Decision EEA/MB/2025/011

LIST OF DECISIONS AND GUIDANCE 105TH MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING, 18 JUNE 2025

Age	enda item	Outcome	Comments
	AGENDA AND FOLLOW-UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS	The Management Board (MB) Chair welcomed participants and new members since the March MB meeting.	The meeting was streamed and recorded for EEA internal purposes. Recordings are kept for a month after the meeting. Streaming was also accessible to Scientific Committee members and Eionet National Focal Points accompanying a MB member or alternate member.
			Participants did not declare any interests which they considered to be prejudicial to their independence with respect to any of the points on the agenda.
	FOR ADOPTION		
1	Agenda of the 105 th Management Board meeting	The Management Board (MB) adopted the agenda of the meeting.	
	FOR INFORMATI	ON AND FEEDBACK	
2	104 th MB Decision list (March 2025)	The MB adopted the decision list of the March meeting.	
3	Update by the Management Board Chair	The MB took note of the update by the Chair. Decisions/written procedures since March MB meeting: Bureau written procedure to adopt Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2024 (after MB consultation) Decision lists from 7 May and 16 June Bureau meetings Ongoing: written procedure on EEA budget 2025 amendment to cover 3 project-financed actions The MB agreed to have a silent procedure of 72 hours for MB and Bureau decision lists, during which members can propose amendments in case of errors or missing facts. After that, the decision list will be finalised and signed by the Chair. The silent procedure will apply starting from this decision list. The Chair highlighted that the silent procedure is not a redrafting exercise.	Jasmiina Laurmaa is back in her role in the MB Secretariat, with Dana Bjurner and Pia Schmidt. Milan Chrenko continues to participate in his role of Head of the Governance unit, where the MB secretariat is based. The MB Chair invited the MB to disseminate in their national networks the call for new members of the European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change. The deadline for the call is 15 September. The Bureau tested the silent procedure for decision lists after their 7 May meeting. The initial 15 calendar day period was deemed too long, so the Chair proposed to bring it down to 72 hours, which is the norm in international organisations. The silent procedure will not apply to Bureau decision lists where the MB meeting takes place back-to-back and the Bureau decision list needs to be finalised before the meeting.

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			The Chair proposed to reflect on inviting environmental and business/industry NGOs/associations as observers in MB meetings, as part of the upcoming review of MB and Bureau rules of procedure starting end 2025-early 2026.
4	the Polish Presidency of the Council of the EU (first half of 2025) and priorities of the Danish Presidency of the Council of the EU (second half of 2025)	The MB took note of the achievements of the Polish Presidency of the Council of the EU (first half of 2025) and of the priorities of the incoming Danish Presidency of the Council of the EU (second half of 2025), in particular in the fields of environment and climate.	The Executive Director (ED) congratulated the Polish Presidency for their achievements and welcomed the close cooperation with the EEA. The ED invited MB members and European Commission representatives, who may travel more frequently to Copenhagen with the incoming Danish Presidency of the Council of the EU, to reach out to organise possible visits to the Agency and to make use of their premises when needed.
	FOR DECISION (P	REPARED IN THE BUREAU)	
5 A	Dissemination of Internal Audit Service reports	The MB decided that the dissemination of Internal Audit Service (IAS) reports would be extended to MB Vice-Chairs from now on.	Until the MB decision, IAS reports were shared with the MB Chair, the Executive Director and the MB member representing the European Commission
5B	ETC Design 2027- 2030	The MB decided to initiate a pilot phase to test out a new model for the establishment of Topic Centres whereby volunteering EEA member countries (volunteers to contact EEA MB Secretariat by 15 July), with the support of the EEA, will go through the identification process and report back to the MB in December 2025. The MB also agreed on the steps and timeline for the first phase for the establishment of Topic	Following the Bureau meeting of 16 June the MB received two tabled documents for this item: updated annexes 2 and 3 to Doc EEA MB 105 5B. The EEA also presented an updated MB decision (Decision EEA/MB/2025/12) during the meeting to formalise the initiation of the pilot phase.
		Centres, and the eligibility criteria applicable to organisations which could become Topic Centres.	Several MB members acknowledged the need for a new system for Topic Centres including to access a broader range of institutions with a wider range of
		The MB thanked the Management Board Advisory Committee on Topic Centre Design for all their work and decided that the work of the Advisory Committee has come to a conclusion.	expertise compared to now, with the flexibility to respond to emerging needs and policy demands.

