## **European Environment Agency**

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## MINUTES OF THE 71<sup>st</sup> MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING 19 November 2014

Approved by the Chair of the Management Board on 18 March 2015

SIGNED
 Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler
Chair, EEA Management

## Record of proceedings:

The Chair, Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler, opened the meeting by welcoming new Board members and presenting apologies on behalf of those members unable to attend.

The tabled documents were acknowledged during the course of the meeting (list included after the agenda in Annex 1).

Final agenda: Annex 1
Attendance list: Annex 2
Action list: Annex 3
Decision list: Annex 4

#### **ITEMS 1-2 FOR DECISION**

#### Item 1 Adoption of draft agenda

The Board adopted the agenda (Doc. EEA/MB/71/01rev.1) without changes.

#### Item 2 Adoption of the 70<sup>th</sup> Management Board minutes, 17 June 2014

The Board adopted the minutes of the 70<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting held on 17 June 2014 without changes. The MB Secretariat took note of the Eurostat request to update the attendance list for the final version of the minutes.

The final version (Doc. EEA/MB/71/02-final) of the minutes is available on Forum.

The members also took note of the tabled MB rolling action list.

#### **ITEMS 3-7 FOR INFORMATION**

#### Item 3 Draft minutes of the 64th Bureau meeting, 7 October 2014

The members took note of the draft minutes from the October Bureau meeting that had been sent to them for information.

The representative of the European Commission requested a minor change to be reflected in draft Bureau minutes, concerning his contribution to the discussion on the anti-fraud strategy.

#### Item 4 Update by the Chair (oral)

Under this item the Chair informed that her intention during her mandate was to strengthen the involvement of Board members and the communication between MBs and NFPs.

In addition, she reported on the following:

- · her attendance to the NFP meeting in Bratislava;
- visit to the Brussels Liaison Office (BLO);
- successful completion of the MB written procedure for the approval of the third amendment of the EEA Budget 2014 (Swiss contribution);
- meeting with the SMT (more details under item 16).

The MB UK invited the Chair and EEA to consider a welcome package for new MB members. This was her second MB meeting; looking at the way the MB operates she had concluded that new Board members would benefit from an induction briefing looking at the way the MB operates, this could also ensure closer contacts with NFPs.

#### Item 5 Update by the Scientific Committee Chair (oral)

Further to her <u>presentation</u> on the latest activities of the Scientific Committee (SC), the SC Chair reported on plans for future seminars. In February 2015, the SC would discuss the EEAcademy and follow-up of Late Lessons. In June 2015, the seminar would focus on the competing uses of the underground.

In addition, the SC Chair informed that a two-pager document with the main outcomes and follow-up from the October seminar on ecosystems was being finalised. The document would be circulated to main players including DG Environment and DG Research.

The Board took note of the update.

#### Item 6 Update by the Executive Director

Taking the progress report as read (see Doc. EEA/MB/71/06), the Executive Director highlighted work being done on climate change, including key products on climate mitigation and air quality and air pollution, green economy and policy evaluation.

With reference to the NFP meeting in Bratislava, he reported that the agenda had moved from a process focus to a content focused agenda. In addition, he made reference to Agency organisational processes, such as the structural alignment of the organisation, matrix management, and the staff engagement survey. Other major EEA processes such as SOER 2015, EEAcademy and Copernicus would be discussed under their respective items.

For more details on the Executive Director's presentation see here.

The MB took note of the report.

#### **ITEMS 7-15 FOR DECISION**

#### Item 7 Follow-up discharge - CLOSED SESSION

The discussion and conclusion concerning this item were confidential and held in closed session without participation of EEA staff, with the exception of the MB and Legal Officers.

## Item 8 Executive Director's engagement in outside activities. International Resource Panel (UNEP)

The Management Board endorsed the participation of the EEA Executive Director in the International Resource Panel.

For more details of the nature of the engagement see here.

#### Item 9 Adoption of the EEA Work Programme (AWP) 2015

The Management Board adopted the EEA Work Programme 2015.

In addition, the MB congratulated the Agency for a well-developed work programme.

## Item 10 Adoption of the EEA Budget 2015

The Board adopted the EEA Budget for 2015.

The adoption of the EEA Budget 2015 is subject to the adoption of the EU Budget 2015.

## Item 11 Approval Eurostat Work Programme 2015

The Eurostat Work Programme 2015, in the field of the environment was approved subject to the condition that the final document does not substantially differ from the draft approved by the Management Board on 19 November 2014.

The EEA and Eurostat will confirm this as soon as the final Eurostat Work Programme 2015 has been endorsed.

