



53rd Management Board
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MINUTES OF THE 52nd MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
held on 26 November 2008

Approved by the Chairman of the Management Board on 18 March 2009

(Signed)

Dr Karsten Sach
Chairman EEA Management Board

Record of proceedings:

The Chairman Dr Karsten Sach 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).

Final agenda: Annex 1
List of attendees: Annex 2
Action list: Annex 3
Decision list: Annex 4

Item 1 Adoption of draft agenda

The Board approved the agenda (Doc. EEA/MB/52/01) without changes. An update on the upcoming Czech Presidency would be given under item 18 (AOB).

Item 2 Adoption of the 51st Management Board minutes, 18 June 2008

The Board adopted the minutes of the 50th MB meeting held on 18 June 2008 as presented. The final version (Doc. EEA/MB/52/02) 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 46th Bureau meeting, 7 October 2008

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

Item 4 Update by the Chairman (oral)

Referring to earlier discussions in both the MB and Bureau, the Chairman informed the members that the cooperating countries (i.e. the six West Balkan countries) that were seeking EEA membership should address their requests to the European Commission. With regard to Monaco, San Marino and Andorra, he said that the cooperation would be based on specific activities in thematic areas as foreseen in the Agency's work programme.

With reference to the West Balkan countries seeking EEA membership, the Commission's representative emphasised the importance of continuous cooperation with these countries and confirmed that their requests would be dealt with separately, as far as considerations of general policy do not indicate otherwise.

In addition, the Chairman reminded the MB members that the top officials from the six West Balkan countries were regularly invited to the MB seminars and were also actively involved in the ongoing discussions on SOER2010.

Item 5 Update by the Executive Director

In addition to the written update provided (Doc.EEA/MB/52/05) which contained a progress report on the EEA work programme for the third quarter of 2008, the Executive Director informed the members about the following:

- A new call for recruitment of National Experts (ENDs) would be initiated after the present MB meeting. A table setting out the indicative areas of expertise that would be the subject of this call was tabled for the information of the Board.
- An internal reorganisation of the Agency was ongoing in order to match the resources to the priorities of the EEA Strategy 2009-2013 (item 8 on the agenda). The reorganisation should be completed by 1 January 2009.
- The Executive Director informed the Board about the successful country visit to Turkey, which highlighted progress in a number of areas.
- The developments in a number of different areas (GRAME, Microsoft project, CLC update, Mediterranean and Arctic discussions, SCP Panel, biodiversity and Eureka project) were also touched upon.

The Board welcomed the Executive Director's update. With regard to the ongoing reorganisation of the Agency, the MB members suggested linking it to the recommendations made in the effectiveness evaluation study (see item 7).

The MB member from Turkey underlined the importance of the EEA/SEIS visit to Turkey in November which had raised awareness of environmental and EEA activities among the public and high-level political officials.

In response to an observation on the missions and meetings attended, the Executive Director said that reports and evaluation of participation in different events was regularly made in order to focus on those activities, where EEA would have the biggest added value.

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

The Executive Director introduced the item by referring to the Commission Communication on GMES published on 12 November 2008, which underlined the role Europe had to play in making sure that GMES, Inspire and SEIS

developments were mutually reinforcing. She informed the members that the SEIS country visits were continuing with the involvement of Eurostat and DG ENV. The establishment of a new SEIS programme as a result of the EEA reorganisation reflected the commitment of the Agency to support the countries in building capacity to ensure that GMES, INSPIRE and SEIS are mutually reinforcing. Moreover, the Executive Director informed members about the expected role of the Agency under the research framework programme (FP7) as a pre-defined beneficiary in overseeing the coordination of in-situ data and securing data sets coming from research projects. This would involve building on the existing networks and consolidating new ones. This project proposal was being developed for submission to the European Commission in December.

The Commission's representative gave an overview of the ongoing political discussions on SEIS and emphasised the intensive work underway to present a proposal for a consolidated legal framework for SEIS to be debated in the Council under the Czech Presidency. The aim of the proposal would be to bring in SEIS principles to modernise, streamline and establish a new legal framework for the mandatory reporting obligations of the Member States. To that end, a Task Force had been established earlier in the year. Moreover, he referred to INSPIRE developments – that were closely linked to SEIS – as the discussions on implementing measures were to be concluded shortly. With respect to GMES, he emphasised the EEA role in the in-situ data handling and the fact that GMES had to be seen as a tool for providing better environment information services rather than as a driver for these.

