



MINUTES OF THE 48th MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
held on 20 June 2007

Approved by the Chairman of the Management Board on 21 November 2007

(Signed)

Lars-Erik Liljelund
Chairman EEA Management Board

Record of proceedings:

The Chairman Lars-Erik Liljelund opened the meeting by welcoming the new Board members and extending apologies on behalf of those members unable to be present. The tabled documents were acknowledged during the course of the meeting (list included in Annex 1).

Final agenda: Annex 1
List of attendees: Annex 2
Action list: Annex 3
Decision list: Annex 4

Item 1 Adoption of draft agenda

The Board approved the agenda (Doc. EEA/MB/48/01rev2 in Annex 1).

Item 2 Adoption of the 47th Management Board minutes, 21 March 2007

The Board adopted the minutes of the 47th MB meeting held on 21 March 2007. The final version (Doc. EEA/MB/48/02-final) is available on CIRCA.

The members took note of the tabled MB rolling action list.

ITEMS 3-5 FOR INFORMATION

Item 3 Draft minutes of the 42nd Bureau meeting of 15 May 2007

The Board took note of the draft minutes from the May Bureau meeting.

Item 4 Update by the Chairman (oral)

The Chairman informed the MB members of the country visit to Romania undertaken jointly with the Executive Director on 28-29 May, during which they met with various partners from the national Eionet. A country visit to Turkey has been planned to take place the week after the MB meeting.

The Chairman drew members' attention to the objective, underpinning the establishment of the Network of Heads of European Environmental Protection Agencies (EPA Network) in 2003, of exchanging views and experiences on the practical implementation of environmental policy. At present six interest groups are in place, focusing on issues of direct priority for the EPAs involved. The Chairman reminded the Board that the output of the discussions was not always a consensus and did not automatically reflect the opinion of the different agencies and the Board. Concerning the EPA Network, the Chairman strongly encouraged the MB members to keep in regular contact with the Environmental Protection Agencies in their home countries.

Item 5 Update by the Executive Director

With regard to her written update (Doc.EEA/MB/48/05), the Executive Director informed the members that the structure of the report had been changed in order to include latest developments on the management plan upfront and to include a new part on issues arising. The main focus there currently was around the Shared Environment Information System (SEIS) and the Belgrade process (see below). The MB members welcomed the opportunity to give guidance on new areas for EEA work.

The Executive Director informed the members that the Agency would publish a new call for National Experts (ENDs) shortly after the MB meeting, in an attempt to provide continuity in some key areas in the Annual Management Plan. In response to a question on the policy in terms of tasks and number of national experts recruited in EEA, the Executive Director explained that ENDs were recognised professionals, helping the Agency to formulate and implement its AMP activities in a certain field. As a rule the national experts retained a strong connection with their home institutions. Due to the fact that the number of ENDs could not exceed 20-25 experts at a time, it was not possible to have experts coming from all EEA member countries at once. It was underlined that the list of profiles currently sought (annex 3 to the update) was larger than the Agency anticipated filling in the coming months.

In addition, the Board members raised a few comments relating to:

- Cooperation with Russia (currently mainly within the Belgrade process);
- Children's health activities (joint side event planned to be held in Belgrade);
- Launch of the Technology Atlas at the formal Council meeting in Essen;
- GEO4 cooperation and work on scenarios.

ITEMS 6-13 FOR DECISION / GUIDANCE

Item 6 Consultation process on the draft Annual Management Plan 2008

The Executive Director informed the members that all the input from the consultation on the draft management plan for 2008 was presented to the Board together with the EEA response. Having given the European Parliament some

additional time to provide comments, all the input on AMP should be available by mid July. The Agency would then integrate them in the next draft by early September, when the draft AMP 2008 would be sent for formal consultation of the Commission, an opinion of the Scientific Committee and would be shared also with the Management Board and NFP/Eionet.

The Board members expressed appreciation of the fact that the AMP consultation this time was done at an early stage, very transparently and was well prepared. A couple of points were raised with regard to the timeline of the climate change scenarios that should be set for the period 2020-2050, as well as to the development of mapping methodology in spatial assessments.

The Chairman reminded the members of a letter on the next steps in the budgetary process 2008, including the Commission proposal for EUR 2-million increase in the EEA budget, had been sent to the Board in early June. The members would be kept informed on the further developments and the budgetary authority's decision on the overall Preliminary Draft Budget for 2008.

