007.

*The meeting closed at 16:50.*

## **ANNEX 1**

### **Final agenda of the 46<sup>th</sup> Management Board, 23 November 2006 Doc. EEA/MB/46/01rev3**

#### **FOR DECISION**

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of the 45<sup>th</sup> Management Board minutes of 21 June 2006

#### **FOR INFORMATION**

3. Draft minutes of the 40<sup>th</sup> Bureau meeting of 10 October 2006
4. Update by the Chairman
5. Update by the Executive Director

#### **FOR DECISION / GUIDANCE**

6. Approval of the Eionet national structure in Switzerland
7. Annual Management Plan (AMP) 2007
8. Election of MB Chairperson and two Vice-Chairs
9. Designation of new members to the EEA Scientific Committee
10. Annual Budget 2006 and 2007
11. EEA cooperation with the West Balkan countries in 2007-2008
12. EEA Staff Policy Plan
13. Eurostat work programme – approval of the Board
14. Conclusions from the MB Seminar – further steps on SEIS in the process towards the next EEA Strategy 2009-2013

#### **FOR INFORMATION**

15. Court of Auditors and EC Internal Audit Services Reports 2005
16. Update on the progress towards Belgrade report 2007
17. Feed back from members of the Management Board

## **TABLED DOCUMENTS**

- **Item 02** – Rolling action list from last MB meetings
- **Item 07** – Annex 3: Commission's opinion on the EEA AWP 2007
- **Item 07** – JRC-EEA collaborative programme
- **Item 09** – CVs of the proposed experts to the Scientific Committee
- **Item 11** – Joint Eurostat/EEA work programme
- **Item 14** – Conclusions from the MB Seminar on SEIS, 22 November 2006



## ANNEX 2

### 46<sup>th</sup> EEA Management Board meeting – Attendance list Copenhagen, 23 November 2006, EEA Conference Room

| MEMBER COUNTRIES |  |   |           |
|------------------|--|---|-----------|
| COUNTRY          | NAME                                       | ORGANISATION  | SIGNATURE |
| AUSTRIA          | <u>Member:</u> Georg REBERNIG              | Umweltbundesamt<br>Bundesministerium für Land-und Forstwirtschaft,<br>Umwelt und Wasserwirtschaft | Apologies |
|                  | <u>Alternate:</u> Margareta STUBENRAUCH    |   | Signed    |
|                  | <u>Expert:</u>                             |   |           |
| BELGIUM          | <u>Member:</u> Philippe BOURDEAU           | IGEAT, ULB<br>Institut Bruxellois pour la gestion de<br>l'environnement                           | Signed    |
|                  | <u>Alternate:</u> Françoise ONCLINCX       |   |           |
| BULGARIA         | <u>Member:</u> Dimitar VERGIEV             | Bulgarian Environment Agency  | Signed    |
| CYPRUS           | <u>Member:</u> Nicos GEORGIADES            | Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and<br>Environment                                     | Apologies |
|                  | <u>Alternate:</u> Antonis ANTONIOU         | Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and<br>Environment                                     | Apologies |
| CZECH REPUBLIC   | <u>Member:</u> Jan DUSIK                   | Ministry of Environment   | Signed    |
|                  | <u>Alternate:</u> Veronika Hunt SAFRANDOVA | Ministry of Environment   |           |
|                  | <u>Expert:</u> Lenka CESENKOVA             | Ministry of Environment   | Signed    |
| DENMARK          | <u>Member:</u> Ole CHRISTIANSEN            | Danish Environment Protection Agency  | Apologies |
|                  | <u>Alternate:</u> Karsten SKOU             | Danish Environment Protection Agency  | Signed    |
|                  | <u>Expert:</u> Jens LA COUR                | Danish Environment Protection Agency  | Signed    |
| ESTONIA          | <u>Member:</u> Allan GROMOV                | Ministry of Environment   | Signed    |
|                  | <u>Alternate:</u> Andres KRATOVITS         | Ministry of Environment   |           |
| FINLAND          | <u>Member:</u> Markku NURMI                | Ministry of Environment   | Signed    |
|                  | <u>Alternate:</u> Antero HOKASALO          | Ministry of Environment   |           |

