



**LIST OF DECISIONS AND GUIDANCE**  
**117<sup>TH</sup> BUREAU MEETING, 6 MAY 2026**

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Opening of the meeting	The Chair welcomed participants.	Participants did not declare any interests which could be considered to be prejudicial to their independence with respect to any of the points on the agenda.
<b>FOR ADOPTION</b>		
1 Agenda of the 117 <sup>th</sup> Bureau meeting	The meeting agenda was adopted.	
<b>FOR DISCUSSION</b>		
2 Follow-up to the previous Bureau meeting (18 March 2026)	The Bureau took note of follow-up items to the March Bureau meeting, most of which were covered in the March Management Board meeting (MB) and in this meeting (MFF, MB rules of procedure and KPIs).	<p>Pending the signature of the extension of the contract between the EEA and the European Commission (DG ENEST), the MB will endorse Ukraine's cooperating country status. This may take place in the June MB meeting.</p> <p>The election of the MB Chair will be on the agenda of the June MB meeting, as the current Chair's first mandate will end on 31 August 2026. The Chair confirmed his intention to stand for re-election for a second mandate, and that he would give the opportunity to other members to run for the role. The Chair will delegate the chairing of this agenda point in the June MB meeting to the longest standing Vice-Chair. The MB Secretariat will send information to members on how to run for the election.</p>
3 Preparations for the next Multi-annual Financial Framework 2028-2034 (standing item)	The Bureau noted that there were no major developments on the Multi-annual Financial Framework 2028-2034.	The Chair encouraged members to reach out to their counterparts in their respective finance ministries to help ensure adequate resources for the Agency in the negotiations, and to share any relevant information with the Executive Director (ED).
4 Collaboration between the EEA and the EU Presidencies of the Council of the European Union	The Bureau welcomed the ongoing support from the EEA to the EU Presidencies of the Council of the European Union, and recognised that approaches should remain tailored to individual Presidency needs. The Bureau welcomed early and proactive engagement with incoming Presidencies.	<p>Two members expressed the wish to see the 8<sup>th</sup> Environmental Action Plan monitoring report more prominently in the Council.</p> <p>The SC Chair, in his role as observer, mentioned that the Council's working parties, especially their workshops with external experts, could be fora in which the EEA's knowledge would be useful regarding all institutional arrangements. The ED confirmed that the EEA is occasionally invited.</p>



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		<p>Participants from the European Commission underlined that the cooperation with the Council should avoid mixing political negotiations into the Agency’s work to preserve its unique knowledge provider’s role, called for caution when cooperating with the Council to avoid mixing political elements into the Agency’s work as knowledge provider, and asked the Agency to coordinate their activities with the Commission. The Chair and some members highlighted the coordination role of the whole MB regarding the work of the Agency.</p> <p>The ED acknowledged the sensitivity of the issue and highlighted the importance for the EEA of engaging with all EU institutions and supporting them with the Agency’s knowledge.</p> <p>The Chair concluded that the recurring MB item on outgoing and incoming Presidencies would be the place for MB members to raise additional elements where needed.</p>
<p>5 Follow-up discussion: how to improve the geographical spread of candidates in future calls for members of the European Scientific Advisory Board for Climate Change (ESABCC)</p>	<p>The Bureau discussed how to improve the geographical distribution of candidates applying to become members of the European Scientific Advisory Board for Climate Change.</p> <p>The Bureau recognised the joint responsibility in advertising the call and agreed to discuss the topic again early on, sufficiently ahead of the next call for applications.</p>	<p>National climate councils were identified as possible catalysts for finding more candidates in the future.</p> <p>A member highlighted the importance of scientific excellence and a better geographic distribution, to ensure that the environmental specificities of different regions are adequately considered. The member suggested for the EU Member States that are less represented, or for the ESABCC to issue a call to ministries responsible for science and the ones responsible for climate and environment to call for a stronger engagement of the scientific community.</p> <p>The Executive Director suggested to refer to the EEA’s Scientific Committee on this topic. She also suggested that the EEA could reflect on reaching out to ministries independently of the timing of the next call, to ensure impact.</p> <p>The MB may invite the Chair of the ESABCC to share his reflections on this topic when he joins the MB meeting in June.</p>
<p><b>FOR BUREAU ORIENTATION IN PREPARATION OF THE JUNE MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING</b></p>		
<p>6 Revised draft Management Board</p>	<p>The Bureau discussed the revised draft Management Board (MB) and Bureau rules of procedure from the MB Chair</p>	<p>Bureau members provided the following guidance:</p>



