

Decision EEA/BU/2022/016

LIST OF DECISIONS AND GUIDANCE 94TH BUREAU MEETING, 15 JUNE 2022

Agenda item		Outcome	Comments
	Opening of the meeting	The Chair welcomed participants.	
		The Bureau welcomed Margit Martinson, Management Board (MB) member from Estonia to her first Bureau meeting since her election as MB Vice-Chair. The Bureau also welcomed Anna Otmalm, Chair of the Management Board Advisory Committee who joined the meeting for the discussion on the transformation of Eionet.	
	FOR ADOPTION		
1	Agenda of the 94 th Bureau meeting FOR BUREAU ORIENTATION IN PREPARATION OF THE 96 th	The meeting agenda was adopted.	
	MANAGEMENT BOARD		
2	96 th MB meeting agenda	The Bureau took note of the agenda for the 96 th MB meeting.	
3	2022 work programme of the European Scientific Advisory Board for Climate Change	The Bureau welcomed the positive start of the activities of the European Scientific Advisory Board for Climate Change and its Secretariat. The Bureau welcomed the rapid development of the draft 2022 work programme shortly after the Advisory Board was established. The Bureau welcomed that the interlinks between the European climate agenda and the national ones are acknowledged in the draft work programme. The Bureau concluded that it will be important to ensure that the work of the Advisory Board is complementary of the work of EEA and synergies are explored.	The Management Board will be asked to inform EEA (via the MB Secretariat) if they have national advisory bodies on climate change in their countries.
4	Transformation of Eionet	The Bureau prepared the MB discussion on the transformation of Eionet based on the introduction from the Chair of the Management Board Advisory Committee (MBAC). The Bureau also discussed the continuation of the work of the MBAC. The Bureau expressed their appreciation for the work of the MBAC and highlighted the following aspects: - the MBAC provides a unique	The composition of the MBAC is expected to be revised, with two additional members who expressed their interest, and one stepping down.

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		National Focal Points (NFPs) to discuss together - the key focus of the MBAC is to support the delivery of the EEA-Eionet Strategy 2021-2030 to overcome environmental and climate challenges through a stronger Eionet - the value of having regular discussions on Eionet at the MB - a key aspect is the sharing of experiences and learning from each other to improve national Eionet networks and the overall Eionet		
5	Follow-up on resource discussion: opportunities for Seconded National Experts beyond technical roles	The Bureau provided guidance regarding the EEA proposal for a troika system for Eionet groups with the involvement of Seconded National Experts (SNEs).	If the proposal moves ahead further to the discussion at the MB meeting, EEA will look into the modalities of the proposal, for instance by setting a duration of this type of secondment to facilitate the return of the SNEs to	
		The Bureau suggested that EEA would communicate the benefits for SNEs, keeping in mind that the person may relocate with their partner/family, including successful examples or best practices to improve the	their countries.	
		attractiveness of the model and facilitate integration in Denmark for their stay.		
6	Designation of a European Topic Centre on Biodiversity and Ecosystems 2023-2026*	The Bureau recommended the MB to designate the European Topic Centre (ETC) on biodiversity and ecosystems for the period 2023-2026, based on the recommendation of the evaluation committee. The Bureau acknowledged the importance for the ETC to deliver on the terms of reference, including on the areas where the evaluation committee identified potential gaps. The Bureau underlined EEA's responsibility to ensure that the ETC consortium to be designated meets the set objectives.	EEA will inform the MB on the transition plan to ensure the continuity between the work of the past two ETCs and the ETC to be designated by the MB, and on the delivery of the objectives set in the terms of reference.	
7	EEA final accounts 2021	The Bureau recommended the MB to adopt their opinion on the EEA final accounts 2021, which form a sound basis for EEA to request the discharge. The Bureau requested EEA to ensure the consistency in the colour-coding used in MB documents on the accounts.	There has been no change to the figures between the provisional accounts and the final accounts.	

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8	MB/Bureau meeting calendar 2023	adopt the dates for 2023 MB and Bureau meetings. The Bureau also took note of the unknown elements that will have an	There is no MB meeting in September 2022 (mentioned in the MB document on EEA evaluation). MB members will be invited to provide	
		impact on the dates: the possible extraordinary MB meeting early 2023 and the EEA evaluation 2017-2021.	answers to the survey from the MB Secretariat on the review of operations of MB and Bureau to get an overview of MB needs and views on	
		Bureau members shared their views on the format (in person/online/hybrid) of	how meetings and overall operations should work in the future.	
		future meetings, acknowledging the value and challenges of each format.		
	FOR INFORMATION			
9	Feedback from Bureau members	The meeting closed without additional feedback from members.		

