

**LIST OF DECISIONS AND GUIDANCE
99TH MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING, 8 JUNE 2023**

Agenda item	Outcome	Comments
AGENDA AND FOLLOW-UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS	The Management Board (MB) welcomed new MB members that were nominated since the March meeting, and Leena Ylä-Mononen to her first MB meeting in her position of EEA's Executive Director.	
FOR ADOPTION		
1 Agenda of the 99 th Management Board meeting	The Management Board (MB) adopted the agenda of the meeting with an additional closed session item on the appointment of the reporting officers for the annual appraisal of the EEA Executive Director for reporting year 2023.	
FOR INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK		
2 MB decision list: 98th meeting (23 March 2023)	The MB adopted the decision list of the 98 th meeting.	
3 Update by the Management Board Chair	<p>The MB took note of the last update by the Chair in her role and thanked her for her leadership over the past six years.</p> <p>Decisions/written procedures since the 23 March MB meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Appointment of Leena Ylä-Mononen as EEA's Executive Director as from 1 June 2023 - Adoption of Consolidated Annual Activity Report (CAAR) 2022 <p>The Chair highlighted the importance of the EEA-Eionet evaluation for the period 2017-2021 and of the establishment of the Management Board Advisory Committee to coordinate the MB's response to the evaluation.</p> <p>The Chair emphasised the benefits for staff from organisations within EEA member countries to apply for Seconded National Expert positions at EEA.</p> <p>Topics covered at the Bureau on 7 June:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 99th Bureau decision list covers the recommendations from the Bureau. 	<p>The Chair welcomed the positive endorsement from the European Parliament following Leena Ylä-Mononen's statement in front of the ENVI Committee on 26 April.</p> <p>The call for applications for Seconded National Expert positions at EEA will remain open until 15 June.</p>
UPDATES FOR INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK		
4 Introduction by Leena Ylä-Mononen, EEA's new Executive Director	The MB welcomed the introduction by Leena Ylä-Mononen in her first MB meeting since her appointment as EEA's Executive Director (ED), on her commitment to work closely with the MB and Bureau and her plans for the first months in her role, including her plans to engage with EEA's institutional partners, EEA-Eionet member and cooperating countries, as well as civil society actors.	The ED invited the MB to provide feedback on what format would be most fit-for-purpose for the ED to deliver information and outlooks to the MB in the future, and to reflect on how to acknowledge milestones such as the 100 th MB meeting in December and EEA's 30 th anniversary in 2024.

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		<p>The ED stated that the EEA is ready to support the European Commission if requested, following the war in Ukraine and the disastrous consequences on people and ecosystems of the destruction of the Kakhovka dam.</p> <p>Several members highlighted that the ED joins EEA at a crucial time of governance changes for the Agency, and upcoming institutional changes at EU level. The MB may reflect on their role towards the ED and the institutions in this context.</p>
<p>5 Update by the European Commission</p>	<p>The MB took note of the update by the European Commission on the latest policy developments, including on the impact of the delayed adoption of the Nature Restoration Law on EEA’s resources and work programme.</p>	<p>The timing of the adoption of the Nature Restoration Law remains uncertain. The additional resources foreseen for EEA will be released once the law is adopted. The delay has an impact on EEA’s budget and activities in the work programme.</p> <p>Türkiye requested a waiver/rebate for their contributions to EEA/Eionet following the earthquake in February, which cannot be applied in the absence of a mechanism at EU level.</p> <p>The representative from JRC highlighted that the March 2024 MB meeting at their premises in Ispra, Italy, would be a good opportunity for the MB to assess the collaboration between JRC and EEA.</p>
<p>6 Update by the Scientific Committee Chair</p>	<p>The MB took note of the update by the Scientific Committee (SC) Chair on the SC’s recent activities.</p> <p>The MB discussed several areas related to the SC’s activities and reflected on possible topics that they may request the SC to deliver opinions or advice on, including strategic foresight and the knowledge needs for sustainability transitions.</p>	<p>The SC Chair reminded the MB of the possibility to request the SC to deliver opinions or briefings on topics of scientific relevance.</p> <p>The SC Chair invited MB members to join future SC seminars, including the upcoming one in October on nature as a solution.</p>
<p>CLOSED SESSION</p>		
<p>7 Election of the Management Board Chair</p>	<p>The MB took note of the statements from candidates for the MB Chair role and the details of the voting procedure, including proxys.</p> <p>The MB appointed two members from non-EU member countries as tellers for the voting</p>	<p>Laura Burke’s mandate as MB Chair will end on 31 August 2023.</p> <p>There were four candidates, two of which were eliminated after the first round. André Weidenhaupt was elected on the fourth round with 23 votes.</p>



