



**52<sup>nd</sup> Management Board**  
**Doc. EEA/MB/52/02**  
**26 November 2008**

**FINAL MINUTES OF THE 51<sup>st</sup> MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING**  
**held on 18 June 2008**

Approved by the Chairman of the Management Board on 26 November 2008

*(Signed)*

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Dr. Karsten Sach  
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 morning session was open to DIMESA participants, who would attend the meeting as observers. 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/51/01) without changes.

**Item 2    Adoption of the 50<sup>th</sup> Management Board minutes, 2 April 2008**

The Board adopted the minutes of the 50<sup>th</sup> MB meeting held on 2 April 2008 with the following amendments:

- Item 8 – education should also be addressed in the discussion on the next EEA Strategy.
- Item 12 – need to underline that scientific merit should be the leading criterion in the selection of new experts to the EEA Scientific Committee.
- Item 15 – journalists should be invited to participate in the external focus group meeting on the effectiveness evaluation.

The final version of the 50<sup>th</sup> MB minutes (Doc. EEA/MB/51/02-final) is available on CIRCA. The members also took note of the tabled MB rolling action list.

## **ITEMS 3-6 FOR INFORMATION**

### **Item 3 Draft minutes of the 45<sup>th</sup> Bureau meeting, 6 May 2008**

The members took note of the draft minutes from the May Bureau meeting.

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

The Chairman informed the members that the current MB meeting would be his last MB meeting as chair. Elections for the new Chairman would be held under agenda item 13.

Furthermore he informed MB members that there were two vacancies in the Bureau, and invited the members to consider putting forward candidates when a letter is circulated to them after the meeting.

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

With reference to the provided written update, the Executive Director briefly outlined the progress of the Agency's work in a number of thematic areas since the April MB meeting (see Doc.EEA/MB/51/05). She confirmed that the Agency was aiming at translating more of its products. With respect to the international cooperation, she informed the members that a few days before the meeting approval had been received for an additional €5 million to cover the work for the East and South component of European Neighbourhood Policy over the next 4 years (2009-2012).

The Board welcomed the announcement of the extra funds for the Agency to undertake this work. In response to a question on the objectives of the cooperation with these regions, the Executive Director clarified that the work was aimed at supporting common ways to report data and integrating countries' information systems. The Commission's representative underlined the importance of linking this cooperation with the political processes at EU level.

### **Item 6 SEIS, GMES, INSPIRE and 'Group of Four' developments. Reflections from the DIMESA meeting held on 17 June**

This was the main discussion item during the morning session, which was also open to participants from the DIMESA group. The EEA Executive Director set the scene by giving a short overview of the SEIS country visits and informing members that the 'health check' of the projects in the SEIS Implementation Plan 2008 would take place at the November MB meeting. Eurostat had been invited to join the EEA team in the SEIS country visits in future.

P. Everaers (Eurostat) then summarised the outcome of the DIMESA meeting held the previous day, touching upon the progress on SEIS achieved in the last period, the ongoing dialogue on data centres architecture, and the environmental accounting discussion. Participants confirmed their strong support for working across all these issues. With regard to the 'Group of Four' coordination meeting held after DIMESA, P. Everaers suggested Go4 cooperation had matured to develop from conceptual discussions into governance of specific processes. The joint work programmes of the Agency with Eurostat and with JRC were a demonstration of a more consolidated institutional co-operation. Furthermore, P. Everaers mentioned the need to continue joint work on indicators and interoperability of data centres.

T. Makela (DG Environment) complemented P. Everaers' intervention by mentioning the follow-up of the "Beyond GDP Conference" and confirmed that a policy document in the form of a Commission Communication would be prepared in the coming months by way of follow-up. With respect to SEIS, he said that the Commission was in the process of establishing a policy group to reflect on a legal proposal concerning Member States' mandatory obligations to report. He informed members that consultation on this proposal would be launched in September with the aim of finalising the legislative proposal by the end of 2008.