## **Item 12 Approval Internal Audit Charter**

The Management Board approved the Internal Audit Charter, upon clarification by the Internal Audit Capability of issues such as risk approach raised by the representative of the European Commission.

## Item 13 Approval EEA Anti-Fraud Strategy

The Management Board approved the EEA Anti-Fraud Strategy, as set out in document EEA/MB/71/13.

#### Item 14 Designation new Scientific Committee members - CLOSED SESSION

The deliberations under this item were conducted in closed session.

Further to that, the Management Board decided to designate by unanimity the three experts proposed by the SC Selection Committee. It should be noted however, that Board members who were members of the SC selection committee recused themselves from voting:

Area of expertise	Experts shortlisted by Evaluation committee (name, nationality, sex, age)
Environment and climate change evaluation	Mikael Skou Andersen, Danish, M53
Ecosystem services and wellbeing	Malgorzata Grodzinska-Jurczak, Polish, F48
Foresight and long-term transitions	Per Mickwitz, Finnish, M50

This decision was taken with the understanding that no candidate would be asked to work or give advice in any of the areas that are close to their previous or current tasks, in order to avoid real or perceived conflict of interests.

In addition, the Management Board decided to revise the current SC Rules of Procedure (RoP) to reflect their recommendations as follows:

 cooling off period and maximum percentage of former EEA staff members in the Scientific Committee (a two/three-year cooling off period and a 20% maximum of the SC members having been former EEA staff members was discussed); - the composition of the SC Selection Committee, including its Chair (the discussion identified that a Board member chairing this committee would be an appropriate approach).

In closing, the Board emphasized the independent nature of the Scientific Committee work, and advised to look into gender and geographical balance in future procedures, keeping in mind that the main selection criteria for SC members must be their scientific excellence.

#### Item 15 Election Vice-Chair/Bureau member

Andrzej Jagusiewicz, MB Poland, was re-elected as Vice-Chair/Bureau member for a three-year mandate, in line with the MB Rules of Procedure.

His mandate will be effective until 18 November 2017.

#### **ITEMS 16-21 FOR GUIDANCE**

#### Item 16 Governance. Functioning of MB and Bureau

With reference to the Chair's meeting with the SMT on the functioning of the Management Board and Bureau, she reported that she did not foresee radical changes as in her opinion the running of the governing bodies was functioning well.

Regarding the question raised in June on the frequency of meetings, the Chair proposed to continue with three MB and three Bureau meetings per year, with one Bureau meeting being organised back-to-back with the Management Board. The schedule would be half a day Bureau, followed by the MB meeting split in 2 half days, this would give the opportunity for an evening together in Copenhagen. She suggested to have a test run in June 2015.

Further to that, she proposed to continue with one MB seminar a year, as it was an opportunity to bring together NFP and SC members on topics of common interest with the MB.

The meeting location for MB and Bureau meetings would normally be in Copenhagen, with the exception of one MB meeting abroad, possibly together with the MB seminar. In 2015, the EEA was exploring the possibility of holding the November MB and seminar in the EP headquarters in Brussels.

The Board members agreed with the proposed changes.

### **Item 17 Copernicus**

The Executive Director gave an overview of the latest development regarding the signature of the new Copernicus Delegation agreement between the EU and the EEA, and on the implementation of the Copernicus land monitoring service and the in situ component, as proposed by the new Copernicus Regulation 377/2014.

The new Delegation agreement included a few changes as compared with the draft presented to the Board in June, namely:

- a maximum of 6 Contract Agents to cover the delegated tasks;
- revised budget to cover internal EEA expenditures;
- quarterly reporting;
- cash-flow changed into six-monthly pre-financing requests.

For more detailed information of the changes, see tabled document EEA/MB/71/17.

The Board reflected on the proposed changes and agreed to delegate to the Executive Director the signature of the Delegation agreement between the EU and the EEA. This would be followed by a MB written procedure for the amendment of the EEA Budget 2014.

Further to that, the Executive Director announced that the recruitment of Contract Agents will start in 2015.

In closing, the MB concluded that the discussion on whether these tasks become new core tasks will be taken in the future, depending on whether the EEA founding Regulation is amended in 2016.

#### Item 18 SOER 2015

Further to the information provided in document <u>EEA/MB/71/18</u>, the Executive Director said that development of the SOER 2015 was well on tract. The country fiches would be sent for MB approval in December.

In addition, he informed that the official launch would take place in Brussels on 4 March, followed by a presentation in the EP with stakeholders on 5 March, and a presentation in the Council on 6 March.