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			Several MB members asked for clarifications about the operationalisation of the new model for Topic Centres, and on the different steps of the pilot, including the management and prevention of conflicts of interest. The EEA will hold a webinar for Eionet National Focal Points on 26 June to go through the technical details. In order to ensure knowledge transfer between the current and the future system, the EEA encouraged current members of European Topic Centre consortia to continue their engagement as part of the new system.
			A few members expressed concerns about the resources required from the Eionet representative for the identification of organisations.
			The MB will assess the outcome of the pilot in December and agree on the overall approach for future Topic Centres based on the outcome.
			A member highlighted the importance of having a representative sample of countries join the pilot so that possible issues and concerns could be tackled.
5C	EEA Final accounts 2024	The MB adopted the proposed opinion on EEA final accounts 2024 which states that the MB is assured and confident that the accounts for the year 2024 form a correct basis for requesting the discharge of the Executive Director by the European Parliament.	
		In the future, the MB requested that the EEA would provide more precise information on findings from the European Court of Auditors and actions taken by the EEA.	
5D	MB/Bureau meeting calendar 2026	The MB adopted the meeting calendar of MB and Bureau dates for 2026 and agreed that all MB meetings would be hybrid (in person and online).	The updated calendar of MB/Bureau meetings 2025 and the calendar of 2026 meetings are available in annex.
		In addition, the MB agreed to have an additional online Bureau meeting on 3 November 2025 (10:00-12:00 CET) to prepare for the MB decisions in December about the future of the EEA-Eionet Strategy 2021-2030.	

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	FOR DECISION/S	TRATEGIC ORIENTATION		
6	Future of the EEA-Eionet Strategy 2021- 2030	The MB agreed that the outcome of the future of the EEA-Eionet Strategy 2021-2030 would be a revised Strategy document (proposed option 2).	At their 1 October meeting, the MB will discuss remaining elements to be addressed in the revised Strategy. The Bureau will discuss a draft on 3 November and finetune it for discussion and adoption in the December MB meeting.	
6 A	Eionet modernisation – update on progress	The MB took note of the latest Eionet activities and reflections for the network for the second half of the Strategy period.		
7	Europe's environment 2025 – main messages, launch, outreach	The MB welcomed the EEA's update on Europe's Environment 2025 including anticipated main messages, as well as planned activities around the launch and outreach.	The EEA provided an advance preview of key messages, presented the communication toolkit, outlined plans for the launch in Brussels and invited members to consider country launch events. As part of the digital and Al solutions for Europe's Environment, the EEA invited the MB to vote for the name of the planned Al assistant for Europe's Environment: it is going to be called EEAI.	
	FOR INFORMATION	ON AND FEEDBACK		
8	Update by the Executive Director (including follow- up to EEA-Eionet evaluation)	The MB took note of the update by the Executive Director. They also welcomed the information on the follow-up to the EEA-Eionet evaluation.	The EEA agreed to remove the empty columns in the EEA-Eionet evaluation follow-up table in future updates, which no longer serve a purpose.	
9	Update by the European Commission	The MB took note of the update by the European Commission (DG ENV, DG CLIMA, DG RTD, DG JRC and Eurostat), including the appointment of new Directors General for DG ENV: Eric Mamer, and DG JRC: Bernard Magenhann, as of 1 July.		
9A	Update on EEA enlargement	The MB took note of the update by the European Commission on the progress regarding the possible inclusion of Moldova to EEA cooperating countries.	Following the principle agreement in the MB meeting in March 2025 to grant cooperating status to Moldova conditional to additional financial resources to the EEA, the MB may expect a written procedure with the aim to grant the status of cooperating country to Moldova. This could be a potential outcome of the EU-Moldova summit of 4 July 2025.	
10	Update by the Scientific Committee Chair	The MB took note of the update by the Scientific Committee Chair.	The Chair highlighted the need for gender balance amongst members of the evaluation committee in relation to the call for new members of the European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change, so he urged the SC to nominate at least one female SC member to join the evaluation committee.	