Reflecting on the Go4 cooperation, the EEA Executive Director said that it was important to understand the Go4 demands in the perspective to GMES Fast Track projects.

In the further discussion, Board members deliberated on the usefulness of the joint DIMESA-MB meeting and underlined the importance of coordinating activities between the Go4 and the member countries. They underlined the importance of communicating SEIS developments in a clear way to policy-makers and to demonstrate the benefits of SEIS. They also asked that the minutes from the Go4 meetings should be made accessible to the Board.

With respect to SEIS developments and the joint DIMESA meeting, the MB members raised a number of other issues touching upon the following: a suggestion to put SEIS to the Council (and European Parliament) for approval as part of a package on the review of reporting requirements; exploring synergies with GMES and Inspire; the need to get more political support for SEIS in the countries and to clarify the roles of the different stakeholders in this context (e.g. ETCs and data centres); the status of official vis-à-vis unofficial statistics and the data available beyond streamlining of indicators; cooperation with the NESIS initiative and other relevant projects; relevance of activities for end-users, as well as linkages to IT infrastructure.

In concluding the discussion, the Executive Director emphasised the role of Eionet in further SEIS development and thanked those present for their participation in the discussion.

## **ITEMS 7-14 FOR DECISION / GUIDANCE**

### **Item 7 Draft EEA Strategy 2009-2013 and Annual Work Programme 2009**

In presenting this item, the Executive Director clarified that the draft Strategy presented under this agenda item was the Agency's multi-annual work programme (MAWP) according to the EEA Regulation. She said that a further 4-page strategic communication including the main strategic lines of development for the Agency to 2013 – the Strategy itself – would be circulated at a later stage. Alongside the draft MAWP, the Board had also received the draft Annual Work Programme (AWP) 2009 at project level. Following the MB meeting a consultation on both documents would be launched with a view to collecting detailed comments by mid July before circulating a revised draft in early autumn.

The members welcomed the presented structure and thematic scope of both draft documents. They requested that the role and deliverables from the ETCs should be brought out more explicitly, and that the major outputs per thematic area should be highlighted. With regard to the budget allocation to different strategic areas in AWP2009, the Executive Director confirmed that the budget

estimate was based on the assumption that the €2.4 million uplift proposed by the European Commission (mentioned at the MB meeting in April) would in fact be adopted, although this was pending approval by the budgetary authorities later in the year.

The MB members then agreed to send to the Agency detailed comments on both annual work programme 2009 and multi-annual work programme 2009-2013 by 15 July 2008. As in previous years, a full overview of the comments received would be shared with the countries at a later stage. The Management Board would be expected to approve the annual work programme 2009 and multi-annual work programme 2009-2013 at its November meeting.

#### **Item 8 Effectiveness evaluation of the current EEA Strategy 2004-2008**

The consultants from *Technopolis* presented the preliminary findings of the draft effectiveness evaluation report of the current Strategy. The Chairman reminded the members that the summary of the draft report had been circulated a few days before the meeting. In the discussion that followed, the Board touched upon the efficiency of the Agency and its impact on relevant policy processes.

The MB members agreed that the Bureau should revisit this issue in October taking into account the consultants' final report and should come with a proposal to the Management Board on further communicating the messages to the European Commission and the Parliament. They also noted that some recommendations concerning the priority setting and communication of the Agency's role could be addressed during the MB Seminar in November.

#### **Item 9 Designation of new ETC in the areas of Biological Diversity and Sustainable Consumption and Production for the period 2009-13**

The deliberations under this agenda item were confidential and therefore took place during a closed session. The Board designated the ETCs in the areas of Biological Diversity and Sustainable Consumption and Production for the period 2009-13 to become operational as of 1 January 2009 as follows:

- ETC on Sustainable Consumption and Production – to the consortium led by Danish Topic Centre on Waste
- ETC on Biological Diversity (Lot 1) – to the consortium led by Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle; With respect to Lot 2 on Ecosystem Assessment, the MB asked the Executive Director to pursue alternatives which will ensure the implementation of the EEA Strategy in this area. The Board members asked the Bureau to consider the options at its next meeting in October and come back to the Board.