Following this intervention the MB alternate member from Austria, co-Chair of the in-situ observation Working Group together with Slovenia, briefed the Board about the various data, governance, financial and legal aspects addressed during the recent WG discussions. He too underlined the Agency's leading role in this work and asked the countries to support EEA in the task of ensuring that the results of the FP7 research projects remain accessible and usable over the longer term. MB members agreed that a stable framework and resources are required to secure that the work to be undertaken by the EEA in this regard is sustained beyond the next few years.

Reflecting on the complexity of the information and data services in this area, the expert nominated by the European Parliament to the MB asked for regular briefings from the Agency to the MEPs on the evolution of SEIS. In addition, the countries could raise directly with MEPs their concerns on the resource implications and support needed in this area.

In the further discussion, the Board members commented on various aspects of INSPIRE, GMES and SEIS linkages: developments in these areas should be linked to the GEO process and GEO conclusions on data sharing principles; it would be important to establish the legal basis under SEIS for streamlining of countries' reporting obligations; the data provided under research projects should be web-based and with free access; the SEIS concept should be closely linked to INSPIRE developments and the cooperation with the statistical offices in the countries, as confirmed by the DIMESA joint meeting in June 2008.

In response to a question on the link between the Data Centres and ETCs, the Executive Director clarified that in principle ETCs were to support the Data Centres, however the supporting activities foreseen would be different in each topic area. The MB recognised the EEA role in bringing these aspects together during the SEIS country visits.

Regarding the Group of Four (G4) discussions, the EEA Executive Director informed the Board that the next meeting would be held later that day. With regard to the data architecture, one of the topics to be addressed in the G4 meeting would be the further consolidation of the Data Centre concept.

In concluding, the Executive Director reassured members that they would be kept regularly informed on further developments in these discussions.

ITEMS 7-14 FOR DECISION / GUIDANCE

Item 7 EEA effectiveness evaluation – communication of the recommendations to the European Commission and the Parliament

Reflecting on the deliberations at the MB Seminar the previous day, the Chairman thanked the members for their contributions to that discussion. In broad terms, the Board welcomed the effectiveness evaluation undertaken by *Technopolis* and agreed that the MB response to the European institutions would build on the conclusions of the report, the 17 recommendations presented therein and the EEA management response to these. Some of those recommendations had already been addressed, while others were still being considered. The members agreed that the MB response to the effectiveness evaluation would be finalised through a written procedure and that it would be then sent to the European Parliament, the European Commission and the Council.

Item 8 Approval of the EEA Multi-annual Work Programme 2009-2013 and Annual Management Plan (AMP) 2009

The Executive Director reminded the Board that wider stakeholder groups had been approached during the consultation of both documents – Multi-annual Work Programme (MAWP) 2009-2013 and AMP 2009. As already indicated under item 5, there was a need to match the Agency's resources to the revised MAWP priorities through the internal reorganisation of the Agency.

The Commission's representative underlined the importance of the MAWP and informed the Board of a delay in the delivery of the Commission's opinion which was being translated and would be sent to the Agency within a couple of weeks. In anticipation of the opinion, he welcomed the fact that the MAWP reflected evolving policy priorities; underlined the importance of SEIS and the need for the Agency to underpin the availability of information for policy making; supported the ongoing close cooperation with the Commission which allowed continuous dialogue on the upcoming issues on the environmental policy agenda. Moreover, he touched upon the need to reach an appropriate balance between scenarios and integrated assessments on the one hand, and underpinning data work on the other hand. In this context he made a specific reference to soil policy and its link to biodiversity. Finally, he underlined the importance of cooperation with the candidate and potential candidate countries and recalled the need to take into account the observations of the Court of Auditors when it comes to aligning the planning of resources to proposed measures.