Item 7 EEA Scientific Committee role and process for selection and nomination of new SC members under the 2008 call for experts

The Chairman of the Scientific Committee briefly went through the role of the committee and the proposed process for selecting new SC members in future as agreed by the committee in May and presented in Doc. EEA/MB/48/05. He noted that while five SC members were appointed in the 2006 process, seven positions would be the subject of a call in 2008, which would have a major impact of the committee's composition.

The representative of the European Parliament commented that the role of the Scientific Committee in this paper should be revised as to reflect the SC role in line with the EEA Regulation. The revised draft should then be presented to the Bureau and the Board in advance of the launch of the call.

Furthermore, the Board discussed the criteria to be applied in future selection of new SC experts and strongly supported the case that scientific excellence should be the leading criterion in the evaluation. While taking note of the improved procedure, the Board advised that the role of the Bureau should be strengthened in the process leading to the MB decision. It was also recommended to include two MB members in the evaluation committee.

Following from the SC Chairman's presentation, the Board underlined the importance of ensuring multidisciplinary experience on the committee and a broad understanding of various environmental issues, in addition to specialised expertise in one or more areas.

In future selections, the Board asked to be presented with the evaluation sheets from the selection phase, together with the CVs of the short-listed candidates. The members agreed that this justification would then be discussed with the Bureau before being brought to the attention of the Management Board.

The Board members agreed to revisit this item and look at the redrafted paper with the evaluation criteria in advance of the launch of the call.

In conclusion, the Chairman of the Scientific Committee put forward a proposal to create a special 'applied research' unit within the Agency with the aim to explore and test relevant advanced methodologies and apply them coherently, while at the same time keeping in close contact with the ongoing research in Europe. His reflection stemmed from the conclusions of the research foresight workshop held with the Scientific Committee in May.

Item 8 Election of Vice-Chair / Bureau member

The Chairman postponed the election of a new vice-chair/Bureau member to the MB meeting on 21 November 2007.

Referring to the increased number of EEA member countries and the importance of issues being brought to the Bureau for guidance and/or decision, the Chairman proposed to increase the Bureau composition with an additional member. This issue would be prepared for MB decision at the next meeting.

Item 9 Towards development of EEA Strategy 2009-2013 – feedback from the countries

The Executive Director reported that based on the top priorities indicated by the member countries, the Agency had started internal discussions on the content and format of the next Strategy. An outline would be ready for the Bureau in October and available for discussion at the MB Seminar on 20 November.

The Board recommended structuring the seminar around different cross-cutting issues, involving participants from circles of potential clients and other sectors. With regard to that, the Executive Director said that the Board members would receive more information on the structure and potential speakers for the seminar during the course of September.

Item 10 Shared Environment Information System process

The Executive Director presented the process of preparing for the implementation of SEIS in the period since the last Management Board (presentation available on CIRCA). Two meetings with high SEIS relevance had been held in that period – NFP/Eionet in May and DIMESA in June. The discussions from these had been integrated in the revised paper for the Management Board. In addition, the Executive Director informed the members that three country visits had taken place so far (Belgium, Finland and Latvia) and more were planned in the coming months. The key issue addressed during the country visits was around the investments in methods used for assessments and streamlining of reporting obligations. The Executive Director suggested that for the diagnostic visit, the countries bring together a broad grouping of people that should be introduced to the SEIS concept; the first country visit could then be followed by a second one for a more technical discussion with the relevant experts.

The Commission's representative said that the MB paper was the basis for developing the Commission Communication on SEIS by three DGs (ENV, ECFIN and RTD) and it was expected to be ready by the end of the year. While stressing the need to tie all elements together in an operational way, he asked the MB members for their comments on the presented paper and the way forward.

Reflecting on the DIMESA meeting earlier in June, Eurostat's representative said that it was the first time the Statistical Directors were introduced to the SEIS concept, by also clearly demonstrating the added value for the countries. However, it was still necessary to address the countries' concerns in some practical aspects of the SEIS implementation.

While recognising the high strategic importance of SEIS, the Board members raised a number of issues to do with the role of the Member States, the necessity or otherwise of a legislative framework, streamlining of data collected

at a national level and costs associated with that, as well as the timescale for implementing SEIS. They spoke in favour of a realistic and step-by-step approach, building on the existing experience in the countries and linking the SEIS discussion to activities undertaken under Inspire and GMES. There was recognition that developments in sectoral areas, i.e. WISE, ozone web etc. made a major contribution to the SEIS concept and that these would need to be brought together. The members also advised the Agency to pursue the SEIS country visits and produce a roadmap on the next steps.

The Executive Director took on the responsibility of producing over the next months a paper describing the responsibilities of different players at the European and country levels in the further development of SEIS.

Item 11 Scope of ETC topic review (Biological Diversity and Resource and Waste Management) and composition of committees

The Board agreed on the scope of the review process for the two ETC topics, and the composition of the review and steering committee with the experts currently identified. The Executive Director stressed the point that the experts in the review of the thematic areas should not have any conflict of interest.

The Management Board delegated to the Bureau the final approval of the committees' composition, once the issue with the experts' potential conflict of interest in the future ETC bids had been clarified.

Item 12 Effectiveness evaluation work of the EEA – outcome of the first meeting of the steering group

The Board took note of the outcome of the first meeting of the steering group held on 16 May and the process for selection of a contractor. The members were informed that the methodology for the effectiveness evaluation work would be worked out in discussion between the contractor and the steering group and confirmed at the next meeting of the steering group on 9 October.

In response to a question on the role of the Management Board in helping to identify country-level stakeholders as had been discussed at the March meeting of the Management Board, the members were informed that such assistance is not required at present. Once the steering group and contractor settle on a precise methodology for conducting the evaluation, Management Board members may indeed be asked to assist in the identification of stakeholders. If so, they will be informed at the November Management Board meeting.

Item 13 Annual accounts 2006

The Executive Director informed the Board that in the process of closing of annual accounts for 2006, the Agency tried to reduce further the amount of carry-overs. Taking note of that fact that no comments on that were raised during the discharge process, the Board approved the Agency's annual accounts for 2006.

Additionally, the Executive Director raised an issue on the Agency's potential involvement in the 'Stern-like biodiversity analysis' (also known as the 'Potsdam Initiative') that would address the issue of valuing ecosystem services. The modalities of the work were still to be defined. The Executive Director informed the Board that Germany and the European Commission had committed themselves to supporting the process. The Agency's support could be in receiving funds allocated for this activity by the above players and by

contributing with its knowledge and expertise. Before doing so however, the Board agreement was needed. The members supported this initiative and asked to be further informed on the developments.

ITEMS 14-16 – FOR INFORMATION

Item 14 EEA Annual Report and Annual Activity Report 2006

The Board members took note of the final versions of the Annual report and Annual Activity report for 2006, approved by the Bureau in May. The Executive Director informed the Board that the Annual Activity report was available on CIRCA, while a copy of the Annual report 2006 would be sent to them by post.

Item 15 Finalisation and dissemination of the Belgrade report and preparation of the Belgrade Conference, 10-12 October 2007

The Executive Director informed the Board that the Belgrade report had been finalised for publication. The draft Declaration for the Belgrade Conference was brought to the attention of the members. With regard to the future of the 'Environment for Europe' (EfE) process, the Executive Director voiced again reservations about the merits of this exercise, unless there was a radical improvement in monitoring and developing information flows in the EECCA region. The Board members expressed readiness to support this statement, emphasizing the major role EEA had played so far in preparing previous pan-European assessments, which was also recognised in the current draft of the Declaration. They also noted that the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (WGEMA), involving experts from 56 countries, should be retained. With this in mind, the Board members advocated joint efforts in influencing the Belgrade Declaration process in view of future assessments.

The Commission's representative also conveyed support to the Agency's efforts in securing greater sustainability to the EfE process in the EECCA region and reminded the Board of the Commission's Communication on this which was to be debated in the Council.

Item 16 Feed back from members of the Management Board

The Board members extended their thanks to Manfred Grasserbauer for his active contribution to enhancing the very good collaboration between JRC and EEA over the past three years.

The MB members were informed that the draft Eurostat work programme would be sent for their comments after the summer. The joint Eurostat-EEA work programme would then be produced in the coming months.

Responding to a question on the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment exercise, the Executive Director said that the Agency was currently concentrating efforts on methodologies and would explore the scoping study further within the next Strategy. This would be also linked to the 'Potsdam Initiative'.

In closing, the Chairman reminded the members of the dates of the MB Seminar and next MB meeting on 20-21 November 2007. He also said that the list of meeting dates for 2008 had already been sent for the attention of the MB members.

The meeting closed at 17:00.

ANNEX 1 to MB minutes

Final agenda of the 48th Management Board meeting Doc. EEA/MB/48/01rev2

FOR DECISION

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of the 47th Management Board minutes, 21 March 2007

FOR INFORMATION

3. Draft minutes of the 42nd Bureau meeting of 15 May 2007
4. Update by the Chairman
5. Update by the Executive Director

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6. Consultation process on the draft Annual Management Plan 2008
7. EEA Scientific Committee role and process for selection and nomination of new SC members under the 2008 call for experts
8. Election of Vice-Chair / Bureau member
9. Towards development of EEA Strategy 2009-2013 – feedback from the countries
10. Shared Environment Information System process – pilot phase
11. Scope of ETC topic review (Biological Diversity and Resource and Waste Management) and composition of committees
12. Effectiveness evaluation work of the EEA – outcome of the first meeting of the steering group
13. Annual accounts 2006

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14. EEA Annual Report and Annual Activity Report 2006
15. Finalisation and dissemination of the Belgrade report and preparation of the Belgrade Conference, 10-12 October 2007
16. Feedback from the members of the Management Board

TABLED DOCUMENT(S)

- Item 03** – Rolling action list from the last MB meetings
- Item 09** – Updated MB feedback on the priorities for the next Strategy
- Item 11** – Proposed composition of the ETC committees
- Item 14** – EEA Annual report and Annual Activity Report 2006

ANNEX 2

**48th EEA Management Board meeting – Attendance list
Copenhagen, 20 June 2007, EEA Conference Room**

MEMBER COUNTRIES			
COUNTRY	NAME	ORGANISATION	SIGNATURE
AUSTRIA	<i>Member:</i> Elisabeth FREYTAG	Ministry of Environment	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i> Georg REBERNIG	Umweltbundesamt	
BELGIUM	<i>Member:</i> Philippe BOURDEAU	IGEAT, ULB	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i> Françoise ONCLINCX	Institut Bruxellois pour la gestion de l'environnement	Apologies
BULGARIA	<i>Member:</i> Dimitar VERGIEV	Bulgarian Environment Agency	Signed
CYPRUS	<i>Member:</i>		
	<i>Alternate:</i> Antonis ANTONIOU	Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment	
CZECH REPUBLIC	<i>Member:</i> Veronika HUNT ŠAFRÁNKOVÁ	Ministry of Environment	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i> Roman DIATKA	Ministry of Environment	
	<i>Expert:</i> Lenka CESENKOVA	Ministry of Environment	
DENMARK	<i>Member:</i> Ole CHRISTIANSEN	Danish Environment Protection Agency	Apologies
	<i>Alternate:</i> Karsten SKOU	Danish Environment Protection Agency	Signed
	<i>Expert:</i>		
ESTONIA	<i>Member:</i> Allan GROMOV	Ministry of Environment	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i> Andres KRATOVITS	Ministry of Environment	
FINLAND	<i>Member:</i> Markku NURMI	Ministry of Environment	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i> Antero HONKASALO	Ministry of Environment	

FRANCE	<u>Member:</u> Guillaume SAINTENY	Ministère de l'écologie et du développement durable	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u> Henri-Luc THIBAUT	Ministère de l'écologie et du développement durable	
GERMANY	<u>Member:</u> Karsten SACH	Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz & Reaktorsicherheit	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u> Kai SCHLEGELMILCH	Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz & Reaktorsicherheit	Signed
GREECE	<u>Member:</u> Ioannis VOURNAS	Ministry of Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u> Mata ARAVANTINO	Ministry of Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works	Apologies
HUNGARY	<u>Member:</u>		
	<u>Alternate:</u> Erzsébet GERGELY	Ministry of Environment	Signed
ICELAND	<u>Member:</u> Hugi ÓLAFSSON	Ministry of Environment	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u> Ólafur PÉTURSSON	Environment and Food Agency of Iceland	
IRELAND	<u>Member:</u> Tom O'MAHONY	Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u> Larry STAPLETON	Environmental Protection Agency	Signed
ITALY	<u>Member:</u> Corrado CLINI	Ministero dell'Ambiente	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u> Giuliana GASPARRINI	Ministero dell'Ambiente	Signed
	<u>Expert:</u> Diego GIULIANI	Ministero dell'Ambiente	Signed
LATVIA	<u>Member:</u> Einars CILINSKIS	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u> Ilze KIRSTUKA	Latvian Environment Agency	
LIECHTENSTEIN	<u>Member:</u> Felix NÄSCHER	Ministry of Environment, Dept. Forests, Nature and Landscape	Signed
LITHUANIA	<u>Member:</u> Aleksandras SPRUOGIS	Ministry of Environment	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u> Liutauras STOSKUS	Environmental Protection Agency	