The members underlined the need to provide a detailed explanation to the bidders in Lot 2 on Ecosystem Assessment the deficiencies in their proposal. The Board also advised the Agency to continue publicising widely the information about future tenders for ETCs in order to attract best expertise.

#### **Item 10 Final accounts 2007**

The Board took note of the EEA final accounts for 2007, which form the basis for the discharge by the European Parliament. In response to a request for

clarification on the allocation of expenditure to various activities, the Executive Director said that the Agency's operational budget closely followed the priority setting from the previous year and the format was in accordance with the Commission's ABB (Activity Based Budgeting) rules. Following this the Management Board adopted its opinion on the EEA accounts for 2007 as presented in annex 1 to Doc EEA/MB/51/10.

On a separate point, the Executive Director informed the Board about requests from other countries seeking to apply for EEA membership. The Commission's representative underlined that such requests must be seen in the broader context of relations with third countries and as such the issues involved were wider than EEA membership *per se*.

The Board advised the Agency to seek advice from the European Commission, as well as to discuss this point with other Agencies. It was also proposed that this item should be discussed in the Bureau at one of its upcoming meetings.

#### **Item 11 SOER2010 – outcome of the consultation process and MB guidance on the structure and format**

Members agreed to focus the MB Seminar in November on the SOER2010 and the questions raised in the background document (Doc. EEA/MB/51/11). The members underlined the importance of part C of SOER2010 and the need to discuss this issue further. They agreed that it was essential to highlight the countries' specific issues even if the country comparisons were a challenging task to reach agreement upon.

Members also agreed that part of the MB seminar in November should focus on priority setting. Reflecting on the proximity of the schedules for the production of SOER2010 and the next pan-European report (currently scheduled for 2011), as well as the timeline of the various initiatives under the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP), some members asked for clarification on how these initiatives would fit together for the period up to 2020. While the Agency had been asked to consider producing the next pan-European report for the ministerial conference in Astana, it was apparent that it was not within the scope of SOER2010 to cover the pan-European area. The Executive Director clarified that there was still a need to discuss the ENP and 'Environment for Europe' process with the different players concerned.

In concluding, the Board agreed to the general approach to the SOER report set out in the tabled document but asked for more concrete and specific proposals to be put forward at the MB Seminar on 25 November 2008, with a special attention on part C.

#### **Item 12 MB representatives on the selection panel for new members of the EEA Scientific Committee**

The Management Board appointed Martin Seychell from Malta and Michael Scoullas, EP nominee, as the MB representatives in the selection process for new members of the EEA Scientific Committee. The dates of the two evaluation committees as outlined in Doc. EEA/MB/51/12 would be agreed with the above members and the outcome presented at the next Bureau meeting before putting forward a proposal to the Management Board at its November meeting.

### **Item 13 Election of new Chairperson of the Management Board**

The Board unanimously elected Dr Karsten Sach from Germany as the new Chairman of the EEA Management Board. The new Chairman shall take up his duties as of 1 September 2008.

### **Item 14 Proposed topics for the MB Seminar on 25 November 2008**

The Board agreed that the MB Seminar in November should focus on SOER2010 and the outcome of the effectiveness evaluation.

## **ITEMS 15-17 – FOR INFORMATION**

### **Item 15 EEA Annual Report and Annual Activity Report 2007**

The Management Board took note of the tabled versions of the Annual report 2007 and Annual activity report for 2007. Copies of both reports would be sent to the MB members in due course.

### **Item 16 Observations of the auditors**

The Executive Director informed members that there were no outstanding queries or risks raised during the annual financial audits. She further informed the Board that the final report on the audit of sound financial management in agencies including EEA has still not been received but once available it would be sent to the Management Board. The comments would be presented to the Bureau at its next meeting. Members also took note that the Internal Audit Service of the Commission would undertake a number of planned visits to the Agency.

