



**MINUTES OF THE 57th MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
held on 16 June 2010**

Approved by the Chairman of the Management Board on 24 November 2010

Dr Karsten Sach
Chairman EEA Management

Record of proceedings:

The Chairman Dr Karsten Sach opened the meeting by welcoming new Board members and presenting apologies on behalf of those members unable to attend. The following tabled documents were acknowledged during the course of the meeting (list included after the agenda in Annex 1).

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Item 1 Adoption of draft agenda

The Board adopted the agenda (Doc. EEA/MB/57/01) without changes.

Item 2 Adoption of the 56th Management Board minutes, 17 March 2010

The Board adopted the minutes of the 56th MB meeting held on 17 March 2010 without changes. The final version (Doc. EEA/MB/57/02-final) of the minutes is available on [CIRCA](#).

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

ITEMS 3-5 FOR INFORMATION

Item 3 Draft minutes of the 51st Bureau meeting, 5 May 2010

The members took note of the draft minutes from the May Bureau meeting that had been sent to them for information.

Item 4 Update by the Chairman (oral)

Under this item, the Chairman of the Board informed the members that he intended to change the order of the agenda to allow for ample discussions in items where those were needed. Further to that, he updated the members on the completed MB written procedure on the engagement of TA, CA and on appraisals, and informed the Board that the Annual Report 2009 had been finalised according to schedule, and that the Annual Activity Report 2009 was ready for his signature.

The rest of his update would be taken under AoB.

Item 5 Update by the Executive Director

Taking the progress report as read (Doc.EEA/MB/57/05), the Executive Director gave a brief presentation on the major highlights since the last meeting ([CIRCA](#)) The presentation included the launch of the living façade, ONE story on EEA webpage, Green week, work done on indicators, Eye on Earth platform, ENP, and a partnership with ESRI. Further to that, the Executive Director informed the members about her meeting with the Environment Committee of the European Parliament (EP) (see [CIRCA](#)).

The Board members welcomed the report and congratulated the Agency on the living façade.

ITEMS 6-12 FOR DECISION / GUIDANCE

Item 6 SEIS, GMES, GEO, INSPIRE and 'Group of Four' developments

In introducing the item, the Chairman thanked JRC and Eurostat for the paper which clarified their respective roles in relation to SEIS, GMES, GEO, and Inspire (Doc. EEA/BU/52/06 and annexes).

The representative from the JRC informed the MB that their position was clear with respect to Inspire, GEOS and GMES, while SEIS was still under development. The paper highlighted the overlapping of these initiatives and their common goal. A strong coordination would be needed at European level, in order to ensure that these initiatives are going in the same direction.

The representative from Eurostat informed the Board that with regard to Inspire Eurostat is working together with JRC in developing the implementation of a European portal later in 2010. He also mentioned that an analysis of the situation of all Data Centres had been presented at the Dimesa meeting on 14-15 June ([CIRCA](#)). He also gave a brief summary of the 2-day meeting, the minutes of which would be distributed to the Board in due course.

The representative from DG Environment congratulated JRC on the paper, which underlined that SEIS and related components are a joint effort and need to be discussed within Go4 further collaboration. He informed the Board that the document on the state of play of SEIS was ready ([CIRCA](#)). The document, which looks at legislative requirements, was done in parallel to the work of JRC. Both documents are complementary, moving forward to developing a consolidated paper.

As regards to GMES, he informed that the Commission was focusing its efforts on the better representation of user requirements, which is still a critical element. DG Environment and DG Enterprise were engaged in active discussions in order to ensure that user requirements were taken into account for the further development of GMES. On Inspire, he mentioned the Krakov annual conference on Inspire, to be held later in June. He also informed the Board that the report from the workshop on Environmental Data Centres would be made available to MB members when ready.

The representative from DG Research informed the members that GEOSS was entering a full operational phase and that the data sharing approach which was being developed, would be endorsed at the Ministerial GEO conference in China, in November.

A rich debate followed as regards to the financial issues of GMES. Several MB members expressed the need for additional information on GMES budget: perspectives, expenditures and reserves, split between the different services and in-situ, impact on EEA multi-annual budget and programming activities. Integrating GMES services in the core priorities of EEA tasks should not divert the Agency from its mission of providing for access to environmental information for every public.

In closing, the Executive Director welcomed the clarification between the roles of pre-operational and operational made by JRC. She informed the members that EEA would focus its next round of SEIS country visits on ENP countries, and mentioned the Agency plans for a GMES/Earth Observation Advocacy training for senior officials in September/October.

