



**Summary of the main discussions from the 63rd Scientific Committee meeting,
25 February 2016, Copenhagen**

Dr Sybille van den Hove, Chair of the Scientific Committee, opened the meeting by welcoming everybody and presenting apologies for those absent.

Attendance: in accordance to annex 2

FOR DECISION – Item 1

- **01 Adoption of the draft agenda – Adopted**

FOR INFORMATION – Items 2-5

- **02 Update by the Scientific Committee Chairman, including feedback from members**

The Chair reminded everybody that 8 SC members would be coming to the end of their second term in November, while 7 members would be ending their first term in December, thus the Committee would have to elect a new Chair and two new Vice-Chairs at the October meeting. The Management Board (MB) in March would be discussing new areas of expertise for a new Call for expressions of interest to the Scientific Committee, the MB would also discuss the renewal of SC members.

In addition, the Chair informed that the report of the seminar on the use of the underground had been published on the EEA [homepage](#), as well as being distributed to 20 targeted addresses. Furthermore, the SC afterword on SOER had also been made available on the EEA [website](#).

Moreover, the Chair confirmed that the next 2 seminars would focus on transitions and land. With regard to the EEAcademy, she reported that its Advisory Committee had been formally appointed by the Bureau, Dr Ángel Borja and herself being the two members from the SC side. Concerning EEAcademy activities, she said that the programme of the [summer school](#) on the Precautionary Principle: the Governance of Innovation and Innovation in Governance had been finalised.

Dr Ángel Borja reported on the summer school on [marine](#) issues that would be of interest for the EEA.

Prof Peter Novak reported on his participation on several recruitments of EEA staff.

Prof Philippe Grandjean reported on activities related to human monitoring, in collaboration with Prof Greet Schoeters.

Prof Malgorzata Grodziska-Jurczak reported on her contribution to the upcoming conference on [Citizens Science](#) to be held in May, in Berlin.

Prof Greet Schoeters informed that due to the success of the SC seminar on wellbeing, DG RTD launched a human biomonitoring initiative which had led to the creation of an European platform to ensure that data was collected and compared properly.

Prof Eckart Lange had been working on the outline of the October seminar with EEA experts.

Prof. Jouni Paavola had contributed to the advisory group for the climate change and vulnerability report.

Prof Anil Markandya reported that he had contributed to COP side events, and with the European Academy of Sciences on climate change impacts.

Prof Ole Hertel had been involved in monitoring and on organising a PhD summer school, as well as on work carried out in [research station](#) in the High Arctic.

03 Update by EEA on major developments since the last SC meeting

Further to the written report, the Executive Director informed 2016 would be a year of reflection after the launch of SOER 2015. The EEA needed to reflect on the need to bring about new knowledge, given new policy developments that were not available in 2013 when the MAWP was developed. The Agency needed to incorporate these developments in existing knowledge and current work.

In addition, the Executive Director said that 2016 was the year when the EEA Academy would become functional.

Furthermore, the Executive Director informed that the next EEA evaluation would be carried out by the Commission services, in light of a potential amendment of the EEA Regulation.

- **04 Update by DG Research**

The representative of DG RTD, Jesús – María Alquezar-Sabadie, gave an update on [RTD current work](#), and informed on the consultation of its work programme 2018-2020.

It was agreed to make a joint EEA-SC contribution to RTD WP 2018-2020.

- **05 Update by JRC**

Peter Pärt reported that the JRC report on behavioural challenges was available on the JRC website. In addition, he confirmed the ongoing collaboration between EEA and JRC on the area of climate change, and in particular on the vulnerability report.

FOR DECISION – Item 6

- **06 SC Opinion on the recruitment of EEA scientific staff**

The SC opinion on the recruitment of EEA scientific staff was adopted.

Prof Peter Novak, Vice-Chair in charge of coordinating the participation of SC members in such recruitments highlighted the EEA's excellent methodology and approach to recruitment procedures. He also encouraged his peers to volunteer to relevant recruitment panels.

FOR DISCUSSION – Items 7-11

- **07 Priorities Annual Work Programme 2017 and draft Programming Document 2017-2019**

Given that the SC work plan is aligned to the MAWP 2014-2018 and the later had been extended by the MB to 2019, the SC would take a reflection in future meetings on whether its work plan also needs to be extended.

- **08 Follow-up seminar on emerging systemic risks**

The EEA would circulate the draft report in advance of the next meeting on 19 May, for feedback and reflection on the final document to be published on the EEA website.

- **09 Energy Efficiency Index**

Further to the [presentation](#) on the Energy Efficiency Index, the SC agreed to send feedback until 10 March.

- **10 Climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction in Europe, draft report and Advisory Committee**

Further to the [presentation](#) on the climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction, the SC agreed to send feedback and expressions of interest for the advisory committee until 10 March.

- **11 2016 spring and autumn seminars: themes, timings, roles and responsibilities**

As confirmed by the Chair, the seminar on 19 May would focus on knowledge for transitions, Prof Per Mickwitz would be supporting the development of the seminar from the SC side.

The topic of the autumn seminar would be land as a resource. Prof Eckart Lange is leading the development of this seminar together with EEA experts. A draft outline would be sent in advance of the May meeting.