In the discussion that followed, the MB members welcomed the MAWP2009-2013 and AMP2009 documents that had been presented, taking into account the wide consultation process undertaken by the Agency. The Board also took note of the opinion of the Scientific Committee (annex 2 to Doc. EEA/MB/52/08). Specific comments made by members included the following:

- In parallel with the EEA support to Baltic region initiatives under the Swedish Presidency in second half of 2009, the Agency should consider extending such work to the Mediterranean. EEA cooperation with UNEP-MAP should allow the Agency to underpin the work of the Spanish Presidency in 2010 on the Mediterranean. Moreover, the MB suggested that support to upcoming Council Presidencies should be a standing item in successive EEA AMPs.
- The Board agreed with the SC opinion with regard to the importance it attached to the SOER2010 as a major milestone of the Agency's outputs. The SOER2010 would also feed into assessment of the 6th EAP and that would be conducted by the Commission in the coming period
- It also pointed to the fact that the ENP cooperation should be more clearly mentioned in the document. In response to this point, the Commission's representative stressed that the budget of the Agency was meant to serve first and foremost the EEA members, while utilising various Community Programmes to identify additional resources in support of broader cooperation.
- Some members advised that the education activity should be included under communication and information.
- The MB advised that the above points should be picked up by the successive AMPs as necessary.

In conclusion, the Executive Director informed members that the indicative 5-year budget included in the MAWP reflected certain assumptions about expected inflation without seeking an additional budget increase for the coming period. With this the Management Board agreed to approve the EEA MAWP 2009-13 and AMP 2009 through written procedure, once the Agency received the opinion of the European Commission.

Item 9 Approval of the Annual Budget 2009

The Chairman informed Board members that the budget presented to them was the budget as proposed by the European Commission earlier in the year. Since the final budget would be adopted only in December, the MB approved the EEA Annual Budget 2009 conditional upon the approval by the budgetary authorities of the subsidy to the Agency within the Community budget 2009. It was agreed to inform the Management Board of the outcome of the deliberation in the Parliament in late December 2008 and with that to ask them to confirm the EEA Annual Budget 2009.

Item 10 Approval of Eurostat Work Programme 2009

In introducing this item and the Eurostat Work Programme for 2009, Pieter Everaers (Eurostat) recalled the work done over the last year within the 'Group of Four' (G4) and highlighted the good cooperation which had been established. Referring to the comments made by the EEA and MB on the Eurostat draft work programme, he touched upon several issues as follows:

- With regard to cooperation on the architecture of Data Centres (DCs) that would be taken forward in 2009, Eurostat is leading on three DCs, with the work on the waste regulation and waste statistics in particular being already well developed.

- Eurostat's participation in the EEA SEIS country visits was very beneficial. The current model of statistics widespread in the Member States was not very SEIS-compliant, however, the issue of using the data at the source, both for input and output data, was rising on the agenda and this would entail the information being SEIS-compliant in the long-run.
- Eurostat was fully committed to the work of streamlining of environmental indicators – an activity that had been ongoing for a few years.
- Environmental accounting and the 'Beyond GDP' initiative required further buy-in from policy makers.
- With regard to SOER2010 production, a close cooperation was necessary to avoid overlap with the Eurostat's report coming out in 2009.
- Possibilities for joint International cooperation between EEA and Eurostat should be pursued, more specifically through the Medstat Programme.

Further to that, P. Everaers underlined the usefulness of keeping the regularity of joint EEA MB-DIMESA meetings in future. The EEA Executive Director thanked him for the points made and underlined the importance of avoiding duplication in the work of the two institutions.

Regarding the 'Beyond GDP' communication, the Commission's representative informed the Board that there were plans for a policy document coming from both Commissioners Almunia and Dimas on the proposed tools and measures for taking Beyond GDP forward. The latest planning was that this document might be adopted by the Commission in March 2009 to seek endorsement by the European Parliament and the Council on the way forward.

Following this discussion, the Management Board approved the Eurostat work programme in the field of environment 2009. The Board welcomed the improved cooperation between the EEA and Eurostat within the Group of Four, and recommended the development of a work programme of joint G4 activities.