Concerning national launches, the Executive Director guaranteed a senior EEA representative, yet he confirmed he could not attend launches in all Member States and West Balkan countries. Furthermore, he said that the EEA expectation would be a half day event, with a panel reflection and a potential talk to the press.

With regard to the Executive Summary, the expert designated by the European Parliament advised to take into account not only EU environment but also the EU environmental footprint, and the international role and influence of the EEA. Further to that, he emphasized the need to reflect the important role of education in the improvement of the environment.

The MB reflected on the different aspects of the report and planned outreach, stating that for the SOER 2015 to be known and influential, it should be written in a language that is accessible to the general public. The important role of the press in echoing the SOER report was also noted.

## Item 19 Environment Knowledge Community (EKC). Follow-up Dimesa-MB workshop

The Executive Director made a <u>presentation</u> on the EKC, clarifying the background behind the initiative, as well as the intention to tackle give the EKC a network approach. The ambition was to have a five-year programme through the EEAcademy. The SC and Eionet would have a clear role in the EKC.

In addition, the representative of the European Commission informed that this process grew out of the Group of 4 in 2005. He emphasized that the EKC should be seen as a multilateral process, not a bilateral one.

With reference to the MB reply to the NFP input to the Dimesa-MB workshop in June, the Chair informed that the Board reply would be approved through MB written procedure before the end of January 2015. In addition, she proposed to organise the MB seminar in 2016 on the EKC; the decision would be taken during 2015 depending on how the initiative develops.

The MB took note of the EKC initiative.

#### Item 20 EEAcademy

The Executive Director gave a <u>presentation</u> on the reasoning behind the EEAcademy and its status so far. He clarified that the intention was not to create a new institution but to structure existing work.

Further to that, the SC Chair said that the Scientific Committee was committed to be behind the academy. In her view this initiative was important for capacity building beyond the EU. In addition, she reported on discussions with the SC and the Bureau which had focused on the importance of guality assurance of EEAcademy products and its governance.

The Board suggested to set up a small MB group to look, with the EEA and SC, into aspects such as governance, quality assurance and terms of reference, as well as resources allocated to the EEAcademy.

### Item 21 Engagement with the European Neighbourhood

Taking document <u>EEA/MB/71/21</u> as read, the Executive Director said that future work in this area would take into consideration the impact on core Agency resources and on whether the investment of those resources are in processes that deliver results.

The MB reflected on the issues raised in the document, strongly supporting continuity of EEA work with the European Neighbourhood, however they also advised that future engagement should focus on deliverables. Given the scarcity of resources, the Board welcomed a future reflection on the orientation and landscape of activities with the European Neighbourhood.

#### **ITEMS 22-26 FOR INFORMATION**

#### Item 22 Overview of audits

The Board took note of the overview of the last Agency audits, as set out in document EEA/MB/71/22.

## Item 23 Priorities of the Latvian Presidency

Alda Ozola (MB Latvia) gave an overview of the priorities of the Latvian Presidency. The presentation is available here.

## Item 24 EEA Publication Plan 2014. Update

The MB took note of the updated publication plan for 2014.

In addition, the Executive Director informed that the goal for 2015 was to publish 90% of the planned publications. In 2014, the EEA had reached 80% of the plan.

#### Item 25 EEA Meeting dates 2015

The MB members took note of the meeting dates for 2015.

The MB also took note of the plan to hold the November MB and seminar in the European Parliament in Brussels, subject to the absence of clashes with the EP Plenary in Strasbourg.

#### Item 26 Feedback from MB members

The Board members did not have anything to report under this item.

The meeting closed at 16.55

# ANNEX 1 – Final agenda of the 71<sup>st</sup> Management Board Wednesday 19 November 2014

#### FOR DECISION

- 1. Adoption of draft agenda
- 2. Adoption of the 70th Management Board minutes, 17 June 2014

#### FOR INFORMATION

- 3. Draft minutes 64th Bureau meeting, 7 October 2014
- 4. Update by the MB Chair
- 5. Update by the SC Chair
- 6. Update by the Executive Director

#### FOR DECISION

- 7. Follow-up discharge
- 8. Executive Director's engagement in outside activities: International Resource Panel (UNEP)
- 9. Adoption of the EEA Annual Work Programme (AWP) 2015
- 10. Adoption of the EEA Budget 2015
- 11. Approval Eurostat Work Programme 2015
- 12. Approval Internal Audit Charter
- 13. Approval EEA Anti-Fraud strategy
- 14. Designation of new Scientific Committee members
- 15. Election Vice-Chair/Bureau member