LUXEMBOURG	<u>Member:</u>	Eric DE BRABANTER	Ministère de l'Environnement	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Pierre PRUM	Ministère de l'Environnement	
MALTA	<u>Member:</u>	Martin SEYCHELL	Environment and Planning Authority	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Louis VELLA	Environment and Planning Authority	
THE NETHERLANDS	<u>Member:</u>	Japp ENTER	Ministry of Housing, Physical Planning and Environment	Apologies Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Adriaan OUDEMAN	Ministry of Housing, Physical Planning and Environment	
NORWAY	<u>Member:</u>	Harald RENSVIK	Ministry of Environment	Apologies Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Øysten NESJE	Ministry of Environment	
POLAND	<u>Member:</u>	Marek MROCZKOWSKI	Chief Inspectorate for Environmental Protection	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Lucyna DYGAS-CIOŁKOWSKA	Chief Inspectorate for Environmental Protection	
PORTUGAL	<u>Member:</u>	Antonio GONÇALVES HENRIQUES	Ministério do Ambiente, do Ordenamento do Território e do Desenvolvimento Regional	Apologies Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Bertilia VALADAS	Ministério do Ambiente, do Ordenamento do Território e do Desenvolvimento Regional	
ROMANIA	<u>Member:</u>	Zoltan LEVENTE NAGY	National Environmental Protection Agency	Signed Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Mihaela Petcu	National Environmental Protection Agency	
	<u>Expert:</u>	Anca TEVI	National Environmental Protection Agency	
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	<u>Member:</u>	Stanislav STOFKO	Slovak Environment Agency	Apologies Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Vladimir BENKO	Slovak Environment Agency	
SLOVENIA	<u>Member:</u>	Silvo ŽLEBIR	Environmental Agency	Signed
SPAIN	<u>Member:</u>	Jaime ALEJANDRE	Ministerio de Medio Ambiente	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Israel PASTOR SAINZ-PARDO	Ministerio de Medio Ambiente	
SWEDEN	<u>Chairman:</u>	Lars-Erik LILJELUND	Swedish Environmental Protection Agency	Signed Signed
	<u>Member:</u>	Martin ERIKSSON	Ministry of Environment	
SWITZERLAND	<u>Member:</u>	Bruno OBERLE	Federal Office for the Environment	Signed Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Arthur MOHR	Federal Office for the Environment	
	<u>Expert:</u>	Jean-Michel GARDAZ	NFP	

TURKEY	<u>Member:</u>	Hasan ZUHURI SARIKAYA	Ministry of Environment and Forestry	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Mustafa ÖZTÜRK	Ministry of Environment and Forestry	Apologies
	<u>Expert:</u>	Cagatay DIKMEN	Ministry of Environment and Forestry	Signed
	<u>Expert:</u>	Reyhan COSKIN	Ministry of Environment and Forestry	Signed
UNITED KINGDOM	<u>Member:</u>	John CUSTANCE	Dept. for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Bill STOW	Dept. for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	
EUROPEAN COMMISSION	<u>Member:</u>	Timo MÄKELÄ	DG Environment	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Manfred GRASSERBAUER	Joint Research Centre	Signed
	<u>Expert:</u>	Peter WICKS	DG Environment	Signed
	<u>Member:</u>	Manuela SOARES	DG Research	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Pieter EVERAERS	EUROSTAT – Directorate E	Apologies
	<u>Expert:</u>	Christian HEIDORN	EUROSTAT	Signed
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT	<u>Expert:</u>	Birgit de BOISSEZON	DG Research	Signed
	<u>Member:</u>	Ludger-Anselm VERSTEYL	Prof. Versteysl Rechtsanwälte	Signed
	<u>Member:</u>	Michael SCULLOS	University of Athens	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Ludo HOLSBECK	Free University of Brussels	
<u>Alternate:</u>	Tomás MARCHESCU			
EEA SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE	<u>Guest:</u>	László SOMLYÓDY	SC Chairman	Signed
EEA STAFF		Jette Lind KRISTENSEN		Signed
EEA STAFF		Jacqueline McGLADE	Executive Director	Signed
		Gordon McINNES	Deputy Director, Head of Programme ADS	Signed
		Jock MARTIN	Head of Programme BSS	Signed
		Petra FAGERHOLM	PA to Executive Director	Signed
		Galina GEORGIEVA	Management Board secretariat	Signed