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| <b>FRANCE</b>        | <u>Member:</u> Guillaume SAINTENY     | Ministère de l'écologie et du développement durable           | Signed    |
|                      | <u>Alternate:</u> Henri-Luc THIBAUT   | Ministère de l'écologie et du développement durable           |           |
| <b>GERMANY</b>       | <u>Member:</u> Karsten SACH           | Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz & Reaktorsicherheit | Signed    |
|                      | <u>Alternate:</u> Kai SCHLEGELMILCH   | Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz & Reaktorsicherheit | Signed    |
| <b>GREECE</b>        | <u>Member:</u> Ioannis VOURNAS        | Ministry of Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works   | Apologies |
|                      | <u>Alternate:</u> Mata ARAVANTINO     | Ministry of Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works   | Signed    |
| <b>HUNGARY</b>       | <u>Member:</u>                        |   | Signed    |
|                      | <u>Alternate:</u> Erzsébet GERGELY    | Ministry of Environment                                       |           |
| <b>ICELAND</b>       | <u>Member:</u> Óttar F. GÍSLASON      | Ministry of Environment                                       | Signed    |
|                      | <u>Alternate:</u> Ólafur PÉTURSSON    | Environment and Food Agency of Iceland                        |           |
| <b>IRELAND</b>       | <u>Member:</u> Tom O'MAHONY           | Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government  | Signed    |
|                      | <u>Alternate:</u> Larry STAPLETON     | Environmental Protection Agency                               |           |
| <b>ITALY</b>         | <u>Member:</u> Corrado CLINI          | Ministerio dell'Ambiente                                      | Apologies |
|                      | <u>Alternate:</u> Giuliana GASPARRINI | Ministerio dell'Ambiente                                      | Signed    |
|                      | <u>Expert:</u> Diego GIULIANI         | Ministerio dell'Ambiente                                      | Signed    |
| <b>LATVIA</b>        | <u>Member:</u> Einars CILINSKIS       | Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development | Signed    |
|                      | <u>Alternate:</u> Ilze KIRSTUKA       | Latvian Environment Agency                                    |           |
| <b>LIECHTENSTEIN</b> | <u>Member:</u> Felix NÄSCHER          | Ministry of Environment, Dept. Forests, Nature and Landscape  | Apologies |
| <b>LITHUANIA</b>     | <u>Member:</u> Aleksandras SPRUOGIS   | Ministry of Environment                                       | Signed    |
|                      | <u>Alternate:</u> Liutauras STOSKUS   | Environmental Protection Agency                               |           |

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| <b>LUXEMBOURG</b>      | <u>Member:</u> Eric DE BRABANTER<br><u>Alternate:</u> Pierre PRUM                                 | Ministère de l'Environnement<br>Ministère de l'Environnement   | Signed                        |
| <b>MALTA</b>           | <u>Member:</u> Martin SEYCHELL<br><u>Alternate:</u> Louis VELLA                                   | Environment and Planning Authority<br>Environment and Planning Authority   | Signed                        |
| <b>THE NETHERLANDS</b> | <u>Member:</u> Japp ENTER<br><u>Alternate:</u> Adriaan OUDEMAN                                    | Ministry of Housing, Physical Planning and Environment<br>Ministry of Housing, Physical Planning and Environment   | Apologies<br>Signed           |
| <b>NORWAY</b>          | <u>Member:</u> Harald RENSVIK<br><u>Alternate:</u> Øysten NESJE                                   | Ministry of Environment<br>Ministry of Environment   | Apologies<br>Signed           |
| <b>POLAND</b>          | <u>Member:</u> Lucyna DYGAS-CIOŁKOWSKA  | Chief Inspectorate for Environmental Protection  | Signed                        |
| <b>PORTUGAL</b>        | <u>Member:</u> João GONÇALVES<br><u>Alternate:</u> Maria Leonor GOMES                             | Ministério do Ambiente, do Ordenamento do Território e do Desenvolvimento Regional<br>Ministério do Ambiente, do Ordenamento do Território e do Desenvolvimento Regional | Apologies<br>Signed           |
| <b>ROMANIA</b>         | <u>Member:</u> Ioan GHERHES<br><u>Alternate:</u> Dorina CRISTOVEANU                               | National Environmental Protection Agency<br>National Environmental Protection Agency   | Signed                        |
| <b>SLOVAK REPUBLIC</b> | <u>Member:</u> Josef DUPEJ<br><u>Alternate:</u> Vladimir BENKO                                    | Slovak Environment Agency<br>Slovak Environment Agency   | Signed<br>Signed              |
| <b>SLOVENIA</b>        | <u>Member:</u> Silvo ŽLEBIR   | Environmental Agency   | Signed                        |
| <b>SPAIN</b>           | <u>Member:</u> Jaime ALEJANDRE<br><u>Alternate:</u> José Ignacio ELORRIETA                        | Ministerio de Medio Ambiente<br>Ministerio de Medio Ambiente   | Signed                        |
| <b>SWEDEN</b>          | <u>Chairman:</u> Lars-Erik LILJELUND<br><u>Member:</u> Katja AWITI                                | Swedish Environmental Protection Agency<br>Ministry of Environment   | Signed<br>Signed              |
| <b>SWITZERLAND</b>     | <u>Member:</u> Bruno OBERLE<br><u>Alternate:</u> Arthur MOHR<br><u>Expert:</u> Jean-Michel GARDAZ | Federal Office for the Environment<br>Federal Office for the Environment<br>NFP  | Apologies<br>Signed<br>Signed |

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| <b>TURKEY</b>                   | <u>Member:</u>    | Hasan ZUHURI SARIKAYA  | Ministry of Environment and Forestry              | Apologies |
|                                 | <u>Alternate:</u> | Mustafa ÖZTÜRK         | Ministry of Environment and Forestry              | Apologies |
|                                 | <u>Expert:</u>    | Reyhan AKARSU          | Ministry of Environment and Forestry              | Signed    |
| <b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>           | <u>Member:</u>    | John CUSTANCE          | Dept. for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs | Signed    |
|                                 | <u>Alternate:</u> | Bill STOW              | Dept. for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs |           |
| <b>EUROPEAN COMMISSION</b>      | <u>Member:</u>    | Timo MÄKELÄ            | DG Environment                                    | Signed    |
|                                 | <u>Alternate:</u> | Manfred GRASSERBAUER   | Joint Research Centre                             | Apologies |
|                                 | <u>Expert:</u>    | Peter WICKS            | DG Environment                                    | Signed    |
|                                 | <u>Member:</u>    | Manuela SOARES         | DG Research                                       | Signed    |
|                                 | <u>Alternate:</u> | Pieter EVERAERS        | EUROSTAT – Directorate E                          | Signed    |
|                                 | <u>Expert:</u>    | Christian HEIDORN      | EUROSTAT  | Signed    |
| <b>EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT</b>      | <u>Member:</u>    | Ludger-Anselm VERSTEYL | Prof. Versteyl Rechtsanwälte                      | Signed    |
|                                 | <u>Member:</u>    | Michael SCOULLOS       | University of Athens                              | Apologies |
|                                 | <u>Alternate:</u> | Ludo HOLSBECK          | Free University of Brussels                       |           |
|                                 | <u>Alternate:</u> | Tomás MARCHESCU        |   |           |
| <b>EEA SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE</b> | <u>Guest:</u>     | László SOMLYÓDY        | Budapest University of Technology and Economics   | Signed    |
| <b>EEA STAFF</b>                |                   | Jette Lind KRISTENSEN  |   | Signed    |
| <b>EEA STAFF</b>                |                   | Jacqueline McGLADE     | Executive Director                                | Signed    |
|                                 |                   | Gordon McINNES         | Deputy Director                                   | Signed    |
|                                 |                   | Jock MARTIN            | Programme Manager BSS                             | Signed    |
|                                 |                   | Jeff HUNTINGTON        | Programme Manager EAS                             | Signed    |
|                                 |                   | David STANNERS         | Programme Manager SKI                             | Signed    |
|                                 |                   | Petra FAGERHOLM        | PA to Executive Director                          | Signed    |
|                                 |                   | Galina GEORGIEVA       | Management board secretariat                      | Signed    |

### ANNEX 3 DRAFT ACTION LIST

| ACTIONS   | Status 28 February 2007   |
|---|---|
| To amend the 45 <sup>th</sup> MB agenda as agreed under item 1  | Done – see annex 1  |
| To publish the final version of the minutes of the 44 <sup>th</sup> MB meeting (Doc.EEA/MB/45/02) on CIRCA  | Done  |
| In view of the forthcoming mainly electronic communication with the Management Board, the members to send to the Secretariat contacts of their assistants that should be copied in all future MB mailings   | In process  |
| The Agency to take on board the MB comments on AMP2007 when finalising the document (mainly on level 3). The final AMP2007 would be published on the website in January   | Done – AMP2007 published on the EEA website                                 |
| The NFP/Eionet related activities in the AMP2007 will be extracted into a separate joint EEA/Eionet work programme by the end of January  | Done –discussed with the NFP Working Group on 01-02/02                      |
| To the extent possible, in future to send to the MB the joint work programmes of the Agency with Eurostat and JRC at an earlier stage   | To do   |
| The Board to be kept informed about the EEA budget framework beyond 2007 and the debate around LIFE+  | On the 47 <sup>th</sup> MB agenda   |
| At the March MB meeting to present the Board with the timetable and criteria to be applied for the next 2008 call for experts to the EEA Scientific Committee   | On the 47 <sup>th</sup> MB agenda   |
| EEA to consider applying regional approach to certain environmental issues and to look at possibilities to include the West Balkan countries in its general assessments on a regular basis  | Taken note of   |
| The Bureau to approve the EEA Multiannual Staff Policy Plan 2008-2010 at its meeting in February, following delegation from the Board; consequently, the Staff Policy Plan will be included in the documents for the preliminary draft budget 2008 discussions  | Done at the 41 <sup>st</sup> Bureau meeting                                 |
| <p>The conclusions from the MB Seminar on SEIS will be used by EEA for further guidance in continuing work on SEIS. Related to that, are the following immediate steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Together with Eionet, EEA to produce an operational timetable on SEIS related activities across G4 for the period 2007-2008;</li> <li>• Together with the member countries, the Agency to undertake a review of the Eionet structure and activities in view of the SEIS activities.</li> </ul> | Discussed with the Bureau and NFP/Eionet group during the February meetings |
| Dates of the 2007 EEA meeting to be published on CIRCA  | Done  |