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and Bureau rules of procedure	<p>and the MB Secretariat based on feedback from Management Board members, and provided guidance on final elements to be included in the final draft that will be submitted to the Management Board for adoption at the June MB meeting.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the Bureau and MB members who provided input in writing after the March MB meeting.</p> <p>The Bureau took note of how the MB Chair and MB Secretariat had taken members' comments on board for the revised draft.</p> <p>The Bureau discussed the proposal from a member to introduce a MB co-chair, which had not been taken on board in the revised draft.</p> <p>The Bureau also discussed the way forward on the possible participation of civil society, trade/business association stakeholders in MB meetings. The Bureau acknowledged that several elements would require clarification if the MB was to proceed further.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The draft provides a good basis for finalisation and adoption of a revised set of MB and Bureau rules of procedure in June 2026.</li> <li>- Editorial changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Minor formatting corrections to be brought into the final draft: the fifth bullet under article 7 should have a letter e, and the list under article 11.3 should be lettered abc</li> <li>o Article 5.4 should be moved to article 7 as it deals with participation</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Whilst the current draft does not contain a revision clause, the final draft would refer to revisions in the cover note. The MB is free to revise any of their decisions at any point.</li> <li>- When adopting the RoP, the MB Chair/MB Secretariat will aim for more clarity on the development of a MB code of conduct.</li> <li>- Include that the whole Bureau (instead of the Vice-Chairs) acts as a sounding board to the Chair</li> <li>- Reflect on the rotating observership of the cooperating countries in the MB: there may be merit in all of them participating in MB meetings</li> <li>- Article 15.4 second sentence should read: 'the evaluation committee shall be chaired by a member of the Management Board' to align with the parallel provision for the Scientific Committee.</li> </ul>
		<p>A few participants supported the idea of introducing a MB co-chair whilst others questioned the added value and purpose of introducing this concept, so no conclusion was yet reached on this point.</p>
		<p>The Bureau did not have a unanimous view on civil society and trade/business association stakeholder participation in MB meetings, so the proposal to the MB in June would include two options: include stakeholder participation in the RoP, which would only be triggered when a separate MB decision is in place (in line with the current draft), or drop it from the RoP but these stakeholders could be invited to join a specific annual event where the Agency's activities are presented.</p>



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		The Executive Director highlighted that the joint statement of the European Parliament, the Council of the EU and the European Commission on decentralised agencies (2012) and the European Parliament report on EU Agencies, Common Approach and Parliamentary Scrutiny (2018) put forward the principle that when stakeholders are not part of the MB, they should participate in other internal bodies and/or advisory or working groups if appropriate. She also highlighted that if civil society stakeholders were to be invited, the MB would need to work on various elements including an accreditation and selection mechanism, as well as criteria.
7 Draft proposal on the EEA's second phase Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	<p>The Bureau provided guidance on the proposed set of Phase 2 KPIs so that it can be finalised for approval for the June Management Board meeting.</p> <p>The Bureau concluded that the proposal is a good basis for a decision in the MB in June on adopting phase 2 KPIs. The Bureau acknowledged that it will be important for the MB to adopt the set of KPIs so the EEA can start working on a stable set of KPIs, while further work on KPIs related to impact and country uptake in particular continues, also in relation to the EEA evaluation.</p>	<p>The member from the European Commission expressed the wish to see a clearer link between the KPIs and the EEA-Eionet evaluation.</p> <p>Some members acknowledged with some reservation the limited scope of some of the KPIs (impact on member countries and policy uptake).</p> <p>An observer (SC Chair) suggested that the use of large language models (LLMs) may be explored to solve feasibility issues.</p>
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
8 Feedback from Bureau members	Members did not raise any further items.	
<b>CLOSED SESSION</b>		
9 Follow-up to confidential MB closed session item	The Bureau took note of the update of the Chair on the developments regarding the follow-up to the confidential and sensitive matter covered in the March MB meeting.	The update covered recent work of the subgroup that the MB established in March. The Chair will update the MB on developments and next steps at the June MB meeting.