Documents provided for information (no discussion in the meeting unless raised by a Bureau member under AP 11 Feedback from Bureau members):

- Overview of audits (EEA/BU/94/10)
- Draft report to the discharge authorities 2020 (EEA/BU/94/11)

The meeting closed at 18:30

Approved by the EEA Bureau at its 94th meeting Copenhagen, 15 June 2022

Signed

Laura Burke Chair, EEA Management Board

Annexes

Annex 1: Final agenda of 94th Bureau meeting, 15 June 2022 Annex 2: Participants list, 94th Bureau meeting, 15 June 2022

Annex 3: Draft list of 2023 meetings

^{*}The document for agenda point 6 is a confidential MB document sent to MB members via separate email.

Annex 1:

Draft agenda of the 94th Bureau meeting Wednesday, 15 June 2022, 16:30-18:30, Copenhagen

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENTS	
FOR ADOPTION		
1. Agenda of the 94 th Bureau meeting	EEA/BU/94/01	

FOR BUREAU ORIENTATION IN PREPARATION OF THE 96th MANAGEMENT BOARD		
2. 96 th MB meeting agenda	EEA/MB/96/01	
3. 2022 work programme of the European Scientific Advisory Board for Climate Change	EEA/MB/96/10	
4. Transformation of Eionet	EEA/MB/96/11A	
	EEA/MB/96/11B	
5. Follow-up on resource discussion: opportunities for Seconded National Experts beyond technical roles	EEA/MB/96/12	
6. Designation of a European Topic Centre on Biodiversity and Ecosystems 2023-2026*	EEA/MB/96/13A	
7. EEA final accounts 2021	EEA/MB/96/13B	
8. MB/Bureau meeting calendar 2023	EEA/MB/96/13C	

FOR INFORMATION	
9. Feedback from Bureau members	[Verbal update]

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Annex 2: Participants list, 94th Bureau meeting, Wednesday, 15 June 2022, 16:30–18:30 CEST, hybrid meeting: Microsoft Teams/Copenhagen

Name	Represented country/ organisation	Role	Presence
Laura Burke	Ireland	Chair	Present
Michal Pastvinsky	Czech Republic	Vice-Chair	Present
Margit Martinson	Estonia	Vice-Chair	Present
Diane Simiu	France	Vice-Chair	Present
Alessandro Bratti	Italy	Vice-Chair	Present
André Weidenhaupt	Luxembourg	Vice-Chair	Present
Gilles Gantelet	European Commission (DG ENV)		Present
Yvon Slingenberg	European Commission (DG CLIMA)		Absent
Josiane Masson	European Commission (DG ENV)		Present
Vicky Pollard	European Commission (DG CLIMA)		Present
Jürgen Salay	European Commission (DG CLIMA)		Present
Lena Neij	European Parliament representative		Absent
Per Mickwitz	Chair of the Scientific Committee		Present
Bergþóra Njála Guðmundsdóttir	Observer from non-EU member state (Iceland)		Present
Anna Otmalm	Sweden	MBAC Chair	Present
Hans Bruyninckx	EEA		Present
Soren Nielsen	EEA		Present
Chris Steenmans	EEA		Present
Katja Rosenbohm	EEA		Present
Jock Martin	EEA		Present
Martin Adams	EEA		Present
Eva Jensen	EEA		Present
Riyong Kim	EEA		Present
Luc Bas	EEA		Present
Milan Chrenko	EEA		Present
François Dejean	EEA		Present
Jasmiina Laurmaa	EEA/ MB Secretariat		Present

Annex 3: List of 2023 meetings

DRAFT MEETING DATES IN 2023 MANAGEMENT BOARD, BUREAU, SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND NFP/EIONET

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Meeting	Proposed date
Bureau (virtual)	Thursday 26 January 2023
OR Bureau + Extraordinary Management Board meeting (if needed)	
84 th Scientific Committee	Tuesday-Wednesday, 7-8 February
NFP/Eionet meeting	Tuesday, 28 February
Network component of the 2023 event (Copenhagen)	Wednesday, 1 March
Bureau	Wednesday, 22 March 2023
Management Board	Thursday, 23 March 2023
Bureau (virtual)	Wednesday, 10 May 2023
85 th Scientific Committee	Tuesday-Wednesday, 23-24 May
Bureau	Wednesday, 7 June 2023
Management Board	Thursday, 8 June 2023
NFP/Eionet meeting	Tuesday-Wednesday, 13-14 June
Bureau (virtual)	Thursday, 5 October 2023
NFP/Eionet meeting	Tuesday-Thursday, 10-12 October
86 th Scientific Committee	Tuesday-Wednesday, 24-25 October
Bureau	Wednesday, 6 December 2023*
Management Board	Thursday, 7 December 2023*

^{*}At the time of the proposal, the ENV Council dates were not known. Should the proposed dates coincide with ENV Council dates, alternative dates are 30 November for the Management Board meeting and 29 November 2023 for the Bureau meeting.