**Item 11 Contracts with the ETCs in the areas of air and climate change, water and land use under the new EEA Strategy 2009-13.
Follow-up from the MB decision on ETC BD Lot 2 in June 2008**

The Executive Director introduced the item by indicating that the renewal of designation of the ETCs in the areas of Air and Climate Change (ACC), Land Use and Spatial Information (LUSI) and Water (WT) for the period 2009-2010 was needed because of the new EEA Strategy 2009-2013. In terms of ETCs' performance, she informed the Board that each year the Agency undertakes assessment of the ETC work that is consequently reflected in the work plans for the following year. In the discussion that followed, the Board members raised a number of issues concerning the ETC operation and contracting, after which they agreed to have a more generic discussion on the ETCs structure during 2009, most probably at the June MB meeting.

Following this, the Board renewed the designation of the ETCs in the areas of ACC, LUSI and WT for the period 2009-2010 as follows:

- ETC ACC – partnership with the consortium led by Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency – PBL
- ETC LUSI – partnership with the consortium led by Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona - UAB

- ETC Water – partnership with the consortium led by Czech Environmental Information Agency - CENIA

With regard to the earlier MB discussion on capacities to support the work in the area of ecosystem assessments (tendered as ETC BD Lot 2), the Executive Director informed the Board about the Agency's efforts to cover this work. The developments in this area, as outlined in the background note for this item (Doc. EEA/MB/52/11), had been brought to the attention of the Bureau in October, which recommended presenting them to the MB as well. The members endorsed the way forward as proposed by EEA in the area of ecosystem assessments tendered under ETC BD Lot 2 in 2007, and asked to include the process for future ETC tenders in the upcoming 2009 discussion.

Item 12 Further steps on SOER2010. Conclusions from the MB Seminar on 25 November

MB members took note of the tabled document produced following the deliberations at the MB Seminar the day before. The members supported the close involvement of the countries in the identification of common themes for Part C, and spoke in favour of countries' comparisons rather than ranking due to the different responsibilities of the individual Member States.

Due to the fact that SOER2010 would fall between the end of the 6th EAP and its eventual successor, the Commission's representative expressed a view that Part B of the report should evaluate the policies delivered within the framework of the 6th EAP. The Parliament's nominee spoke of the need to give the new EP a chance to comment on this as well. The issue of utilising other resources and stakeholders in the countries was also addressed.

In conclusion, the Board members agreed that the Executive Director would circulate a letter to the Board following the MB discussions of 25-26 November and attach the seminar conclusions for comments by the end of January. The item would then be addressed at the upcoming NFP/Eionet meeting in February 2009 and the further process revisited at the MB meeting in March 2009.

Item 13 Designation of new members of the EEA Scientific Committee and prolongation of memberships

The Executive Director briefly went through the procedure followed in the 2008 call for SC experts and emphasised that it had been refined alongside the recommendations given by the Management Board. With the call publication in the Official Journal and Nature magazine, the Agency managed to attract excellent experts in the areas advertised. Martin Seychell (MB Malta) and Michael Scoullos (EP nominee), who had been involved in the two selection phases reflected on the efficiency of the process and encouraged the Board members to support the short-list as presented. Following this and the recommendations of the evaluation committee, the MB thanked Martin Seychell and Michael Scoullos for their excellent work and designated nine new members to the Scientific Committee (with two additional experts in reserve for eventual upcoming vacancies) as of 1 December 2008. The list of newly designated experts to the EEA Scientific Committee is attached to the minutes (Annex 4 – 52nd MB decision list).

In addition, the Board approved the second 4-year term of service for two current SC members: Prof. Peter Wadhams and Dr. Detlef Sprinz (newly elected SC Chair), until 22 November 2012.

Item 14 Election of new vice-chairs / Bureau members

The Board unanimously elected Andrzej Jagusiewicz from Poland and Maria Jesús Rodríguez de Sancho from Spain as new Vice-Chairs/ Bureau members as of 26 November 2008. In addition, the Chairman informed the Board about an additional upcoming vacancy due to Corrado Clini's end of service on the Bureau in March 2009. Therefore, a letter would be circulated from the Chairman in due time to invite nominations for new vice-chairs, allowing for the election to be held at the next MB meeting in March.