*The meeting closed at 12:20*

Approved by the EEA Bureau at its 117<sup>th</sup> meeting  
6 May 2026

*[Signed]*

André Weidenhaupt  
Chair, EEA Management Board

### Annexes

- Annex 1: Final agenda of 117<sup>th</sup> Bureau meeting, 6 May 2026  
Annex 2: Participants list, 117<sup>th</sup> Bureau meeting, 6 May 2026



## Agenda of the 117<sup>th</sup> Bureau meeting

Wednesday, 6 May 2026, 10:00-12:00 CEST, Microsoft Teams

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENTS
<b>FOR ADOPTION</b>	
1. Agenda of the 117 <sup>th</sup> Bureau meeting	EEA/BU/117/01
<b>FOR DISCUSSION</b>	
2. Follow-up to the previous Bureau meeting (18 March 2026)	Verbal update
3. Preparations for the next Multi-annual Financial Framework 2028-2034 (standing item)	Verbal update
4. Collaboration between the EEA and the EU Presidencies of the Council of the European Union	EEA/BU/117/04
5. Follow-up discussion: how to improve the geographical spread of candidates in future calls for members of the European Scientific Advisory Board for Climate Change (ESABCC)?	EEA/BU/117/05
<b>FOR BUREAU ORIENTATION IN PREPARATION OF THE JUNE MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING</b>	
6. Revised draft Management Board and Bureau rules of procedure	EEA/BU/117/06
7. Draft proposal on the EEA's second phase Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	EEA/BU/117/07
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>	
8. Feedback from Bureau members	Verbal update
<b>CLOSED SESSION</b>	
9. Follow-up to confidential MB closed session item	Verbal update


**Participants list, 117<sup>th</sup> Bureau meeting, 6 May 2026 10:00-12:00 CEST, online**

Name	Represented country/ organisation	Role	Presence
André Weidenhaupt	Luxembourg	Chair	Present
Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler	Austria	Vice-Chair	Present
Aljoša Duplić	Croatia	Vice-Chair	Present
Laura Höijer	Finland	Vice-Chair	Present
Julia Werner	Germany	Vice-Chair	Present
Stefano Laporta	Italy	Vice-Chair	Present
Valerie Drézet-Humez	European Commission (DG ENV)		Present
Lena Neij	Member designated by the European Parliament		Present
Leena Ylä-Mononen	EEA	Executive Director	Present
Louis Meuleman	Chair of the Scientific Committee		Present
Martine Rohn-Brossard	Switzerland	Observer from non-EU member state	Present
Yvon Slingenberg	European Commission (DG CLIMA)	Standing observer	Present
Saverio Marcaletti	European Commission (DG ENV)	Invited observer	Present
Jürgen Salay	European Commission (DG CLIMA)	Invited observer	Present
Eva Jensen	EEA		Present
Riyong Kim	EEA		Present
Karl Hamilton	EEA		Present
Katja Rosenbohm	EEA		Present
Søren Nielsen	EEA		Present
Milan Chrenko	EEA		Present
Anne-Marie Buttolo	EEA		Present
Jasmiina Laurmaa	EEA/MB Secretariat		Present