### **Item 17 Feedback from members of the Management Board**

In closing, Lars-Erik Liljelund thanked the Board members and the Agency's staff for their support in his work on the Management Board over the last 10 years and most recently as its Chairman. The MB members expressed their appreciation of his chairmanship. Gratitude was also extended to Philippe Bourdeau (Belgium), who was stepping down from the Management Board after the present meeting.

*The meeting closed at 17:10.*

## **ANNEX 1 to MB minutes**

**Final agenda of the 51<sup>st</sup> Management Board meeting, 18 June 2008**  
**Doc. EEA/MB/51/01**

### **FOR DECISION**

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of the 50<sup>th</sup> Management Board minutes, 2 April 2008

### **FOR INFORMATION**

3. Draft minutes of the 45<sup>th</sup> Bureau meeting, 6 May 2008
4. Update by the Chairman
5. Update by the Executive Director
6. SEIS, GMES, INSPIRE and 'Group of Four' developments. Reflections from the DIMESA meeting held on 17 June

### **FOR DECISION / GUIDANCE**

7. Draft EEA Strategy 2009-2013 and Annual Management Plan 2009
8. Consultants' report on the EEA effectiveness evaluation of the current Strategy 2004-2008
9. Designation of new ETC in the areas of Biological Diversity and Sustainable Consumption and Production for the period 2009-2013
10. Final accounts 2007
11. SOER2010 – outcome of the consultation process and MB guidance on the structure and format
12. MB representatives on the selection panel for new members of the EEA Scientific Committee
13. Election of new Chairperson of the Management Board
14. Proposed topics for the MB Seminar on 25 November 2008

### **FOR INFORMATION**

15. EEA Annual Report and Annual Activity Report 2007
16. Observations of the auditors
17. Feedback from members of the Management Board

## **TABLED DOCUMENTS**

**Item 03** – Rolling action list from the last MB meetings

**Item 15** – EEA Annual Report and Annual Activity Report 2007

**ANNEX 2**

**51<sup>st</sup> EEA Management Board meeting – Attendance list  
Copenhagen, 18 June 2008, EEA Conference Room**

<b>MEMBER COUNTRIES</b>			
<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>SIGNATURE</b>
<b>AUSTRIA</b>	<i>Member:</i> Elisabeth FREYTAG	Ministry of Environment	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i> Georg REBERNIG	Umweltbundesamt	
<b>BELGIUM</b>	<i>Member:</i> Philippe BOURDEAU	IGEAT, ULB	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i> Jean-Pierre HANNEQUART	Institut Bruxellois pour la gestion de l'environnement	
<b>BULGARIA</b>	<i>Member:</i> Dimitar VERGIEV	Bulgarian Environment Agency	Signed
<b>CYPRUS</b>	<i>Member:</i> Antonis ANTONIOU	Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i> Charalambos HAJIPAKKOS	Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment	
<b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b>	<i>Member:</i> Veronika HUNT ŠAFRÁNKOVÁ	Ministry of Environment	Apologies
	<i>Alternate:</i> Rut BIZKOVA	Ministry of Environment	Signed
	<i>Expert:</i> Šarka STRAHALOVÁ	Ministry of Environment	Signed
<b>DENMARK</b>	<i>Member:</i> Niels CHRISTENSEN	Agency for Spatial and Environmental Planning	Apologies
	<i>Alternate:</i> Helle PILSGAARD	Agency for Spatial and Environmental Planning	Signed
	<i>Expert:</i> Esben TIND	Agency for Spatial and Environmental Planning	Signed
<b>ESTONIA</b>	<i>Member:</i> Allan GROMOV	Ministry of Environment	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i> Andres KRATOVITS	Ministry of Environment	
<b>FINLAND</b>	<i>Member:</i> Markku NURMI	Ministry of Environment	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i> Antero HONKASALO	Ministry of Environment	