ANNEX 3 DRAFT ACTION LIST

ACTIONS	Status 15 October 2007
To publish on CIRCA the final minutes of the 48 ^h Management Board meeting	Done
The Agency to publish shortly a new call for National Experts	Done on 28 June
The Agency to produce the next draft of the AMP 2008 in early September, taking into consideration the comments received during the consultation phase	Done for the 43 rd Bureau meeting
To send out the EEA AMP 2008 for Commission's inter-service consultation, for an opinion to the Scientific Committee and for information to the Management Board and NFP/Eionet	Done
In the future selection of new SC members, to include 2 MB members in the evaluation committee and to enhance the Bureau's role in the process	To reflect in the 2008 call
To revisit the paper on the SC role and the evaluation criteria for appointing new SC experts and present it to the Bureau/Board in advance of the launch of the SC call	To do
To hold the election of a new vice-chair/Bureau member at the next MB meeting and to consider revision of the MB Rules of procedure in order to include an additional member in the Bureau composition	On the 49 th MB agenda
To present the Board with an outline for the next Strategy 2009-2013 in advance of the MB seminar on 20 November	Presented at the 43 rd Bureau meeting
To share with the MB members more information on the structure and potential speakers for the seminar during the course of September	Discussed at the 43 rd Bureau meeting
The MB members to send back their comments on the SEIS paper, presented under item 10, and indicate their preferences for an operational way forward on SEIS implementation	Ongoing through bilateral discussions with countries
The Agency to continue with the SEIS country visits as scheduled and produce a roadmap on the next steps in the coming months	SEIS Implementation Plan to be annexed to AMP2008
To confirm with the Bureau the final composition of the ETC review and steering committees	Done through written procedure in September
To keep the MB informed about the process of selection of contractor for the effectiveness evaluation work and consequently the methodology selected	On the 49 th MB agenda
To keep the MB informed about the developments and EEA's involvement in the 'Stern-like biodiversity analysis'	To do at the 49 th MB meeting
The MB members to support the Agency's efforts in securing greater sustainability to the EfE process with respect to monitoring and data flows in EECCA region at the Belgrade Conference in October	Ongoing process

ANNEX 4

DECISIONS taken at the 48th Management Board meeting, 20 June 2007, EEA

Agenda item	Decisions	Comments
Item 2. Adoption of draft agenda	Adopted	-
Item 3. Adoption of the 47 th MB minutes, 21 March 2007	Adopted	-
Item 6. Consultation process on the draft Annual Management Plan 2008	The Board took note of the comments received during the consultation phase, together with EEA response how these will be integrated	Next draft of the AMP 2008 will be available in September and will be then sent for Commission's and Scientific Committee's opinions.
Item 7. EEA Scientific Committee (SC) role and process for selection and nomination of new SC members under the 2008 call for experts	The Board took note of the SC role as presented by the SC Chairman and discussed the criteria to be applied in future selection of new experts	The Board paper will be revised in accordance with the discussion at the MB meeting and presented at the next meeting.
Item 8. Towards development of EEA Strategy 2009-2013 – feedback from the countries	The Board took note of the feedback, provided by the countries and suggested addressing the issues identified in few separate working groups at the MB Seminar in November	In the course of the next months, the Executive Director will propose to the Board some options with regard to the structure and speakers to be invited at the MB Seminar on 20 November
Item 9. Shared Environment Information System process	The Agency will carry on taking forward the SEIS concept with the Group of Four and through the country visits	The Board members advised to pursue the SEIS discussion in the countries through a step-by-step approach, and relying on Inspire and GMES as building blocks.

Item 10. Scope of ETC topic review (Biological Diversity and Resource and Waste Management) and composition of committees	The Board agreed on the scope of the review process for the two ETC topics, and the composition of the review and steering committee	The appointment of the experts on the committees was delegated to the Bureau, once the issue with the experts' potential conflict of interest in the ETC bids have been clarified.
Item 11. Effectiveness evaluation work of the EEA – outcome of the first meeting of the steering group	The Board took note of the outcome of the first meeting of the steering group and the process for selection of contractor	The methodology will be selected by the contractor and the Board members might be approached at a later stage for identification of stakeholders in the countries to be contacted in this work.
Item 12. Election of Vice-Chair / Bureau member	The election of the vice-chair/Bureau member was postponed for the next MB meeting	-
Item 13. Annual accounts 2006	The Board approved the EEA final accounts for 2006	-

Approved by the Chairman of the Management Board
on 20 June 2007

(Signed)

Lars-Erik Liljelund
Chairman EEA Management Board