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11	Feedback from the Management Board members	The MB took note of the initial information from the Chair on 30 September plans on Europe's Environment 2025 and the extraordinary MB meeting of 1 October in Brussels.	The MB Secretariat will soon share more information about the programme of 30 September-1 October 2025 so that members can start planning their travels.	

The meeting closed at 16:15.

Approved by the EEA Management Board at the 105 $^{\rm th}$ Management Board meeting 18 June 2025

[Signed]

André Weidenhaupt Chair, EEA Management Board

Annexes

Annex 1:	Final agenda of 105 th Management Board meeting, 18 June 2025
Annex 2:	Participants list, 105 th Management Board meeting, 18 June 2025
Annex 3:	Updated calendar of MB/Bureau meetings 2025
Annex 4:	Calendar of MB/Bureau meetings 2026

Annex 1

Agenda of 105th Management Board meeting Wednesday, 18 June 2025, 9:00-16:00 CEST, online

AGENDA AND FOLLOW-UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

FOR ADOPTION

1. Adoption of draft agenda

FOR INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK

- 2. 104th MB Decision list (March 2025)
- 3. Update by the Management Board Chair (verbal update)
- 4. Achievements of the Polish Presidency of the Council of the EU (first half of 2025) and priorities of the Danish Presidency of the Council of the EU (second half of 2025)

FOR DECISION (PREPARED IN THE BUREAU)

- 5. 110th Bureau meeting 7 May 2025: decision list, including:
 - A. Dissemination of Internal Audit Service reports
- 111th Bureau meeting 16 June 2025: decision list, including:
 - B. ETC Design 2027-2030
 - C. EEA final accounts 2024
 - D. MB/Bureau meeting calendar 2026

FOR DECISION/STRATEGIC ORIENTATION

- 6. Future of the EEA-Eionet Strategy 2021-2030
- A. Eionet modernisation update on progress
- 7. Europe's environment 2025 main messages, launch, outreach

FOR INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK

- 8. Update by the Executive Director (including follow-up to EEA-Eionet evaluation)
- 9. Update by the European Commission
- A. Update on EEA enlargement
- 10. Update by the Scientific Committee Chair
- 11. Feedback from the Management Board members

Annex 2 Participants list 105th Management Board meeting, Wednesday, 18 June 2025, 09:00-16:00 CEST

Name	Role (member, alternate member,
Andrá Waidanhaunt	observer/ expert)
·	Chair, Member
	Vice-Chair, Member
-	Vice-Chair, Member
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Stefano Laporta	Vice-Chair, Member
Valérie Drezet-Humez	Bureau member, member
Leena Ylä-Mononen	EEA Executive Director
Christelle Van Wesembeeck	Member
Tanya Vladimirova	Alternate member
Branimir Pavlinec	Alternate member
Savvas Michaelides	Invited observer
Michal Pastvinský	Member
Klára Kipielová	Alternate member
Henrik Hedeman Olsen	Member
Anne-Louise Fregerslev Christensen	Alternate member
Indrek Laas	Invited observer
Amélie Coantic	Member
Konstantinos Dimopoulos	Alternate member
Krisztina Prém	Member
Zita Gellér	Alternate member
Garðar Svavar Gíslason	Alternate member
Laura Burke	Member
Gerry Clabby	Alternate member
Aiga Grasmane	Alternate member
Milda Račienė	Member
Paul Rasqué	Alternate member
Suzanne Gauci	Alternate member
Anne Sundbye	Alternate member
Malgorzata Bednarek	Alternate member
Águeda Silva	Alternate member
Janka Guzmová	Invited observer
Tanja Bolte	Member
Antonio Nieto Magro	Member
Carmen Coleto Fiaño	Alternate member
	Member
•	Alternate member
	Member
Sébastien Truffer	Alternate member
	André Weidenhaupt Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler Laura Höijer Julia Werner Stefano Laporta Valérie Drezet-Humez Leena Ylä-Mononen Christelle Van Wesembeeck Tanya Vladimirova Branimir Pavlinec Savvas Michaelides Michal Pastvinský Klára Kipielová Henrik Hedeman Olsen Anne-Louise Fregerslev Christensen Indrek Laas Amélie Coantic Konstantinos Dimopoulos Krisztina Prém Zita Gellér Garðar Svavar Gíslason Laura Burke Gerry Clabby Aiga Grasmane Milda Račienė Paul Rasqué Suzanne Gauci Anne Sundbye Malgorzata Bednarek Águeda Silva Janka Guzmová Tanja Bolte Antonio Nieto Magro Carmen Coleto Fiaño Johan Kuylenstierna Anna Otmalm Martine Rohn-Brossard