<b>FRANCE</b>	<u>Member:</u> Guillaume SAINTENY	Ministère de l'écologie et du développement durable	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u> Aline KUSTER-MENAGER	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> Julia WERNER	Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz & Reaktorsicherheit	Signed
<b>GREECE</b>	<u>Member:</u> Ioannis VOURNAS	Ministry of Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u> Mata ARAVANTINO	Ministry of Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works	
<b>HUNGARY</b>	<u>Member:</u> Erzsébet GERGELY	Ministry of Environment	Signed
<b>ICELAND</b>	<u>Member:</u> Hermann SVEINBJÖRNSSON	Ministry of Environment	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u> Gunnar Steinn JONSSON	The Environmental Agency	
<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	
	<u>Expert:</u> Michael LEHANE	NFP	
<b>ITALY</b>	<u>Member:</u> Corrado CLINI	Ministerio dell'Ambiente	Apologies Signed Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u> Giovanni BRUNNELI	Ministerio dell'Ambiente	
	<u>Expert:</u> Diego GIULIANI	Ministerio dell'Ambiente	
<b>LATVIA</b>	<u>Member:</u> Einars CILINSKIS	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development	Apologies Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u> Andris LEITASS	Latvian Environment Agency	
<b>LIECHTENSTEIN</b>	<u>Member:</u> Felix NÄSCHER	Ministry of Environment, Dept. Forests, Nature and Landscape	Signed
<b>LITHUANIA</b>	<u>Member:</u> Aleksandras SPRUOGIS	Ministry of Environment	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u> Liutauras STOSKUS	Environmental Protection Agency	

<b>LUXEMBOURG</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Eric DE BRABANTER	Ministère de l'Environnement	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Pierre PRUM	Ministère de l'Environnement	
<b>MALTA</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Martin SEYCHELL	Environment and Planning Authority	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Louis VELLA	Environment and Planning Authority	
<b>THE NETHERLANDS</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Jaap ENTER	Ministry of Housing, Physical Planning and Environment	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Adriaan OUDEMAN	Ministry of Housing, Physical Planning and Environment	Signed
<b>NORWAY</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Harald RENSVIK	Ministry of Environment	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Øysten NESJE	Ministry of Environment	Signed
<b>POLAND</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Andrzes JAGUSIEWICZ	Chief Inspectorate for Environmental Protection	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Lucyna DYGAS-CIOŁKOWSKA	Chief Inspectorate for Environmental Protection	Signed
	<u>Expert:</u>	Tadeusz TOCZYUSKI	Chief Inspectorate for Environmental Protection	
<b>PORTUGAL</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Antonio GONÇALVES HENRIQUES	Ministério do Ambiente, do Ordenamento do Território e do Desenvolvimento Regional	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Fernanda SANTIAGO	Ministério do Ambiente, do Ordenamento do Território e do Desenvolvimento Regional	
<b>ROMANIA</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Zoltan LEVENTE NAGY	National Environmental Protection Agency	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Mihaela PETCU	National Environmental Protection Agency	Signed
	<u>Expert:</u>	Anca TEVI	National Environmental Protection Agency	Signed
<b>SLOVAK REPUBLIC</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Stanislav STOFKO	Slovak Environment Agency	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Vladimir BENKO	Slovak Environment Agency	Signed
<b>SLOVENIA</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Silvo ŽLEBIR	Environmental Agency	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Jelko URBANČIČ	Environmental Agency	
<b>SPAIN</b>	<u>Member:</u>	M <sup>a</sup> Jesus Rodriguez de Sancho	Ministerio de Medio Ambiente	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Israel PASTOR SAINZ-PARDO	Ministerio de Medio Ambiente	Signed
<b>SWEDEN</b>	<u>Chairman:</u>	Lars-Erik LILJELUND	Swedish Environmental Protection Agency	Signed
	<u>Member:</u>	Martin ERIKSSON	Swedish Environmental Protection Agency	Signed