## ANNEX 4

### DECISIONS taken at the 46<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting, 23 November 2006, EEA

| Agenda item  | Decisions  | Comments   |
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| <b>Item 1.</b> Adoption of draft agenda  | Adopted  | It was decided to move up the agenda the items on the election of the Chair and two vice-chairs, and the designation of new experts to the scientific committee  |
| <b>Item 2.</b> Adoption of the 45 <sup>th</sup> Management Board minutes, 21 June 2006 | Adopted  | Appreciation of the work of the outgoing ETC Water was included under the designation of new ETCs item   |
| <b>Item 6.</b> Approval of the Eionet national structure in Switzerland                | Approved the Eionet national structure in Switzerland  | -  |
| <b>Item 7.</b> Annual Management Plan (AMP) 2007                                       | Adopted the EEA AMP 2007 taking into account the opinion of the Commission and the EEA scientific committee  | The comments made by the Management Board members at the meeting are to be taken on board in the final version of AMP 2007.  |
| <b>Item 8.</b> Election of MB Chairperson and two Vice-Chairs                          | The Board re-elected Lars-Erik Liljelund as the Chairman of the Board, and elected two new vice-chairs/bureau members  | The Board unanimously elected Karsten Sach from Germany and Jaime Alejandro from Spain as the new vice-chairmen / bureau members. The two new vice-chairs will take up their posts as of 1 December 2006   |
| <b>Item 9.</b> Designation of new members to the EEA Scientific Committee              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Designated five new SC members</li><li>• approved a 1-year prolongation of the observer from Turkey (Prof. Saatçı) to the scientific committee</li></ul> | The designated new SC members are:<br><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Marc Bonazountas, Greece</li><li>2. Ulrike Kastrup, Germany</li><li>3. Yves Desaubies, France</li><li>4. Nadia Pinardi, Italy</li><li>5. Pierluigi Cocco, Italy</li></ol> |

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| <b>Item 10.</b> Amended budget 2006 and annual budget 2007   | The board approved the amended 2006 budget to include a European Commission financial contribution to implementation of the CLC2006/GMES Fast Track Service Land and the 2007 Annual Budget | -   |
| <b>Item 11.</b> EEA cooperation with the West Balkan countries in 2007-2008  | The Board adopted the multi-annual funding for continuation of the EEA cooperation with the West Balkan countries under the CARDS 2005 Regional Programme                                   | The Board agreed that the budget lines will be initiated upon the signature of the grant with the Commission.                                   |
| <b>Item 12.</b> EEA Staff Policy Plan  | The Board delegated the approval of the EEA Staff Policy Plan to the bureau   | The DG ADMIN opinion on the draft EEA Staff Policy Plan should be in place before the bureau approval of the EEA Multiannual Staff Policy Plan. |
| <b>Item 13.</b> Eurostat work programme – approval of the Board  | Approved the Eurostat Statistical Programme 2007  | The board noted the enhanced cooperation with Eurostat and welcomed the development of a joint Eurostat/EEA work programme.                     |
| <b>Item 14.</b> Conclusions from the MB Seminar – further steps on SEIS in the process towards the next EEA Strategy 2009-2013 | Agreed on the conclusions from the MB Seminar that will be used for Agency's guidance in continuing the work on SEIS  | -   |

Approved by the Chairman of the Management Board  
on 23 November 2006

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Lars-Erik Liljelund, Chairman EEA Management Board