Item 15 Adoption of EEA Financial Regulation

The Executive Director informed the Board that the approval of the EEA Financial Regulation was required by the budgetary authorities in order to apply consistent financial procedures across the European Community system. However, before formal MB adoption it was necessary to have European Commission's (DG Budget) consent. The Agency was expecting to receive this in the coming days. Thus the Board agreed to adopt the EEA Financial Regulation through a written procedure that would be initiated as soon as the European Commission's (DG Budget) consent was received by the Agency.

ITEMS 16-18 – FOR INFORMATION

Item 16 EEA Personnel Policy

The Executive Director informed the Management Board of the recently adopted EEA Personnel Policy, which was the outcome of a long consultation with the staff. The Executive Director took this occasion to thank the Staff Committee for their input and support in modernising the personnel policy of the Agency. The personnel policy would take effect as of 1 January 2009.

Item 17 Observations of the auditors

The Board took note of (i) the observations from the Court of Auditors for budget year 2007, (ii) areas of EEA operation looked at by the Internal Audit Service (IAS) and (iii) some general points from the report on Sound Financial Management in Agencies, as presented in Doc.EEA/MB/52/17. Further to that, the Executive Director informed the MB members that as of next year an additional verification step would be introduced to oversee financial flows on expenditure. In 2009 the Agency would be also looking at ways to streamline its meeting and mission budget.

In addition, the Board took note of the updated IAS audit plan for 2009-2011 (tabled document), which was building on the IAS Strategic Audit Plan 2008-2010 endorsed by MB 2 April 2008.

Item 18 Feedback from members of the Management Board

The Czech MB member briefly introduced the general priorities of the upcoming Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU, covering the issue of institutional reform, connected to the future of the Lisbon Treaty ratification; the energy and climate change discussion both on European and international level; sustainable consumption and production (SCP) patterns and legislative proposals within the package on EMAS and eco-labelling; e-government environment services and building SEIS; as well as the role of the European Union in the wider world. She invited the members to consult the calendar of the upcoming events under the Czech Presidency on the dedicated [website](#).

In closing, the Chairman reminded Board members of the dates of the next 2009 Bureau and MB meetings (full list of dates available on CIRCA) and indicated that the discussion about the place and date of the joint MB-DIMESA meeting in 2009 was still ongoing.

The meeting closed at 16:45.

ANNEX 1 to MB minutes

Final agenda of the 52nd Management Board meeting, 26 November 2008 Doc. EEA/MB/52/01

FOR DECISION

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of the 51st Management Board minutes, 18 June 2008

FOR INFORMATION

3. Draft minutes of the 46th Bureau meeting, 7 October 2008
4. Update by the Chairman
5. Update by the Executive Director
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7. EEA effectiveness evaluation – communication of the recommendations to the European Commission and the Parliament
8. Approval of the EEA Multi-annual Work Programme 2009-2013 and Annual Management Plan 2009
9. Approval of the Annual Budget 2009
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- Item 03** – Rolling action list from the last MB meetings
- Item 05** – Proposed National Experts (ENDs) profiles
- Item 12** – Conclusions from MB Seminar discussions on SOER2010
- Item 17** – Updated IAS audit plan for 2009-2011

ANNEX 2

52nd EEA Management Board meeting – Attendance list
Copenhagen, 26 November 2008, EEA Conference Room

MEMBER COUNTRIES			
COUNTRY	NAME	ORGANISATION	SIGNATURE
	<i>Chairman:</i> Karsten SACH	Chairman of the EEA Management Board	Signed
AUSTRIA	<i>Member:</i> Elisabeth FREYTAG	Ministry of Environment	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i> Georg REBERNIG	Umweltbundesamt	
BELGIUM	<i>Member:</i> Barbara DEWULF	IBGE	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i> Jean-Pierre HANNEQUART	Institut Bruxellois pour la gestion de l'environnement	Apologies
BULGARIA	<i>Member:</i> Dimitar VERGIEV	Bulgarian Environment Agency	Signed
CYPRUS	<i>Member:</i> Antonis ANTONIOU	Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment	Apologies
	<i>Alternate:</i> Charalambos HAJIPAKKOS	Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment	Signed
CZECH REPUBLIC	<i>Member:</i> Veronika HUNT ŠAFRÁNKOVÁ	Ministry of Environment	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i>		
	<i>Expert:</i> Helena HULOVA	Ministry of Environment	Signed
DENMARK	<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
ESTONIA	<i>Member:</i> Allan GROMOV	Ministry of Environment	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i> Andres KRATOVITS	Ministry of Environment	
FINLAND	<i>Member:</i> Markku NURMI	Ministry of Environment	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i> Antero HONKASALO	Ministry of Environment	