<b>SWITZERLAND</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Bruno OBERLE	Federal Office for the Environment	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Gérard POFFET	Federal Office for the Environment	Apologies
	<u>Expert:</u>	Jean-Michel GARDAZ	NFP	Signed
<b>TURKEY</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Hasan ZUHURI SARIKAYA	Ministry of Environment and Forestry	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Sedat KADOĞLU	Ministry of Environment and Forestry	Apologies
	<u>Expert:</u>	Tuncay DEMIR	Ministry of Environment and Forestry	Signed
	<u>Expert:</u>	Cagatay DIKMEN	Ministry of Environment and Forestry	
<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>	<u>Member:</u>	John CUSTANCE	Dept. for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Martin NESBIT	Dept. for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	
<b>EUROPEAN COMMISSION</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Timo MÄKELÄ	DG Environment	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Leendert HORDIJK	Joint Research Centre	Signed
	<u>Expert:</u>	Peter WICKS	DG Environment	Signed
	<u>Expert:</u>	Pam KENNEDY	JRC	Signed
	<u>Member:</u>	Manuela SOARES	DG Research	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Pieter EVERAERS	EUROSTAT – Directorate E	Signed
	<u>Expert:</u>	Birgit de BOISSIZON	DG Research	Signed
<u>Expert:</u>	Christian HEIDORN	EUROSTAT	Signed	
<b>EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Ludger-Anselm VERSTEYL	Prof. Versteysl Rechtsanwälte	Signed
	<u>Member:</u>	Michael SCOULLOS	University of Athens	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Ludo HOLSBECK	Free University of Brussels	
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Tomás MARCHESCU		
<b>EEA SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE</b>	<u>Guest:</u>	Yves DESAUBIES	SC representative	Signed
<b>EEA STAFF COM</b>		Jette Lind KRISTENSEN		Signed
<b>EEA STAFF</b>		Jacqueline McGLADE	Executive Director	Signed
		Gordon McINNES	Deputy Director, Head of Programme ADS	Signed
		Paul McALEAVEY	Head of Group, EDO	Signed
		Galina GEORGIEVA	Management Board secretariat	Signed

### ANNEX 3 DRAFT ACTION LIST

ACTIONS	Status 27 October 2008
To publish on CIRCA the final minutes of the 50 <sup>h</sup> Management Board meeting	Done
The Chairman to send out a letter to the Board members inviting them to propose candidates for the two vacant vice-chair posts before the next Bureau meeting in October	Done – 2 nominations received
To inform the Board of further details on the additional funds received to cover the Agency's cooperation with the South and East components of the European Neighbourhood Policy	To do at the next meeting
To present the Board with a 'health check' of the 16 projects in the SEIS Implementation Plan 2008	On the 52 <sup>nd</sup> MB agenda
To keep the MB members regularly informed about the discussions within the 'Group of Four' and seek coordination of activities between Go4 and the EEA member countries	To do on regular basis – part of item 6 at the 52 <sup>nd</sup> MB
EEA to launch a consultation process on the draft AMP2009 and MAWP 2009-13 after the meeting with a deadline for submitting detailed comments by 15 July 2008	Done
To present the Board with a 4-page strategic communication on the main lines of development over the period of 2009-2013 on the basis of the MAWP	On the 52 <sup>nd</sup> MB agenda
After the consultation the Agency shall circulate the countries' comments received together with a response on their integration in the different thematic areas	Done for the Bureau and SC meetings on 7-8 October
The Bureau to discuss the final consultants report on the effectiveness evaluation of the current EEA Strategy and to put forward a proposal to the Management Board in November on further communication with EC & EP	Done – on the agenda of MB Seminar and 52 <sup>nd</sup> MB meeting
EEA to organise the November MB Seminar around the SOER2010 format and structure, as well as the Agency's effectiveness and priority setting	Preparations ongoing
The Agency to inform the bidding consortia on the final decision on ETC in the areas of BD and SCP	Done after the June MB
In future ETC tenders EEA shall continue publicising widely the information about the calls in order to attract the best expertise in these areas	To do
With regard to other countries' applications for EEA membership, the Agency should revisit this at one of the future Bureau meetings after seeking advice from the Commission Services	Consultation with the CEC took place over the summer
To present the Bureau with the outcome of the evaluation of the applications for SC memberships before putting forward a proposal to the Management Board in November	Done – on the 52 <sup>nd</sup> MB agenda
To circulate to MB members final version of the Annual Report 2007	Done
To send to the Management Board the final report on the audit of sound financial management in agencies	Taken note of at the 46 <sup>th</sup> Bureau meeting