The Board members welcomed the JRC and Eurostat papers which outlined the synergies and interdependencies between SEIS, GMES, GEO and Inspire, and encouraged further discussion within the Group of Four for future collaboration to further integrate these initiatives, and to keep these documents as living documents. Member States emphasized the need to set priorities for EEA's in-situ activities of GMES.

Item 7 Progress on SOER2010

Further to Doc. EEA/MB/57/07, EEA made a presentation outlining the different stages of SOER2010, with its four main elements ([CIRCA](#))

The Board members reflected on the structure of the report and agreed on the proposed schedule for the consultation process:

- Synthesis: deadline for feedback on 23 June
- Part A: 2-week consultation in October
- Part B: 3-week consultation on key messages in September
- Part C: individual Board members will be invited to sign off their respective country assessments by October-early November

Further to that, the MB advised to include social issues in SOER analysis, to look at the balance between chapters and issues and to ensure a balanced and clear approach in the key messages. Management Board members also requested that information on the relative performance of countries on key indicators would be made available for Eionet internal use.

In closing, EEA thanked all members for their feedback and confirmed the date of the launch would be on 30 November 2010 at the European Parliament.

Item 8 Final EEA accounts 2009

The Management Board adopted its opinion on the EEA accounts for the financial year 2009 having been already informed about the process at the March MB meeting. In adopting the final EEA accounts for 2009, the members took note of the financial statements and the report on implementation of the EEA budget 2009, as well as the Report on budget and financial management for 2009.

Further to that, the Executive Director gave an oral update on the preliminary findings of the Court of Auditors.

Item 9 Amended budget 2010

The Board members approved the amended budget 2010 as proposed in Doc. EEA/MB/57/09. The amendment to the EEA annual budget 2010 amounts to additional 212,310€ and includes additional revenue from EFTA contributions (+195,761€) and the inclusion of bank interest (+16,549.07€). The Executive Director reported that the regular resource hearings in the Agency were instrumental for adjusting and proper implementation of the budget. The resource hearings for the second quarter were attended by the Internal Audit Service.

Item 10 Priorities for EEA Annual Management Plan 2011

In addition to Doc. EEA/MB/57/10, the Executive Director informed the Board that the draft to be sent for consultation over summer would include a link between the priorities of AMP2011 and the EEA Strategy 2009-2013. Further to that, she reflected on the main priorities for 2011: resource efficiency, implementation of new ICT and support to environmental reporting.

The MB welcomed the schedule for the consultation process of AMP2011 and provided guidance on the different priorities outlined in the draft, advising that the three priorities should be more integrated in the body of the text.

EEA would incorporate the guidance received in the draft AMP2011 that would go for consultation in July until the beginning of September, and would send a first consolidated draft to Bureau members in time for their meeting on 5 October.

Item 11 Designation of new European Topic Centres – CLOSED SESSION

The deliberations under this agenda item were confidential and taken in a closed session, without interpretation and broadcast.

The Board approved the proposals made by the Evaluation Committee (see confidential Doc. EEA/MB/56/11) and designated the ETCs in the areas of on Air pollution and climate change mitigation; Climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation; Inland, coastal and marine waters; and Spatial information and analysis for the period 2011-13 to become operational as of 1 January 2010 as follows:

- ETC on Air pollution and climate change mitigation (ETC/ACM) to the consortium led by RIVM
- ETC on Climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation (ETC/CCA) to the consortium led by CMCC
- ETC Inland, coastal and marine waters (ETC/ICM) to the consortium led by CENIA
- ETC on Spatial information and analysis (ETC/SIA) to the consortium led by UMA.

The Board members expressed their concerns about the RIVM project management proposal, and advised EEA to keep a closer eye on their proposal. The MB should receive an update at the next MB meeting.

In closing this item the Chairman and EEA thanked the members of the Steering and Evaluation committees for their participation and availability.

Item 12 Topic for the MB Seminar on 23 November 2011

The Board members agreed on the topic for the MB seminar on 23 November 2010, as outlined in Doc. EEA/MB/57/12. The MB Seminar will focus on natural capital and resource efficiency including the potential of different economic measures and instruments within the topic of greening the economy.

ITEMS 13-15 – FOR INFORMATION

Item 13 EEA Annual Report 2009 and Annual Activity Report 2009

The Chairman informed the Board members that the Annual report (AR) 2009 had been finalised as scheduled and that the Annual activity report (AAR) 2009 was ready for its signature after the meeting. Both reports were to be published on the EEA website. Copies of both reports were made available in the meeting room. The MB members were also asked to indicate to the Agency in case they would like to receive additional copies of the Annual report 2009 in addition to the normal distribution.

Item 14 Observations of the auditors

The Board took note of the last visit of the European Court of Auditors on 26-29 April 2010 and Internal Audit Service on 7-11 June 2010. The latter attended the Agency Resource Hearings, see Doc. EEA/MB/57/14.

Item 14 Feedback from members of the Management Board

Under this item the MB member from Belgium gave a short presentation outlining the priorities of the Belgian Presidency ([CIRCA](#))

In closing, the Chairman of the Board and the Executive Director paid farewell to Mata Aravantinou, MB Greece, and Hasan Suhuri Sarikaya, MB Turkey, who would be stepping down after the June meeting. The Chairman and Executive Director thanked Ms Aravantinou and Mr Suhuri Sarikaya for their work and contributions to the Board discussions over the years.

The meeting closed at 16:45

ANNEX 1 to MB minutes

Subject: Draft agenda of the 57th Management Board meeting

FOR DECISION

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of the 56th Management Board minutes, 17 March 2010

FOR INFORMATION

3. Draft minutes of the 51st Bureau meeting, 5 May 2010
4. Update by the Chairman
5. Update by the Executive Director

FOR DECISION / GUIDANCE

6. SEIS, GMES, GEO, Inspire and 'Group of Four' developments
7. Progress on SOER2010
8. Final EEA accounts 2009
9. Amended budget 2010
10. Priorities for EEA Annual Management Plan 2011
11. Designation of new European Topic Centres
12. Topic for the MB Seminar on 23 November 2010

FOR INFORMATION

13. EEA Annual Report 2009 and Annual Activity Report 2009
14. Observations of the auditors
15. Feedback from members of the Management Board

Tabled documents: 02 Rolling action list

ANNEX 2

57th EEA Management Board meeting – Attendance list

Conference room, 16 June 2010

MEMBER COUNTRIES			
COUNTRY	NAME	ORGANISATION	SIGNATURE
	<i>Chairman:</i> Karsten SACH	Chairman of the EEA Management Board	Signed
AUSTRIA	<i>Member:</i> Elisabeth FREYTAG	Ministry of Environment	Apologies
	<i>Alternate:</i> Georg REBERNIG	Umweltbundesamt	Signed
BELGIUM	<i>Member:</i> Véronique VERBEKE	Institut Bruxellois pour la gestion de l'environnement	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i> Philipp D'Hondt		
BULGARIA	<i>Member:</i> Vanya GRIGOROVA	Bulgarian Environment Agency	Signed
CYPRUS	<i>Member:</i> Antonis ANTONIOU	Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i> Charalambos HAJIPAKKOS	Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment	
CZECH REPUBLIC	<i>Member:</i> Veronika HUNT ŠAFRÁNKOVÁ	Ministry of Environment	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i> Helen HŮLOVÁ	Ministry of Environment	
DENMARK	<i>Member:</i> Niels CHRISTENSEN	Agency for Spatial and Environmental Planning	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i> Helle PILSGAARD	Agency for Spatial and Environmental Planning	
	<i>Expert:</i> Esben TIND	Agency for Spatial and Environmental Planning	
	<i>Expert:</i> Christina ANDERSEN	Agency for Spatial and Environmental Planning	Signed
ESTONIA	<i>Member:</i> Allan GROMOV	Ministry of Environment	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i> Andres KRATOVITS	Ministry of Environment	
FINLAND	<i>Member:</i> Laura HÖIJER	Ministry of Environment	Signed

