



Summary of the main discussions from the 72nd Scientific Committee meeting 19-20 February 2019

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 71st Scientific Committee meeting, 4 October 2018** – Adopted

The summary of the 71st SC meeting was adopted with a minor change in page 6.

Concerning the plans to prepare a background paper for SC feedback on the new EEA strategy, the Chair regretted it had not been done. This was due in part to work overload in connection to his move to Sweden, and to the very little background available for such a paper at that point in time. The Chair proposed therefore to postpone the drafting of such document to late summer, after the 2 Vice-Chairs and himself have joined the MB seminar on the new EEA strategy.

FOR INFORMATION – Item 3

- **Updates**

3a. Executive Director's update

The Executive Director provided a presentation on the latest development on EEA work, giving a detailed overview of the economic and political framework in which the EU, and EEA, would have to operate in the coming months. The presentation is available [here](#)

3b. SC Chair update

The Chair reported on his attendance to MB and Bureau meetings (December & January). The main discussions at these meetings were related to the EEA evaluation, MAWP, and the structuring of MB-Bureau work.

3c. SC members' update

Tour the table to inform each other on activities related to EEA work.

The SC members' update and discussions held at the meeting formed the basis for the Chair's update to the MB/Bureau (see his update to [MB March](#))

3d. EEAcademy

The SC were updated on latest EEAcademy activities. Presentation available [here](#)

FORMAL OBLIGATIONS – Items 4-5

- **04. Adoption SC Opinion recruitment EEA scientific staff 2018** – Adopted

The SC Opinion on recruitment of EEA scientific staff in 2018 was adopted by unanimity. The opinion has been published on the EEA [webpage](#).

- **05. Single Programming Document (SPD) 2020-2022 including AWP 2020. Process & timetable towards SC Opinion**

As in previous years, the SC agreed to delegate the drafting of the SPD and AWP opinion to Vice-Chair Mikael Skou Andersen and Andy Jordan. Leonor Tarrason will join the drafting team in 2019.

In addition, the SC agreed with the proposed timetable leading towards the adoption of the final draft at the May meeting.

TOPIC IN FOCUS

- **06. EEA Evaluation & SC opinion** – Adopted

The SC adopted its opinion on the EEA Evaluation following a thorough discussion held in closed session.

The opinion had been requested by the Chair of the Management Board, and will be published in June 2019, once the Management Board has endorsed its opinion on the evaluation.

FOR INFORMATION

- **07. EEA Strategy 2021-2027**

The Executive Director reported on the early stages of the development of the EEA strategy 2021-2027, informing that the process would finish with the Management Board endorsement of the new strategy in December 2020.

KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENTS – Items 9-11

- **08. Follow-up Environmental Justice seminar, May 2018**

In recognising that the follow-up of the seminar had fallen behind schedule, the EEA reported on the willingness to accept Philippe Grandjean's offer to publish a commentary in the Environmental Health journal.

The SC agreed with the approach. The commentary would be shared with SC members in time for the next meeting on 22-23 May.

- **09 Draft report Science-policy Communication seminar, October 2018**

The SC provided feedback on the draft report from the seminar on Science-policy Communication, in view of its publication on the EEA webpage before summer.

- **10 Proposal SC seminar 22 May 2019**

The SC agreed on the proposal for the seminar topic to replace a seminar on sustainable finance (see document [EEA/SC/72/10 rev.1](#)). Nevertheless, the SC also requested that sustainable finance would become the Topic in Focus at the 73rd SC meeting in May.

INFORMATION & CLOSE – Items 11-12

- **11. AoB**
SC members expressed their wish to split the May meetings as in February, with the seminar in the middle.
- **12. Wrap up and close**
Nothing to report under this item.

The meeting closed at 15.55

Adopted by the Scientific Committee on 22 May 2019

SIGNED

Prof Per Mickwitz, Chair EEA Scientific Committee

**ANNEX 1 - Agenda of the 72nd Scientific Committee, 19-20 February 2018****Tuesday 19 February, 9.00-12.30****FOR DECISION**

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption summary 71st Scientific Committee meeting, 4 October 2018

FOR INFORMATION

3. Updates
 - 3a. Executive Director update
 - 3b. SC Chair update
 - 3c. SC members update
 - 3d. EEAcademy

FORMAL OBLIGATIONS

4. Adoption SC Opinion recruitment EEA scientific staff 2018
5. Single Programming Document (SPD)2020-2022 including AWP 2020. Process & timetable towards SC Opinion

TOPIC IN FOCUS

6. EEA Evaluation & SC Opinion

Wednesday 20 February, 13.00/13.30-16.00**FOR INFORMATION**

7. EEA Strategy 2021-2027

KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENTS

8. Follow-up Environmental Justice seminar, May 2018
9. Draft report Science-policy Communication seminar, October 2018
10. Proposal SC seminar 22 May 2019

11. AoB
12. Wrap up and close

ANNEX 2

19-03-SC-EEA 72nd Scientific Committee meeting and Seminar	19.02.2019	20.02.2019
BORJA, Angel	signed	signed
DUPONT, Claire	signed	signed
GEELS, Frank	signed	signed
GRANDJEAN, Philippe	signed	signed
GRODZINSKA-JURCZAK, Malgorzata	signed	signed
IGLESIAS, Ana	Apologies	Apologies
JORDAN, Andrew James	signed	signed
MICKWITZ, Per	signed	signed
OLIVER, Thomas	signed	signed
PEUCH, Vincent-Henri	signed	signed
SAARELA, Sanna-Riikka	signed	signed
SAATÇI, Ahmet Mete	signed	signed
SCHOETERS, Greet	signed	signed
SKOU ANDERSEN, Mikael	signed	signed
SPANGENBERG, Joachim	signed	signed
STEWART, Fred	signed	signed

TARRASON, Leonor	signed	signed
WEBER, Jean-Louis	signed	Apologies
ZACHARIADIS, Theodoros	signed	signed