## ANNEX 4

### DECISIONS taken at the 51<sup>st</sup> Management Board meeting, 18 June 2008, EEA

Agenda item	Decisions	Comments
<b>Item 1.</b> Adoption of draft agenda	Adopted	-
<b>Item 2.</b> Adoption of the 50 <sup>th</sup> MB minutes, 2 April 2008	Adopted	Remarks from Germany on item 15 and from European Parliament's representative on items 8 and 12 shall be modified accordingly.
<b>Item 7.</b> Draft EEA Strategy 2009-2013 & Annual Management Plan 2009	The Board approved the process of further consultation on the annual WP 2009 and multi-annual work programme 2009-2013	The MB members were asked to send their detailed comments in writing during the consultation phase on both annual and multi-annual work programme 2009-2013 until 15 July.
<b>Item 8.</b> Effectiveness evaluation of the EEA Strategy 2004-2008	The Board agreed that the final report by Technopolis shall be discussed by the Bureau in October and next steps shall be proposed to the Management Board for the November meeting	The MB took note of the consultants' recommendations on the basis of the draft report from Technopolis the effectiveness evaluation of the current EEA Strategy.
<b>Item 9.</b> Designation of new ETC in the areas of Biological Diversity and Sustainable Consumption and Production for the period 2009-2013	The Board designated the ETCs in the areas of Biological Diversity and Sustainable Consumption and Production 2009-2013 to become operational as of 1 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ETC on Sustainable Consumption and Production to the consortium led by Danish Topic Centre on Waste</li><li>• ETC on Biological Diversity (Lot 1) to the consortium led by Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle; With respect to Lot 2 on Ecosystem Assessment, the MB asked the Executive Director to pursue alternatives which will ensure the implementation of the EEA Strategy in this area. The Bureau will consider the options at its next meeting in October and come back to the Board.</li></ul>

<b>Item 10.</b> Final accounts 2007	Adopted an opinion on the EEA accounts 2007	In adopting the final EEA's accounts for 2007, the Board took note of the Financial statements and the report on implementation of the budget 2007, as well as the Report on budget and financial management 2007.
<b>Item 11.</b> SOER2010	The Board agreed on the main lines of the further development of SOER 2010 as presented in the background document	With regard to part C of the report, the Board members agreed on the usefulness to have a more detailed discussion at the MB Seminar on 25 November 2008
<b>Item 12.</b> MB representatives on the selection panel for new members of the EEA Scientific Committee	The Board appointed Martin Seychell (Malta) and Michael Scoullas (EP nominee) as the MB representatives in the selection panel	The dates of the evaluation committee I and II shall be agreed with the MB representatives and the outcome presented at the next Bureau meeting.
<b>Item 13.</b> Election of new Chairperson of the Management Board	The Board unanimously elected Dr Karsten Sach from Germany as the new Chairman of the EEA Management Board	The new Chairman shall resume his duties as of 1 September 2008.
<b>Item 14.</b> Proposed topics for the MB Seminar on 25 November 2008	The Board agreed that the topic for the MB Seminar in November shall focus on SOER 2010 and the outcome of the effectiveness evaluation study	

Approved by the Chairman of the Management Board  
on 18 June 2008

*Signed*

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