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	<p>procedure to count the votes with the MB Secretariat for both elections.</p> <p>As a result of a voting procedure, the MB elected André Weidenhaupt, MB member from Luxembourg, as the next Management Board Chair for a first mandate from 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2026, renewable once.</p>	
8 Election of two Management Board Vice-Chairs	<p>As a result of a voting procedure, the MB elected two Management Board Vice-Chairs/Bureau members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stefano Laporta, Management Board member from Italy, for a first mandate from 8 June 2023 to 7 June 2026, renewable once. - Magda Gosk, Management Board member from Poland, for a first mandate from 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2026, renewable once. 	<p>There were three candidates for the first Vice-Chair election, one of which was eliminated after the second round. Stefano Laporta was elected on the third round with 26 votes.</p> <p>There were two candidates for the second Vice-Chair election. Magda Gosk was elected on the second round with 25 votes.</p>
X Appointment of reporting officers for the annual appraisal of EEA's Executive Director	<p>The MB appointed the reporting officers for the appraisal of the EEA Executive Director for reporting year 2023.</p>	<p>The first task of the reporting officers is to establish the objectives for EEA's new Executive Director for the period June-December 2023. The annual appraisal of the Executive Director will take place early 2024 according to the usual timeline.</p>
UPDATES FOR INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK (continued)		
9 Achievements of Swedish Presidency of the Council of the EU (first half of 2023) and priorities of the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the EU (second half of 2023)	<p>The MB welcomed the presentations on the outcomes of the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the EU, and on the priorities of the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the EU in the field of environment and climate.</p>	<p>The Spanish MB member highlighted the importance of cooperation with the EEA in the context of the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the EU.</p>
10 Update on EEA/Eionet evaluation 2017-2021	<p>The MB took note of the update by the European Commission on the EEA/Eionet evaluation for the period 2017-2021, including on the state-of-play and timelines.</p> <p>Following a call for volunteers to join the Management Board Advisory Committee (MBAC) to draft the response from the MB to the evaluation, the MB agreed on the composition of the MBAC including 4 MB members (France, Germany, Luxembourg, Sweden), 2 Eionet National Focal Points (Ireland, Switzerland), and the Scientific Committee Chair as an observer.</p> <p>The MB requested the Scientific Committee to prepare an opinion on the EEA/Eionet evaluation.</p>	<p>The MBAC will decide which of the MB members will chair it.</p>

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FOR GUIDANCE - STRATEGIC ORIENTATION		
11 Eionet modernisation: country reflections on ways forward	<p>The MB welcomed EEA’s efforts to strengthen the strategic engagement from Eionet by gathering consolidated feedback from countries on the Single Programming Document, and the evolution in ways of working towards more co-creation.</p> <p>The MB Chair complimented the EEA and countries involved in the modernisation of Eionet on the work to date.</p> <p>The MB congratulated the EEA for organising two successful network events in March in Copenhagen and Brussels. The MB acknowledged the importance of meeting in person for the functioning of the network in the future, whilst striking the right balance between resources spent towards big events and carbon footprints.</p>	The European Commission representative (DG ENV) mentioned the initiative to reduce the reporting burden on Member States resulting from EU legislation by 25%, which can be further discussed in future MB meetings.
FOR DECISION (PREPARED IN THE BUREAU)		
12 99 th Bureau meeting 7 June 2023: Decision list, including: A. EEA final accounts 2022 B. MB/Bureau meeting calendar 2024	<p>A. The MB adopted their opinion on the EEA final accounts 2022, confirming that the accounts form a correct basis for requesting the discharge of the Executive Director by the European Parliament.</p> <p>B. The MB approved the Management Board and Bureau meeting dates for 2024. The MB agreed that the MB meeting in June 2024 would be held online, in line with the outcome of the review of operations of the MB and Bureau.</p>	The MB thanked the JRC for their invitation to host the March 2024 MB meeting at their premises in Ispra, Italy.
FOR INFORMATION		
13 Feedback from Management Board members (verbal update)	The MB thanked Nuno Lacasta, MB member from Portugal, for his commitment to the MB.	This meeting was the last meeting of the MB members from Belgium and Portugal.

The meeting closed at 15:30.

Approved by the EEA Management Board at the 99th Management Board meeting

8 June 2023, Copenhagen

Signed

Laura Burke
Chair, EEA Management Board

Annexes

- Annex 1: Final agenda of 99th Management Board meeting, 8 June 2023
- Annex 2: Participants list, 99th Management Board meeting, 8 June 2023
- Annex 3: Meeting dates 2024

Annex 1:

**Draft agenda of 99th Management Board meeting
Thursday, 8 June 2023, 9:00-16:30, European Environment Agency, Copenhagen**

