



Summary of the main discussions from the 71st Scientific Committee meeting 4 October 2018

Prof Per Mickwitz, Chair of the Scientific Committee, opened the meeting by welcoming everybody and presenting apologies from those absent.

Attendance in accordance to annex 2.

FOR DECISION – Items 1-2

- **01 Adoption of the draft agenda** – Adopted
See annex 1 for final agenda.
- **02 Adoption summary 70th Scientific Committee meeting, 17 May 2018** – Adopted

FOR INFORMATION – Item 3

- **Updates**

3a. SC Chair update

The Chair reported that the MB designated Mikael Skou Andersen, Malgorzata Grodzińska-Jurczak, and Per Mickwitz for a second 4-year term. Their second term would end in November 2022.

3b. EEA update

The Executive Director reported on the reorganisation, which had been in place since 1 September. Further to that, he informed that the EEA would start early discussions with the MB on how to formulate a proposal for the next strategy 2021-2027, taking into account processes such as the new multiannual financial framework (MFF) and the outcome of the EEA evaluation.

3c. SC members' update

Tour de table to update each other on activities related to the EEA work programme.

Most members had been involved in reviewing or commenting draft EEA reports, as well as providing input to for example the reports on Contaminants in Europe's seas; on Chemicals in surface waters; on well-being, health and environment; on social inequalities and environmental hazards; on Natural capital accounting; on Climate change adaptation in the agricultural sector; and on Ex-post analysis of the Large Combustion Plants Directive. In addition, Mikael Skou Andersen represented the SC in the selection panel for 2 Heads of Programme vacancies, and Theo Zachariadis represented the SC in the Evaluation Committee for new European Topic Centres.

TOPIC IN FOCUS

- **04. EEAcademy**

The SC were updated on the status of the EEAcademy. The presentation is available [here](#)

FOR DECISION

- **05. SC work programme 2019-2020**

The SC reflected on the different areas of the current work programme, recognising that most of the members work in more than one area. These areas are still relevant until 2020.

For the new multiannual work programme, and depending on progress and schedule vis à vis EEA discussions with the MB on the new strategy, and the outcome of the stakeholder engagement post-SOER 2020, the Chair proposed that himself with the two Vice-Chairs would prepare a draft on possible priorities to be discussed with the SC in late winter/early spring.

SC FORMAL OBLIGATIONS – Items 6-7

- **06. Election/Re-election SC Chair and SC Vice-Chair**

Per Mickwitz and Mikael Skou Andersen were re-elected by unanimity as SC Chair and SC Vice-Chair respectively for a second term. Their second term as Chair and Vice-Chair will cease when their second term in the SC ends in November 2022.

- **07. EEA scientific recruitments – towards 2018 SC recruitment opinion**

It was agreed that Vice-Chair Greet Schoeters would be in lead of the recruitment opinion.

The SC reflected on the process and pointed out the difficulties of matching schedules of individual members with those of the recruitment panels, given time constraints on both sides. For the 2018 opinion the consensus was to concentrate on the selection of Heads of Programme, and to stress that the SC is confident that the scientific requirements for the posts recruited in 2018 were met.

In addition, the SC agreed to improve the efficiency of its participation in recruitments by concentrating in participating in selection committees of strategic posts like Heads of Programme, as well as contributing to the drafting/reviewing the vacancy notices, and/or the scientific requirements of selection procedures.

FOR DECISION

- **08. SC Opinion EEA evaluation**

The Chair reported that the MB has requested a SC opinion on the EEA Evaluation. For that purpose it was agreed that a team of 3 SC members (Claire Dupont, Andy Jordan, Per Mickwitz) would draft the opinion which would be presented for adoption at the February meeting.

The report on the EEA Evaluation was expected to be made available to all SC members in January/early February.

KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENTS – Items 9-11

- **09. Report seminar Environmental Justice, May 2018**

The SC considered the possibility to use the seminar report as the basis for the EEA to publish an article in a specialised journal.

The EEA will further reflect on this, and update on progress at the next meeting.

- **10. Follow-up seminar Science-policy communication, October 2018**

The EEA would circulate the draft seminar report in advance of the February meeting, and discuss then input received and next steps on 19-20 February.

- **11 SOER 2020 update**

The EEA reported that progress on the SOER 2020 report was on schedule. The integrated assessments part would be circulated in mid-January for a mid-term review. This draft, and the input received, would be used as the basis for the SC SOER seminar in February.

INFORMATION & CLOSE – Items 12-14

- **12. EEA meeting dates 2019**

The SC took note of the meeting dates for 2019.

- **13. SC Chair wrap-up**

The Chair thanked everybody for their active participation.

- **14. AoB**

There were no issues to report under AoB.

The meeting closed at 15.30

Adopted by the Scientific Committee on 19 February 2019

SIGNED

Prof Per Mickwitz, Chair EEA Scientific Committee



**Annex 1 - Agenda of the 71st Scientific Committee,
Thursday 4 October 2018, 9.00-16.00**

FOR DECISION

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption summary 70th Scientific Committee meeting, 17 May 2018

FOR INFORMATION

3. Updates
 - 3a. SC Chair update
 - 3b. EEA update
 - 3c. SC members' updates

TOPIC IN FOCUS

4. EEAcademy

FOR DECISION

5. SC work programme 2019-2020

SC FORMAL OBLIGATIONS

6. Election/Re-election SC Chair and SC Vice-Chair
7. EEA scientific recruitments – towards 2018 SC recruitment opinion

FOR DECISION

8. SC opinion EEA evaluation

KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENTS

9. Report seminar Environmental justice, May 2018
10. Follow-up seminar Communication and Science, October 2018
11. SOER 2020 update

INFORMATION & CLOSE

12. EEA meeting dates 2019
13. SC Chair wrap-up
14. AOB

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BORJA, Angel	signed	signed
DUPONT, Claire	signed	signed
GEELS, Frank	signed	signed
GRANDJEAN, Philippe	signed	signed
GRODZINSKA-JURCZAK, Malgorzata	signed	apologies
IGLESIAS, Ana	signed	signed
JORDAN, Andrew James	apologies	apologies
MICKWITZ, Per	signed	signed
OLIVER, Thomas	signed	signed
PEUCH, Vincent-Henri	apologies	apologies
SAATÇI, Ahmet Mete	signed	signed
SCHOETERS, Greet	signed	signed
SKOU ANDERSEN, Mikael	signed	signed
SPANGENBERG, Joachim	signed	signed
STEWART, Fred	signed	apologies
TARRASON, Leonor	signed	signed

Annex 2

WEBER, Jean-Louis	signed	signed
ZACHARIADIS, Theodoros	signed	signed