	<u>Alternate:</u> Antero HONKASALO	Ministry of Environment	
FRANCE	<u>Member:</u> Michèle ROUSSEAU <u>Alternate:</u> Marie BONNET <u>Expert:</u> Valery MORARD	Ministère de l'écologie et du développement durable Ministère de l'écologie et du développement durable NFP	Signed
GERMANY	<u>Member:</u> <u>Alternate:</u> Julia WERNER <u>Expert:</u>	Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz & Reaktorsicherheit	Apologies
GREECE	<u>Member:</u> Mata ARAVANTINO <u>Alternate:</u>	Ministry of Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works	Signed
HUNGARY	<u>Member:</u> Erzsébet GERGELY	Ministry of Environment	Apologies
ICELAND	<u>Member:</u> Hermann SVEINBJÖRNSSON <u>Alternate:</u> Gunnar Steinn JONSSON	Ministry of Environment The Environmental Agency	Signed
IRELAND	<u>Member:</u> John McCARTHY <u>Alternate:</u> Mary KELLY	Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government Environmental Protection Agency	Apologies Signed
ITALY	<u>Member:</u> Corrado CLINI <u>Alternate:</u> Giovanni BRUNNELI	Ministerio dell'Ambiente Ministerio dell'Ambiente	Apologies Signed
LATVIA	<u>Member:</u> Guntis PUKITIS <u>Alternate:</u> Andris LEITASS	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development Latvian Environment Agency	Signed
LIECHTENSTEIN	<u>Member:</u> Felix NÄSCHER	Ministry of Environment, Dept. Forests, Nature and Landscape	Apologies

LITHUANIA	<u>Member:</u>	Aleksandras SPRUOGIS	Ministry of Environment Environmental Protection Agency	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Liutauras STOSKUS		
LUXEMBOURG	<u>Member:</u>	Eric DE BRABANTER	Ministère de l'Environnement Ministère de l'Environnement	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Pierre PRUM		
	<u>Expert:</u>	Marguy KOHNEN		
MALTA	<u>Member:</u>	Martin SEYCHELL	Environment and Planning Authority Environment and Planning Authority	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Louis VELLA		
THE NETHERLANDS	<u>Member:</u>	Kees PLUG	Ministry of Housing, Physical Planning and Environment Ministry of Housing, Physical Planning and Environment	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Adriaan OUDEMAN		
NORWAY	<u>Member:</u>	Ellen HAMBRO	Climate and Pollution Agency Ministry of Environment	Apologies Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Øysten NESJE		
POLAND	<u>Member:</u>	Andrzes JAGUSIEWICZ	Chief Inspectorate for Environmental Protection NFP	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Lucyna DYGAS CIOLKOWSKA		
PORTUGAL	<u>Member:</u>	Mario GRACIO	Ministério do Ambiente, do Ordenamento do Território e do Desenvolvimento Regional Ministério do Ambiente, do Ordenamento do Território e do Desenvolvimento Regional	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Fernanda SANTIAGO		
	<u>Expert:</u>	Catarina VENANCIO		
ROMANIA	<u>Member:</u>	Iosif NAGY	National Environmental Protection Agency National Environmental Protection Agency	Signed Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>			
	<u>Expert:</u>	Madalina COZMA		
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	<u>Member:</u>	Daniel DUDOK	Slovak Environment Agency Slovak Environment Agency	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Vladimir BENKO		
SLOVENIA	<u>Member:</u>	Silvo ŽLEBIR	Environmental Agency	Signed
SPAIN	<u>Member:</u>	M ^a Jesus Rodriguez de SANCHO	Ministerio de Medio Ambiente	Signed

	<u>Alternate:</u>	Javier CACHÓN DE MESA	Ministerio de Medio Ambiente	
SWEDEN	<u>Member:</u>	Maria ÅGREN	Swedish Environmental Protection Agency	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Martin ERIKSSON	Swedish Environmental Protection Agency	
SWITZERLAND	<u>Member:</u>	Bruno OBERLE	Federal Office for the Environment	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Christine HOFMANN	Federal Office for the Environment	
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Gérard POFFET	Federal Office for the Environment	
	<u>Expert:</u>	Nicolas PERRITAZ	NFP	Signed
TURKEY	<u>Member:</u>	Hasan ZUHURI SARIKAYA	Ministry of Environment and Forestry	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Sedat KADOĞLU	Ministry of Environment and Forestry	
	<u>Expert:</u>	Cagatay DIKMEN	Ministry of Environment and Forestry, NFP	Signed
UNITED KINGDOM	<u>Member:</u>	John CUSTANCE	Dept. for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>			
EUROPEAN COMMISSION	<u>Member:</u>	Robin MIÈGE	DG Environment	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Leendert HORDIJK	Joint Research Centre	Apologies
	<u>Expert:</u>	Alessandro ANNONI	JRC	Signed
	<u>Expert:</u>	Peter PART	JRC	Signed
	<u>Expert:</u>	Peter WICKS	DG Environment	Signed
	<u>Member:</u>	Manuela SOARES	DG Research	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Pedro DIAZ MUNOZ	Eurostat – Sectoral and regional statistics	Signed
	<u>Expert:</u>	Birgit de BOISSEZON	DG Research	
	<u>Expert:</u>	Christian HEIDORN	Eurostat – Sectoral and regional statistics	
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT	<u>Member:</u>	Ludger-Anselm VERSTEYL	Prof. Versteysl Rechtsanwälte	Signed
	<u>Member:</u>	Michael SCOULLOS	University of Athens	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Ludo HOLSBECK	Free University of Brussels	
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Tomás MARCHESCU		
EEA SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE	<u>Guest:</u>	Yves DESAUBIES	Vice-Chair EEA Scientific Committee	Signed

EEA STAFF	Jacqueline McGLADE	Executive Director	Signed
	Gordon McINNES	Deputy Director, Head of Programme GAN	Signed
	Chris STEENMANS	Head of programme, SES	Signed
	Jock MARTIN	Head of programme, IAS	Signed
	Petra FAGERHOLM	Head of Group, EDO1	Signed
	Elena OSTÁRIZ	Management Board secretariat	Signed

ANNEX 3 DRAFT ACTION LIST

ACTIONS	Status 15 September 2010
To publish on CIRCA the final minutes of the 56 th Management Board meeting	Done
EEA to circulate to the Board paper on green economy when ready	To do
Eurostat to circulate the minutes from Dimesa meeting on 14-15 June 2010 when ready	To do
To keep the decision item on SEIS, GMES, GEO, INSPIRE as a living document	Ongoing
DG ENV to circulate the report from the Environmental Data Centres workshop when ready	To do
EEA to report on ETC performance at the next MB meeting in November 2010	To do

ANNEX 4

DECISIONS taken at the 57th Management Board meeting, 16 June 2010, EEA

Agenda item	Decisions	Comments
Item 2. Adoption of agenda	Adopted	–
Item 3. Adoption of the 56 th Management Board minutes, 17 March 2010	Adopted	-
Item 6. SEIS, GMES, GEO, Inspire and 'Group of Four' developments	The Board members welcomed the papers from JRC and Eurostat which outline the synergies and interdependencies between SEIS, GMES, GEO and Inspire	The Board encouraged further discussions within the Group of Four for future collaboration and recommended to further integrate them and keep these documents as living documents
Item 7. Progress on SOER2010	The MB members welcomed the different parts of the report and agreed on the proposed schedule for the consultation process	The Board agreed on the following schedule: Synthesis: deadline for feedback on 23 June; Part A: 2-week consultation in October; Part B: 3-week consultation in September; Part C: individual Board members will be invited to sign off their respective country assessments by October-early November
Item 8. Final EEA accounts 2009	The Board adopted an opinion on the EEA accounts 2009	In adopting the final EEA's accounts for 2009, the Board took note of the Financial statements and the report on implementation of the budget 2009, as well as the Report on budget and financial management 2009. They were informed orally about the preliminary findings of the Court of Auditors.

Item 9. Amended budget 2010	The Board approved the amended EEA annual budget for 2010	The amendment to the EEA annual budget 2010 amounts to additional 212,310€ and includes additional revenue from EFTA contributions (+195,761€) and the inclusion of bank interest (+16,549.07€).
Item 10. Priorities for EEA Annual Management Plan 2011	The Management Board took note of the outline of the EEA AMP2011	MB members will receive a document incorporating the guidance provided at the meeting in July. The consultation process will be open from July to the beginning of September.
Item 11. Designation of new European Topic Centres	The Management Board endorsed the recommendations made by the Evaluation Committee in their report from 11-12 May 2010	Following the recommendations of the Evaluation Committee the ETC/ACM 2011-2013 will be awarded to the consortium led by RIVM; the ETC/CCA 2011-2013 will be awarded to the consortium led by CMCC; the ETC/ICM 2011-2013 will be awarded to the consortium led by CENIA; the ETC/SIA will be awarded to the consortium led by UMA. The Board will receive an update on the management proposal by RIVM for ETC/ACM at the November meeting.
Item 12. Topic for the MB Seminar on 23 November 2010	The Management Board members agreed on the topic for the MB Seminar on 23 November 2010, as outlined in the paper	The Board agreed to hold a seminar on natural capital and resource efficiency including the potential of different economic measures and instruments within the topic of greening the economy.