AGENDA AND FOLLOW-UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS
FOR ADOPTION
1. Adoption of draft agenda
FOR INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK
2. MB decision list: 98th meeting (23 March 2023)
3. Update by the Management Board Chair (verbal update)
UPDATES FOR INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK
4. Introduction by Leena Ylä-Mononen, EEA's new Executive Director
5. Update by the European Commission
6. Update by the Scientific Committee Chair
CLOSED SESSION*
7. Election of the Management Board Chair
8. Election of two Management Board Vice-Chairs
UPDATES FOR INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK (continued)
9. Achievements of Swedish Presidency of the Council of the EU (first half of 2023) and priorities of the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the EU (second half of 2023)
10. Update on EEA/Eionet evaluation 2017-2021
FOR GUIDANCE - STRATEGIC ORIENTATION
11. Eionet modernisation: country reflections on ways forward
FOR DECISION (PREPARED IN THE BUREAU)
12. 99 th Bureau meeting 7 June 2023: Decision list, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. EEA final accounts 2022 B. MB/Bureau meeting calendar 2024
FOR INFORMATION
13. Feedback from Management Board members (verbal update)

Annex 2:

**Participants list, 99th Management Board meeting, Thursday 8 June 2023,
09:00–16:30 CEST, Copenhagen**

Represented country/ organisation	Name	Role (member, alternate member, observer/ expert)
Austria	Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler	Member
Belgium	Michiel Van Peteghem	Member
Croatia	Aljoša Duplić	Member
Czech Republic	Michal Pastvinsky	Member
Denmark	Henrik Hedeman Olsen	Alternate member
Estonia	Margit Martinson	Member
France	Diane Simiu	Member
Germany	Julia Werner	Member
Greece	Petros Varelidis	Member
Hungary	Krisztina Prém	Member
Iceland	Bergþóra Guðmundsdóttir	Member
Ireland	Laura Burke	Chair, member
Italy	Stefano Laporta	Member
Italy	Enrico De Zorzi	Expert
Latvia	Andris Kēniņš	Member
Luxembourg	André Weidenhaupt	Member
Luxembourg	Paul Rasque	Alternate member
Luxembourg	Eric De Brabanter	Expert
Malta	Darrin Stevens	Alternate member
Malta	Maria Masini	Expert
Norway	Ingunn Limstrand	Member
Norway	Torfinn Sørensen	Alternate member
Poland	Magda Gosk	Member
Portugal	Nuno Lacasta	Member
Romania	Lóránd Árpád Fülöp	Member

Represented country/ organisation	Name	Role (member, alternate member, observer/ expert)
Slovakia	Mária Fischerová	Member
Slovenia	Tanja Bolte	Member
Spain	Antonio Nieto Magro	Member
Sweden	Anna Otmalm	Member
Switzerland	Martine Rohn-Brossard	Alternate member
Designated by the EP	Lena Neij	Member
EC – DG ENV	Patrick Child	Member
EC – DG ENV	Josiane Masson	Observer
EC – JRC	Alessandra Zampieri	Alternate member
EC – JRC	Greet Janssens-Maenhout	Observer
EC – DG CLIMA	Yvon Slingenberg	Observer
EC – DG CLIMA	Jürgen Salay	Observer
EEA Scientific Committee	Claire Dupont	SC Chair
EEA	Leena Ylä-Mononen	EEA Executive Director
EEA	Eva Jensen	EEA SMT
EEA	Riyong Kim	EEA SMT
EEA	Jock Martin	EEA SMT
EEA	Søren Nielsen	EEA SMT
EEA	Katja Rosenbohm	EEA SMT
EEA	Wouter Vanneuville	EEA Staff Committee
EEA	Jasmiina Laurmaa	MB Secretariat
EEA	Dana Bjurner	MB Secretariat
EEA	Pia Schmidt	MB Secretariat

Annex 3:

MEETING DATES IN 2024
MANAGEMENT BOARD, BUREAU, SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND NFP/EIONET

VERSION 8 JUNE 2023

Meeting	Proposed date
Bureau (virtual)	Thursday 25 January 2024
NFP/Eionet meeting (virtual)	Tuesday 20 to Thursday 22 February 2024
87 th SC meeting and seminar (virtual)	Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 February 2024
Bureau (hosted by JRC in Ispra, Italy)	Wednesday, 20 March 2024
Management Board visit to JRC Ispra	Wednesday 20 March 2024
Management Board (hosted by JRC in Ispra, Italy)	Thursday 21 March 2024
Bureau (virtual)	Tuesday 7 May 2024
88 th SC meeting and seminar	Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 May 2024
NFP/Eionet meeting	Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 May 2024
Bureau (virtual)	Wednesday 12 June 2024
Management Board (virtual)	Thursday 13 June 2024
NFP/Eionet meeting	Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 October 2024
Bureau (virtual)	Thursday 10 October 2024
89 th SC meeting and seminar	Tuesday 22 to Thursday 24 October 2024
Bureau (Copenhagen)	Wednesday 27 November 2024
Management Board (Copenhagen)	Thursday 28 November 2024