Fatma Nur Cebecioglu	Invited observer
Gabriella Manganelli	Invited observer
Saverio Marcaletti	Invited observer
Jean Dusart	Invited observer
Astrid Ladefoged	Invited observer
Luisa Marelli	Invited observer
Greet Janssens-Maenhout	Invited observer
Arturo de la Fuente	Alternate member
Yvon Slingenberg	Standing observer
Jürgen Salay	Invited observer
Louis Meuleman	SC Chair
Martin Adams	EEA
Eva Jensen	EEA
Karl Hamilton	EEA
Riyong Kim	EEA
Søren Nielsen	EEA
Katja Rosenbohm	EEA
Milan Chrenko	EEA
Ine Vandecasteele	EEA Staff Committee
Usue Donezar	EEA Staff Committee
Jasmiina Laurmaa	MB Secretariat
Dana Bjurner	MB Secretariat
Pia Schmidt	MB Secretariat
	Gabriella Manganelli Saverio Marcaletti Jean Dusart Astrid Ladefoged Luisa Marelli Greet Janssens-Maenhout Arturo de la Fuente Yvon Slingenberg Jürgen Salay Louis Meuleman Martin Adams Eva Jensen Karl Hamilton Riyong Kim Søren Nielsen Katja Rosenbohm Milan Chrenko Ine Vandecasteele Usue Donezar Jasmiina Laurmaa Dana Bjurner

Annex 3: Updated calendar of Management Board and Bureau meetings 2025

MEETING DATES IN 2025 MANAGEMENT BOARD, BUREAU, SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND NFP/EIONET

VERSION 18 JUNE 2025

Meeting	Proposed date
Bureau (EEA, Copenhagen)	Tuesday 28 January 2025
90 th SC meeting and seminar	Tuesday 25 to Wednesday 26 February 2025
NFP/Eionet meeting	Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 March 2025
Bureau (ECA, Luxembourg)	Wednesday 19 March 2025
Management Board (ECA, Luxembourg)	Thursday 20 March 2025
Bureau (virtual)	Wednesday 7 May 2025
91st SC meeting and seminar	Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 May 2025
NFP/Eionet meeting	Monday 2 to Wednesday 4 June 2025
Bureau (virtual)	Tuesday 16 June 2025
Management Board (virtual)	Wednesday 18 June 2025
Extraordinary Management Board (Brussels)	Wednesday, 1 October 2025, 09:00-13:00 CET, back-to-back with Europe's Environment 2025 launch on 30 September
Bureau (Brussels)	Wednesday, 1 October 2025, 14:30-17:00 CET, back-to-back with Europe's Environment 2025 launch on 30 September
NFP/Eionet meeting	Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 October 2025
92 nd SC meeting and seminar	Tuesday 21 to Wednesday 22 October 2025
Bureau (virtual)	Monday 3 November 2025, 10:00-12:00 CET
Bureau (EEA, Copenhagen)	Wednesday 3 December 2025
Management Board (EEA, Copenhagen)	Thursday 4 December 2025

Annex 4: Calendar of meetings 2026

MEETING DATES IN 2026 MANAGEMENT BOARD, BUREAU, SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND NFP/EIONET

Version 18 June 2025

Proposed date
Tuesday 27 January 2026
Wednesday 4 to Thursday 5 February 2026
Tuesday 24 to Wednesday 25 February 2026
Wednesday 18 March 2026
Thursday 19 March 2026
Wednesday 6 May 2026
Tuesday 19 to Wednesday 20 May 2026
Wednesday 10 to Thursday 11 June 2026
Wednesday 17 June 2026
Thursday 18 June 2026
Tuesday 6 October 2026
Wednesday 7 to Thursday 8 October 2026
Tuesday 20 to Wednesday 21 October 2026
Wednesday 9 December 2026
Thursday 10 December 2026