FRANCE	<u>Member:</u> Michèle ROUSSEAU	Ministère de l'écologie et du développement durable	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u> Marie BONNET	Ministère de l'écologie et du développement durable	Signed
	<u>Expert:</u> Valery MORARD	NFP	
GERMANY	<u>Member:</u>	Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz & Reaktorsicherheit	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u> Julia WERNER		
GREECE	<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	
HUNGARY	<u>Member:</u> Erzsébet GERGELY	Ministry of Environment	Apologies
ICELAND	<u>Member:</u> Hermann SVEINBJÖRNSSON	Ministry of Environment	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u> Gunnar Steinn JONSSON	The Environmental Agency	
IRELAND	<u>Member:</u> Tom O'MAHONY	Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u> Larry STAPLETON	Environmental Protection Agency	Signed
ITALY	<u>Member:</u> Corrado CLINI	Ministerio dell'Ambiente	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u> Giovanni BRUNNELI	Ministerio dell'Ambiente	Signed
	<u>Expert:</u> Diego GIULIANI	Ministerio dell'Ambiente	Signed
LATVIA	<u>Member:</u> Einars CILINSKIS	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u> Andris LEITASS	Latvian Environment Agency	Signed
LIECHTENSTEIN	<u>Member:</u> Felix NÄSCHER	Ministry of Environment, Dept. Forests, Nature and Landscape	Apologies
LITHUANIA	<u>Member:</u> Aleksandras SPRUOGIS	Ministry of Environment	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u> Liutauras STOSKUS	Environmental Protection Agency	Signed

LUXEMBOURG	<u>Member:</u>	Eric DE BRABANTER	Ministère de l'Environnement	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Pierre PRUM	Ministère de l'Environnement	Signed
MALTA	<u>Member:</u>	Martin SEYCHELL	Environment and Planning Authority	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Louis VELLA	Environment and Planning Authority	
THE NETHERLANDS	<u>Member:</u>	Kees PLUG	Ministry of Housing, Physical Planning and Environment	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Adriaan OUDEMAN	Ministry of Housing, Physical Planning and Environment	Signed
NORWAY	<u>Member:</u>	Harald RENSVIK	Ministry of Environment	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Øysten NESJE	Ministry of Environment	Signed
POLAND	<u>Member:</u>	Andrzes JAGUSIEWICZ	Chief Inspectorate for Environmental Protection	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>			
PORTUGAL	<u>Member:</u>	Antonio GONÇALVES HENRIQUES	Ministério do Ambiente, do Ordenamento do Território e do Desenvolvimento Regional	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Fernanda SANTIAGO	Ministério do Ambiente, do Ordenamento do Território e do Desenvolvimento Regional	Signed
ROMANIA	<u>Member:</u>	Zoltan LEVENTE NAGY	National Environmental Protection Agency	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Mihaela PETCU	National Environmental Protection Agency	Apologies
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	<u>Member:</u>	Stanislav STOFKO	Slovak Environment Agency	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Vladimir BENKO	Slovak Environment Agency	
SLOVENIA	<u>Member:</u>	Silvo ŽLEBIR	Environmental Agency	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Jelko URBANČIČ	Environmental Agency	
SPAIN	<u>Member:</u>	M ^a Jesus Rodriguez de Sancho	Ministerio de Medio Ambiente	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Maj-Brit LARKA ABELLAN	Ministerio de Medio Ambiente	
SWEDEN	<u>Member:</u>	Martin ERIKSSON	Swedish Environmental Protection Agency	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>			
SWITZERLAND	<u>Member:</u>	Bruno OBERLE	Federal Office for the Environment	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Gérard POFFET	Federal Office for the Environment	Signed
	<u>Expert:</u>	Nicolas Perritaz	NFP	Signed

TURKEY	<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	Signed
UNITED KINGDOM	<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	
EUROPEAN COMMISSION	<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>Member:</u>	Manuela SOARES	DG Research	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Pieter EVERAERS	EUROSTAT – Directorate E	Signed
	<u>Expert:</u>	Christian HEIDORN	EUROSTAT	Signed
	<u>Expert:</u>	Birgit de BOISSEZON	DG Research	Signed
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT	<u>Expert:</u>	Sheena BLAIR	EC	Signed
	<u>Member:</u>	Ludger-Anselm VERSTEYL	Prof. Versteyl Rechtsanwälte	Apologies
	<u>Member:</u>	Michael SCOULLOS	University of Athens	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Ludo HOLSBECK	Free University of Brussels	
EEA SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE	<u>Alternate:</u>	Tomás MARCHESCU		
EEA SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE	<u>Guest:</u>	Detlef SPRINZ	SC Chairman	Signed
EEA STAFF COM		Tim HAIGH		Signed
EEA STAFF		Jacqueline McGLADE	Executive Director	Signed
		Gordon McINNES	Deputy Director, Head of Programme ADS	Signed
		Paul McALEAVEY	Head of Group, EDO	Signed
		Petra FAGERHOLM	PA to Executive Director	Signed
		Galina GEORGIEVA	Management Board secretariat	Signed

ANNEX 3 DRAFT ACTION LIST

ACTIONS	Status 23 January 2009
To publish on CIRCA the final minutes of the 51 st Management Board meeting	Done
To launch a new call for National Experts (ENDs) on the profiles presented to the members during the MB meeting (tabled doc under item 5)	Done – process launched on 5 December 2008
To keep the Board regularly informed about the developments in SEIS, GMES, Inspire and put this issue on the next Bureau and MB agendas	Done
To finalise the MB response to the effectiveness evaluation through a written procedure building upon the deliberations at the MB Seminar and to further communicate it with EC and EP	In process
To adopt EEA MAWP 2009-2013 and AMP 2009 through a written procedure, once the EEA received the opinion of the European Commission	Done – written procedure launched on 16/12
To inform the Management Board of the outcome of the deliberation in the Parliament in late December 2008 and to ask them to confirm the EEA Annual Budget 2009.	Done – written procedure launched on 19/12
To decide on the place and date of the joint EEA MB-DIMESA meeting in 2009 during the G4 meeting and inform the MB about this	To be discussed by the Bureau on 24/02
To consider the development of a joint work programme for the Group of Four activities supplementary to the joint EEA-JRC and EEA-Eurostat joint work programmes	To be discussed by the G4
To revisit the ETC operations and contracting procedures at some point in 2009 and prepare a more generic MB discussion on the future structure of the ETCs	To be on the June 2009 agenda
To circulate to the members the conclusions from the MB discussion on SOER2010 and ask their comments by the end of January 2009	Done after the November MB meeting
The Chairman to send out a letter to the Board inviting for new nominations to the vice-chair post, to be vacated in March 2009	Done – letter sent out on 15 January
To adopt the EEA Financial Regulation through a written procedure to be initiated as soon as the European Commission's (DG Budget) consent was received by the Agency	Done on 8 December 2008

ANNEX 4

DECISIONS taken at the 52nd Management Board meeting, 26 November 2008, EEA

Agenda item	Decisions	Comments
Item 1. Adoption of draft agenda	Adopted	-
Item 2. Adoption of the 51 st MB minutes, 18 June 2008	Adopted	-
Item 7. EEA effectiveness evaluation – communication of the recommendations to the European Commission and the Parliament	The MB agreed to finalise the response to the effectiveness evaluation through a written procedure	The MB response would build upon the deliberations at the MB Seminar held on 25 November 2008, and reflect on the report's conclusions and the management response to the recommendations made by the consultants.
Item 8. Approval of the EEA Multi-annual Work Programme 2009-2013 and Annual Management Plan 2009	The Board agreed to approve the draft EEA MAWP 2009-2013 and AMP 2009 through a written procedure, once the EEA received the opinion of the European Commission	The Board welcomed the draft MAWP2009-2013 and AMP2009 taking into account the wide consultation process undertaken by the Agency. The Board took note the opinion of the EEA Scientific Committee presented in advance of the MB meeting
Item 9. Approval of the Annual Budget 2009	The Board approved the EEA Annual Budget 2009 conditional upon the approval by the budgetary authorities of the subsidy to the Agency within the Community budget 2009	The adoption of the 2009 EEA budget is conditional upon the approval by the budgetary authorities of the subsidy to the Agency within the Community budget for 2009, as well as the EEA establishment table for 2009. The MB will be informed on the outcome of the deliberation in the Parliament in late December 2008.
Item 10. Approval of Eurostat Work Programme 2009	The Board approved the Eurostat work programme in the field of environment 2009	The Management Board welcomed the improved cooperation between the EEA and Eurostat within the Group of Four, and recommended the development of a work programme of joint G4 activities.

Item 11. Contracts with the ETCs in the areas of air and climate change, water and land use under the new EEA Strategy 2009-13. Follow-up from the MB decision on ETC BD Lot 2 in June 2008	The Board renewed the designation of the ETCs in the areas of ACC, LUSI and Water for the period 2009-2010, and endorsed the way forward as proposed by EEA in the area of ecosystem assessments tendered under ETC BD Lot 2 in 2007	MB renewed the designation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ETC on Air and Climate Change (partnership with the consortium led by Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency – PBL) • ETC on Water (partnership with the consortium led by Czech Environmental Information Agency - CENIA) • ETC on Land Use and Spatial information (partnership with the consortium led by Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona - UAB)
Item 12. Further steps on SOER2010. Conclusions from the MB Seminar on 25 November	The Agency will circulate a letter to the MB with the proposed next steps and conclusions following the MB Seminar on 25 Nov	The further process will be revisited at the next MB meeting in March 2009.
Item 13. Designation of new members of the EEA Scientific Committee and prolongation of memberships	The Board designated 9 new members to the Scientific Committee following the recommendations of the evaluation committee, and approved the second term of service for 2 SC members	The list of new experts designated to the EEA Scientific Committee as of 1 December 2008 is attached to this decision list. The Board prolonged the term of service for another 4-year period for the following two current SC members: Prof. Peter Wadhams and Dr. Detlef Sprinz (newly elected SC Chair).
Item 14. Election of new vice-chairs / Bureau members	The Board elected Andrzej Jagusiewicz from Poland & M ^a Jesús Rodríguez de Sancho from Spain as Vice-Chairs/ Bureau members	This decision enters into force on the date of its signature – 26 November 2008.
Item 15. Adoption of EEA Financial Regulation	The Board agreed to adopt the EEA Financial Regulation through a written procedure once the opinion of DG Budget was received by EEA	The written procedure would be initiated as soon as the European Commission's (DG Budget) consent is received by the Agency, which is expected shortly.

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

Signed

Dr Karsten Sach
Chairman EEA Management Board

Area of expertise	Experts designated to EEA SC (name, nationality)
Area 1: Atmospheric processes, air pollution, climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies	Ole HERTEL, Danish
Area 3: Business and environmental entrepreneurship	Sybille van den HOVE, Belgian
Area 4: Ecological economics	Jouni PAAVOLA, Finnish
Area 5: Energy (incl. mitigation & adaptation strategies)	Peter NOVAK, Slovenian
Area 7: European and international environmental law	Owen McINTYRE, Irish
Area 8: Freshwater (incl. groundwater)	Mogens HENZE, Danish
Area 9: Integrated environmental assessment and indicators	Richard JOHNSON, Swedish
Area 10: Spatial planning and management of natural resources	Eckart LANGE, German
Areas 11/12: Agriculture and Terrestrial ecosystems, incl. soils, forests, grasslands	Anette REENBERG, Danish
Reserve list:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andreas LÖSCHEL, German • Marc PALLEMAERTS, Belgian