FOR INFORMATION – Items 12-15

- **12 Areas of expertise SC call 2016**

The SC took note of the draft areas of the next SC call.

- **13 SC honorarium**

The SC took note of the proposal being made to the MB.

- **14 EEA Publication Plan 2016**

The SC took note of the draft publication plan for 2016.

- **15 AoB**

There was nothing to report under this item.

The meeting closed at 12.30

Approved by the Scientific Committee on 19 May 2016

SIGNED

Dr Sybille van den Hove
Chair, Scientific Committee

ANNEX 1 - Agenda of the 63rd meeting of the EEA Scientific Committee
Thursday, 25 February 2016, 09.00-13.00, EEA premises

FOR DECISION

1. Adoption of draft agenda

FOR INFORMATION

2. Update by the Scientific Committee Chair, including feedback from members
3. Update by the Executive Director on major EEA developments
4. Update by JRC
5. Update by RTD

FOR DECISION

6. Scientific Committee opinion on recruitment of EEA scientific staff

FOR DISCUSSION

7. Priorities Annual Work Programme 2017 and draft Programming Document 2017-2019
8. Follow-up SC seminar on emerging systemic risks
9. Energy Efficiency Index
10. Climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction in Europe draft report and Advisory Committee
11. 2016 spring and autumn seminars: themes, timings, roles and responsibilities

FOR INFORMATION

12. Areas of expertise SC call 2016
13. SC honorarium
14. EEA Publication plan 2016
15. AoB

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SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE "EMERGING SYSTEMIC RISKS" SEMINAR and 63rd SC MEETING
24-25 February 2016

| MEMBERS | ORGANISATION | SEMINAR 24/02 | MEETING 25/02 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Mikael Skou ANDERSEN | Danish Århus University | Signed | Signed |
| Angel BORJA | Head of Project at the Marine Research Division | Signed | Signed |
| Philippe GRANDJEAN | University of Southern Denmark | Signed | Signed |
| Małgorzata GRODZIŃSKA-JURCZAK | Jagiellonian University | Signed | signed |
| Ole HERTEL | University of Århus | Signed | Signed |
| Jiri HŘEBÍČEK | Masaryk University | Signed | Apologies |
| Mogens HENZE | Technical University of Denmark | Apologies | Apologies |
| Sybille van den HOVE | Median SCP | Signed | Signed |
| Richard K JOHNSON | Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences | Apologies | Signed |

| MEMBERS | ORGANISATION | SEMINAR 24/02 | MEETING 25/02 |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Eckart LANGE | University of Sheffield | Signed | Signed |
| Per MICKWITZ | Finnish Environmental Institute | Apologies | Apologies |
| Owen McINTYRE | University College Cork | Apologies | Apologies |
| Anil MARKANDYA | University of Bath | Signed | Signed |
| Peter NOVAK | Energotech | Signed | Signed |
| Jouni PAAVOLA | University of Leeds | Signed | Signed |
| Vincent-Henri PEUCH | ECMWF | Apologies | Apologies |
| Greet SCHOETERS | VITO | Signed | Signed |
| Jean-Louis WEBER | University of Nottingham | Apologies | Apologies |

| GUEST | | SEMINAR 24/02 | MEETING 25/02 |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Walter RADERMACHER | EUROSTAT | Signed | |
| Peeter PÄRT | JRC | Signed | Signed |
| Ahmet Mete SAATÇI | Turkish Water Institute | Apologies | Signed |
| Elena MONTANI | DG ENV | Signed | |
| Jesus ALQUEZAR SABADIE | DG Research | Signed | |
| Jan Hendrik VOET | NFP Belgium | Signed | |
| Tony DOLAN | EPA Representative Ireland | Signed | |
| Tobin ROBINSON | EFSA | Signed | |
| Jörgen TALKOP | DG CLIMA | Signed | |
| Rolands BEBRIS | The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia | Signed | |
| Rebekka BORSCH | Norwegian Environment Agency | Signed | |

| SPEAKERS | | SEMINAR 24/02 | MEETING 25/02 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Francis CHATEAURAYNAUD | Groupe de Sociologie Pragmatique et Réflexive, École des Hutes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris | Signed | |
| Margareta DRZENIEK HANOUS | World Economic Forum, Geneva | Signed | |
| Rainer SACHS | Munich RE | Signed | |
| Piet SELLKE | International Risk Governance Council, Stuttgart | Signed | |
| EEA STAFF | | | |
| Hans BRUYNINCKX | Executive Director | Signed | Signed |
| Jock MARTIN | Head of Programme, IEA+C50 | Signed | Signed |
| Chris STEENMANS | Head of Programme, IDM | Signed | Signed |
| André JOL | Head of Group, ACC | Signed | Signed |
| Anca Diana BARBU | Project Manager, ACC | Signed | Signed |
| Catherine GANZLEBEN | Project Manager, IEA1 | Signed | Signed |
| Anna-Carin JOHANSSON | Resource officer. IEA0 | Signed | Signed |
| Pernille FOLKMANN | Assistant - IEA0 | Signed | Signed |
| Elena OSTÁRIZ | Scientific Committee Secretariat, IEA0 | Signed | Signed |