## FOR GUIDANCE

- 16. Governance. Functioning of MB and Bureau
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- Environment Knowledge Community (EKC). Follow-up Dimesa-MB workshop
- 20. EEAcademy
- 21. Engagement with European Neighbourhood

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- 22. Overview of audits
- 23. Priorities Latvian Presidency
- 24. EEA Publication Plan. Update
- 25. EEA meeting dates 2015
- 26. Feedback from Management Board members

#### **Tabled documents**



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## **ANNEX 3 – Action List**

ACTIONS	Status 15 January 2015
To publish on Forum the final minutes of the 70 <sup>th</sup> Management Board	To do
To develop a welcome package for MB members	To do
To inform the Bureau and MB when the final draft of the Eurostat work programme 2015 has	To do
been adopted and confirm that this version does not deviate in substance from the version	
approved by the MB on 19 November 2014	
To amend the SC RoP in line with the decisions taken under item 14	To do
To launch a MB written procedure for the amendment of the EEA Budget 2014 following the	Done
signature of the Copernicus Delegation agreement	
To send the SOER country fiches for MB approval	Done
To set up a small MB group work with EEA and SC on the EEAcademy (issues identified so	To do
far:ToRs, governance, quality assurance and resources)	
To launch a MB written procedure for the approval of the MB response to the NFP letter with	Ongoing
input to the Dimesa-MB workshop	



AMMEX 4 - List of Decisions and Guidance, 71st Management Board meeting, 19 November 2014, EEA

Agenda item	Decisions	Comments
Item 1. Adoption of agenda	Adopted	- -
Item 2. Adoption of the 70 <sup>th</sup> Management Board minutes, 17 June 2014	Adopted	The attendance list will be amended according to comments received.
Item 7. Follow-up discharge	CLOSED SESSION	-
Item 8. Executive Director's engagement in outside activities: International Resource panel	Endorsed the participation of the Executive Director in the International Resource panel	The activity will start in 2015.
Item 9. Adoption EEA Annual Work Programme (AWP) 2015	Endorsed 5	-
Item 10. Adoption EEA Budget 2015	Adopted	The adoption of the EEA budget 2015 is conditional upon the approval by the budgetary authorities of the subsidy for the EEA within the Community budget for 2015, as well as the EEA establishment table for 2015
Item 11. Approval Eurostat Work Programme 2015	Approved the Eurostat Work Programme 2015, in the field of the environment	The approval of the Eurostat Work Programme 2015 in the field of the environment is subject to confirmation that the finally adopted programme does not differ substantially from the draft approved by the MB on 19 November 2014.
Item 12. Approval Internal Audit Charter	Approved	-
Item 13. Approval EEA Anti-Fraud Strategy	Approved	-
Item 14. Designation of new Scientific Committee members	Decided to designate three new experts as members of the EEA Scientific Committee.  Decided to amend the SC RoP to reflect the MB guidance.	The list of new SC members and areas of expertise is listed in the annex to this decision list.  The new SC RoP would reflect the cooling off period and maximum percentage of former EEA staff in the SC, as well as the composition of the SC Selection Committee including its Chair.

Agenda item	Guidance	Comments
Item 16 Governance. Functioning MB and Bureau	Took note of the update	The frequency of meetings will remain unchanged (3 Bureau and 3 MB meetings per year plus the MB seminar).
		The spring Bureau will be organised back-to-back with the June MB (half day Bureau, 2 half days MB, including social event).
		The location of meetings will normally be Copenhagen, with the MB & seminar being hosted in a MS or Brussels.
Item 17. Copernicus	Took note of the tabled document and supported the signing of the Delegation agreement	The MB supported the signing of the Delegation agreement provided it does not differ in substance from the draft presented to them in June 2014.
		A MB written procedure for the amendment of the EEA Budget 2014 will be launched in December.
Item 18. SOER 2015	Provided feedback on the executive summary	MB to approve the country fiches before the end of December. EEA will circulate the country fiches at the beginning of December.
Item 19. Environment Knowledge Community (EKC). Follow-up Dimesa- MB workshop	Took note of the update	The MB response to the NFP letter from June 2014 will be approved by MB written procedure, to be launched shortly after the MB.
Item 20. EEAcademy	Took note of the update	A follow-up update and possibly the ToRs for the EEAcademy will be provided to the MB in March.
Item 21. Engagement with European Neighbourhood	Provided guidance on future EEA engagement with the European Neighbourhood	Future work on this area would focus on results.

Approved by the Chair of the Management Board on 19 November 2014

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Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler