



**MINUTES OF THE 59<sup>th</sup> MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING  
held on 16 March 2011**

Approved by the Chairman of the Management Board on 23 June 2011

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Dr Karsten Sach  
Chairman EEA Management

**Record of proceedings:**

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

Final agenda:                    Annex 1  
Attendance list:                Annex 2  
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**Item 1    Adoption of draft agenda**

The Board adopted the agenda 266975 ([Doc.EEA/MB/58/01](#)) without changes.

**Item 2    Adoption of the 58<sup>th</sup> Management Board minutes, 24 November 2010**

The Board adopted the minutes of the 58<sup>th</sup> MB meeting held on 24 November 2010 without changes. The final version (Doc. EEA/MB/59/02-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 53rd Bureau meeting, 8 February 2011**

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

### **Item 4 Update by the Chair (oral)**

Under this item the Chair updated the MB on the following issues:

- Three MB written procedures successfully completed since the 58<sup>th</sup> MB, for the approval of the Budget 2011, AMP2011, and amended budget 2011
- Fourth meeting of Chairs of Management Boards of EU Agencies on 10 March, not attended by EEA MB

### **Item 5 Update by the Executive Director**

Taking the progress report (Doc.EEA/MB/59/05) as read, the Executive Director informed on the activities around Green week, and gave feedback on the UNEP Governing Council meeting.

More specific issues were discussed under their respective items.

## **ITEMS 6-16 FOR DECISION / GUIDANCE**

### **Item 6a Roles of EEA**

The Chair informed the Board members that the paper (Doc.EEA/MB/59/06a) sent to them had been based on the outcome of the Bureau discussions on this issue. It highlighted three clusters:

- challenges ahead (implementation gaps and beyond implementation)
- analysis of the current situation in view of changes in the European institutional framework, (i.e. Lisbon Treaty...)
- EEA tasks as laid down in the founding regulation ([Regulation \(EC\) No-401/2009](#))

The paper was intended to start a process of discussions that would ultimately inform the preparation of the next 5 year strategy. The Chair proposed to focus that first MB discussion around the questions outlined in the document; looking at the role of the EEA, Management Board, and Scientific Committee, as well as looking at core business as outlined in the regulation, new areas of work, and activities within and outside the EU.

The next step would be for the EEA to re-draft the paper for the Bureau meeting in May, incorporating the feedback received on 16 March. The outcome of the discussions in May would then be fed into an updated MB paper, intended for more in-depth discussions at the MB seminar and 60<sup>th</sup> MB meeting on 22 and 23 June.

The Executive Director followed by presenting the different parts of the document, referring to the EEA founding regulation and a possible review of the Agency's mission statement. With regard to the regulation, she reported that the activities carried out by the EEA were within its scope. In addition, the Executive

Director reflected on the tasks and priority areas tackled by the EEA, identifying three areas that would need to be addressed: chemicals (aspects not covered by REACH), soils and forest (assessments). Further to that, she reflected on the role of the EEA towards Member States (MS) and the European Commission (EC), as well as engagement on international activities.

The Board members engaged in a fruitful discussion, reflecting on the questions outlined in the paper. They advised that the EEA priority setting should be done in partnership with Commission services. In addition, the MB advised to complement the information provided with resource implications; the zero growth expected in future years should be taken into account in the roles discussions. Thus duplications with other institutions should be avoided and a clear view on core activities is crucial. Further to that, the Board members provided guidance on the mission statement, future priorities, indicators and engagement in activities within and outside the EU and institutional aspects. There was a general feeling that the founding regulation does not need to be amended.

The Executive Director would re-draft the document incorporating the feedback received on 16 March, looking at ways to articulate the June discussions on priority setting and involvement of the Agency's network structure. On that basis the EEA would have a dialogue with Go4 partners on future plans. The EEA would also develop a background paper outlining areas where the Agency is engaged, and specifying roles for each area (steering, leading, and coordinating).

In closing the Chair invited the MB to send their reflections on the roles of the EEA to the Executive Director by 8 April. The Board members should also send their reflections on the role of the SC to the MB secretariat by the end of April.

The Board members congratulated the Executive Director for the interesting document.

### **Item 6b Resource efficiency, green economy, and physical ecosystem accounting**

Further to document EEA/MB/59/06b, the Executive Director specifically referred to the EEA tasks in the field of green economy and the planned communication items in the Agency's website, which would bring together evidence of the work done in the areas of resource efficiency and green economy in different countries.

With reference to annex 2 to Doc.EEA/MB/59/06b, the greening of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), the Executive Director reported on the EEA plans to set up a panel of experts, including Scientific Committee and Joint Research Centre experts, who would look in more depth at evidence base.

The Board members took note of the report and provided guidance on future steps. Given the timetable for the development of the CAP reform, the MB concluded that the input to the CAP reform should be provided by July, focusing the input on the environment perspective and in-house capacity, as well as presenting it in a factual, informative and diplomatic way.

### **Item 7 Astana Ministerial 2011 report, next steps**

Further to the information provided in Doc.EEA/MB/59/07, the Chair introduced the procedure to be followed in order to allow the Bureau the approval of the report at

their meeting on 5 May. Further to that, he invited the Executive Director to identify main messages that could be discussed at the 60<sup>th</sup> MB meeting in June.

The Executive Director gave a synopsis of the work being done on cataloguing (Virtual Library) and reviewing (Review Template) relevant assessments, and on the Country Fiches for the two environmental themes (water and green economy). This information is accessible via the EEA-AoA portal <http://aoa.ew.eea.europa.eu/>

The Executive Director could identify three major outcomes at that stage of the report:

- the ability to understand green economy within the region, as set out by the United Nations (UN),
- capacity building: action plan to put in place SEIS and other forms of reporting,
- accounting: ecosystem and environmental accounting

With regard to the political messages, the Executive Director suggested messages that would on one hand inform on the capacity for SOER reporting in the region, and on the other, indicate the need to strengthen knowledge around water use and water productivity, and resource efficiency and green economy in the context of Central Asia and the Neighbourhood countries.

The MB took note of the information provided in the document and delegated the approval of the Assessment of Assessments report to the Bureau. Moreover, the Board members agreed to discuss the main political messages for the Astana Ministerial Conference 2011 at the 60<sup>th</sup> MB meeting on 23 June.

### **Item 8 SOER2010: Indicators' developments and Part C next steps**

Further to document EEA/MB/59/08, the Executive Director informed the MB on the continuous SOER2010 activities. She referred to the core of the paper and the cleaning up of indicators, and the proposal of reviving an annual indicator report.

The MB reviewed the progress on the dissemination and outreach of SOER2010 and welcomed the model of country visits. Further to that, the MB provided guidance on the cleaning up of indicators, advising to develop it further in order to strengthen its policy relevance. Moreover, the MB advised to indicate the resource implications needed for the development of the proposed annual indicator report, which should therefore build on existing data.

The MB also took note of the continuous updating of Part C.

### **Item 9 SEIS, Inspire, GMES, GEOSS and 'Group of Four' developments**

In addition to the information provided in document EEA/MB/59/09, the Executive Director mentioned the success of the Belgian conference on SEIS, in Brussels at the end of 2010. Moreover, she reported on the positive benefits brought by the country visits and direct interaction with colleagues in the national settings, indicating that a second round of country visits was already taking place. Within the context of SEIS and the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP), the Executive Director also mentioned the meeting held in Brussels in November 2010, attended by representatives of South and East neighbouring countries.

On Inspire, the Executive Director informed the MB that the EEA was closely working with the JRC.

With regard to the GMES Delegation agreement, the Executive Director informed the MB that the document was about to be sent to the European Commission (EC) for inter service consultation.

The representative of the European Commission reported that the outline of the SEIS implementation plan had been discussed with the Commissioner's Cabinet. The implementation plan would be developed in coordination with the JRC and EEA. With regard to Inspire, he made reference to the Inspire conference that would take place in Edinburgh from 27 June to 1 July. On GMES, he mentioned that the first meeting of the Users Forum would be held on 1 May and invited specifically environmental experts.

The representative of Eurostat informed the Board members on the Dimesa meeting, to take place in Copenhagen on 20-21 June, when Eurostat would present its work plan for 2012. In addition, he mentioned that Eurostat had published a book on their work on environmental statistics, and plans to launch a website on environment indicators clearing house at the end of 2011. Moreover, the Eurostat representative reported on planned work on streamlining indicators and the LUCAS survey 2012.

The Board members took note of the update and agreed to receive feedback on the outcome of the inter service consultation on the Delegation agreement at the next MB meeting in June.

#### **Item 10 Topic(s) for Dimesa-EEA MB seminar, 22 June 2011**

The Board members endorsed the topic for the joint Dimesa-EEA MB seminar on 22 June 2011, as set out in Doc.EEA/MB/59/10.

#### **Item 11 Election of new Vice-Chair/Bureau member**

The Chair informed the Board members that no offers to take up the vacant seat at the Bureau were received on time for the election on 16 March. With that in mind, and taking into account the geographical balance at the Bureau, he told the MB that he had discussed the vacancy with one MB member who would reflect on it. The election of a new Vice-Chair/Bureau member was therefore postponed until June.

The Chair also informed the MB that his first term in office would come to an end in September 2011. His re-election, or the election of a new Chair, will be in the agenda of the 60<sup>th</sup> MB meeting in June.

The Board members took note of the state of affairs.

#### **Item 12 Possible observer from non-EU Member States in the Bureau**

The Chair informed the Board members about the conclusions drawn from the Bureau discussion on this issue (for more information, see [item 9](#) of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Bureau minutes). Further to that, he invited the MB to contact him with their reflections on the participation of an observer from non-EU Member States in the Bureau.

The Bureau would take a decision on the matter at its next meeting on 5 May. Consequently, the Chair would inform the MB on 23 June.

The MB took note of the oral update.

### **Item 13 Scientific Committee, update on memberships**

In introducing this item, the Chair made reference to the discussions held under item 6 a (Roles of EEA) and invited the Board members to send their reflections on the role of the Scientific Committee (SC) to the MB secretariat by the end of April.

The Vice-Chair of the Scientific Committee reported that the Committee members had been reflecting on the effectiveness of the SC, looking at ways on how to best serve the EEA. The SC Vice-Chair also reported that the Committee members would welcome MB guidance on this matter.

Further to that, the Vice-Chair mentioned that 5 SC members would come to the end of their second term in 2011 and 2012, while 9 members would come to the end of their first term in 2012. However, the Committee felt that a new call for SC expertise was not needed this year. Instead, 2011 would be dedicated to reflect on future areas of work, and how to best serve the EEA.

The SC planned a thorough discussion at the 51<sup>st</sup> Scientific Committee meeting on 16-17 May. The outcome of these discussions would be presented at the 60<sup>th</sup> MB meeting in June.

### **Item 14 Update on MASPP (Multiannual Staff Policy Plan) and Budget 2012**

Under this item, the Executive Director gave an overview of the process of developing the Budget 2012, following the requirements set out by the Lisbon Treaty. With regard to the MASPP table, she said that the table would be updated to reflect the outcome of the discussions held with Commission services the previous week.

In addition, the Executive Director reflected on the response to the ENDS 2011 call thus far.

The Board members took note of the interim information.

### **Item 15 Provisional accounts 2010 and discharge process 2009**

Further to the information provided in Doc.EEA/MB/59/15, the Management Board took note of the smooth running of the discharge process 2009 and closing of the accounts 2010.

### **Item 16 Timetable for the development of the EEA Annual Report 2010 and Annual Activity Report 2010, and delegation to the Bureau**

In line with the procedure followed in previous years, the Management Board delegated to the Bureau the review and adoption of the Annual Report 2010 and Annual Activity Report 2010. The two reports will be produced separately, as requested by the Court of Auditors.

## **ITEMS 16-21 – FOR INFORMATION**

### **Item 17 Draft timetable for the decisions and processes to be taken by MB and Bureau**

The MB took note of the information provided in the draft timetable.

### **Item 18 Presentation on new ETCs**

The MB took note of the information provided in document EEA/MB/59/18

### **Item 19 EEA publication plan 2011**

With reference to the EEA publication plan 2011 sent to the Board, the Executive Director informed that an updated version by topic areas and approximate timelines would be sent to the MB as soon as it would be available.

### **Item 20 Observations of the auditors**

The Board members took note of the information provided in Doc. EEA/MB/59/13. In addition, the Executive Director told the Management Board that the Court of Auditors (CoA) would be visiting the Agency the week after the MB meeting.

### **Item 21 Feedback from members of the Management Board**

The Board members did not have anything to report on this occasion.

In closing the meeting, the Chair thanked the Executive Director and Board members for their contributions to the meeting discussions.

*The meeting closed at 16.35*

## **ANNEX 1 to MB minutes**

### **Subject: Draft agenda of the 59<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting**

#### **FOR DECISION**

1. Adoption of draft agenda
2. Adoption of the 58th Management Board minutes, 24 November 2011

#### **FOR INFORMATION**

3. Draft minutes of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Bureau meeting, 8 February 2011
4. Update by the Chairman
5. Update by the Executive Director

#### **FOR DECISION / GUIDANCE**

6. Follow-up 2010 MB seminar:
  - 6a. Roles of EEA
  - 6b. Resource efficiency, green economy, and physical ecosystem accounting
7. Astana Ministerial 2011 report, next steps
8. SOER 2010: Indicators' developments and Part C next steps
9. SEIS, Inspire, GMES, GEOSS and 'Group of Four' developments
10. Topic(s) Dimesa-EEA MB seminar, 22 June 2011
11. Election of Vice-Chair/Bureau member
12. Possible observer from non-EU Member States in the Bureau
13. Scientific Committee, update on memberships
14. Update on MASPP (Multiannual Staff Policy Plan) and Budget 2012
15. Accounts 2010 and discharge process 2009
16. Timetable for the development of EEA Annual Report and Annual Activity Report 2010, and delegation to the Bureau

#### **FOR INFORMATION**

17. Draft timetable for the decisions and processes to be taken by MB and Bureau
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21. Feedback from members of the Management Board

**Tabled documents:** 01 Rolling action list



## ANNEX 2

**59<sup>th</sup> EEA Management Board meeting – Attendance list**  
**Conference room, 16 March 2011**

<b>MEMBER COUNTRIES</b>			
<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>SIGNATURE</b>
	<i>Chairman:</i> Karsten SACH	Chairman of the EEA Management Board	Signed
<b>AUSTRIA</b>	<i>Member:</i> Elisabeth FREYTAG	Ministry of Environment	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i> Georg REBERNIG	Umweltbundesamt	
<b>BELGIUM</b>	<i>Member:</i> Véronique VERBEKE	Institut Bruxellois pour la gestion de l'environnement	Apologies
	<i>Alternate:</i> Philipp D'Hondt		Signed
<b>BULGARIA</b>	<i>Member:</i> Vanya GRIGOROVA	Bulgarian Environment Agency	Signed
<b>CYPRUS</b>	<i>Member:</i>	Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i> Charalambos HAJIPAKKOS	Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment	
<b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b>	<i>Member:</i> Veronika HUNT ŠAFRÁNKOVÁ	Ministry of Environment	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i> Helen HŮLOVÁ	Ministry of Environment	
<b>DENMARK</b>	<i>Member:</i> Niels CHRISTENSEN	Agency for Spatial and Environmental Planning	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i> Helle PILSGAARD	Agency for Spatial and Environmental Planning	
<b>ESTONIA</b>	<i>Member:</i> Allan GROMOV	Ministry of Environment	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i> Andres KRATOVITS	Ministry of Environment	
<b>FINLAND</b>	<i>Member:</i> Laura HÖIJER	Ministry of Environment	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i> Antero HONKASALO	Ministry of Environment	
<b>FRANCE</b>	<i>Member:</i> Michèle ROUSSEAU	Ministère de l'écologie et du développement durable	Signed
	<i>Alternate:</i> Marie BONNET	Ministère de l'écologie et du développement durable	
<b>GERMANY</b>	<i>Member:</i>		

	<u>Alternate:</u>	Julia WERNER	Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz & Reaktorsicherheit	Signed
<b>GREECE</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Maria PEPPA	Ministry of Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>			
<b>HUNGARY</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Erzsébet GERGELY	Ministry of Environment	Signed
<b>ICELAND</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Hugi ÓLAFSSON	Ministry of Environment	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Gunnar Steinn JONSSON	The Environmental Agency	Signed
<b>IRELAND</b>	<u>Member:</u>	John McCARTHY	Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Mary KELLY	Environmental Protection Agency	Signed
<b>ITALY</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Corrado CLINI	Ministerio dell'Ambiente	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Giuliana GASPARRINI	Ministerio dell'Ambiente	Signed
<b>LATVIA</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Andris EGLĀS	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Andris LEITASS	Latvian Environment Agency	
<b>LIECHTENSTEIN</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Felix NÄSCHER	Ministry of Environment, Dept. Forests, Nature and Landscape	Apologies
<b>LITHUANIA</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Aleksandras SPRUOGIS	Ministry of Environment	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Liutauras STOSKUS	Environmental Protection Agency	
<b>LUXEMBOURG</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Eric DE BRABANTER	Ministère de l'Environnement	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Pierre PRUM	Ministère de l'Environnement	Apologies
	<u>Expert:</u>	Petra BIANCHI	Environment and Planning Authority	Signed
	<u>Member:</u>	Marie BRIGUGLIO		
	<u>Member:</u>	Kees PLUG	Environment and Planning Authority	Signed
	<u>Member:</u>	Kees PLUG	Ministry of Housing, Physical Planning and Environment	

<b>NORWAY</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Ellen HAMBRO	Climate and Pollution Agency	Signed
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	<u>Alternate:</u>	Øysten NESJE	Ministry of Environment	
<b>POLAND</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Andrzes JAGUSIEWICZ	Chief Inspectorate for Environmental Protection	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Lucyna DYGAS CIOLKOWSKA	NFP	Signed
<b>PORTUGAL</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Mario GRACIO	Ministério do Ambiente, do Ordenamento do Território e do Desenvolvimento Regional	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Anabela TRINIDADE	Ministério do Ambiente, do Ordenamento do Território e do Desenvolvimento Regional	
<b>ROMANIA</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Iosif NAGY	National Environmental Protection Agency	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>			
	<u>Expert:</u>	Madalina COZMA	National Environmental Protection Agency	Signed
<b>SLOVAK REPUBLIC</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Daniel SCHMIDTMAYER	Slovak Environment Agency	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Katarína KOSKOVÁ	Slovak Environment Agency	
<b>SLOVENIA</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Silvo ŽLEBIR	Environmental Agency	Signed
<b>SPAIN</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Jesús HUERTAS GARCÍA	Ministerio de Medio Ambiente	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Marta MUÑOZ CUESTA	Environmental Strategic Information Unit	Signed
<b>SWEDEN</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Maria ÅGREN	Swedish Environmental Protection Agency	
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Martin ERIKSSON	Swedish Environmental Protection Agency	Signed
<b>SWITZERLAND</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Bruno OBERLE	Federal Office for the Environment	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Gérard POFFET	Federal Office for the Environment	Signed
	<u>Expert:</u>	Nicolas PERRITAZ	NFP	Signed
<b>TURKEY</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Lütfi AKÇA	Ministry of Environment and Forestry	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Sedat KADOĞLU	Ministry of Environment and Forestry	Apologies
	<u>Expert:</u>	Tuncay DEMIR	Ministry of Environment and Forestry, NFP	Signed
<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>	<u>Member:</u>	John ROBBS	Dept. for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	Signed
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Peter HELM	Dept. for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	
	<u>Expert:</u>	James TUCKER	NFP	Signed
<b>EUROPEAN COMMISSION</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Robin MIÈGE	DG Environment	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Leendert HORDIJK	Joint Research Centre	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	Apologies
	<u>Expert:</u>	Birgit de BOISSEZON	DG Research	
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Nick BANFIELD	DG Environment	Signed
	<u>Expert:</u>	Christian HEIDORN	Eurostat – Sectoral and regional statistics	Signed
		Artur Runge-METZGER	DG Clima	Signed
<b>EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT</b>	<u>Member:</u>	Ludger-Anselm VERSTEYL	Prof. Versteyl Rechtsanwälte	Signed
	<u>Member:</u>	Michael SCULLOS	University of Athens	Apologies
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Ludo HOLSBECK	Free University of Brussels	
	<u>Alternate:</u>	Tomás MARCHESCU		
<b>EEA SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE</b>	<u>Guest:</u>	Yves DESAUBIES	Vice-Chair, EEA Scientific Committee	Signed
<b>EEA STAFF</b>		Jacqueline McGLADE	Executive Director	Signed
		Gordon McINNES	Deputy Director, Head of Programme GAN	Signed
		Jock MARTIN	Head of programme, IAS	
		Paul McALEAVEY	Head of programme, ACC	Signed
		Jean MOEREMANS	Head of programme, ADS	
		Chris STEENMANS	Head of programme, SES	Signed
		Ronan UHEL	Head of programme, NSV	Signed
		Petra FAGERHOLM	Head of Group, EDO1	Signed
	Elena OSTÁRIZ	Management Board secretariat	Signed	

**ANNEX 3 DRAFT ACTION LIST**

<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>Status 15 April 2011</b>
To publish on CIRCA the final minutes of the 58 <sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting	Done
MB members to send reflections on the roles to ED by 8 April	On going
MB members to send reflections on the SC and its future role/activities to MB secretariat by 30 April	To do
EEA to update the 2011 Publication plan and distribute it to MB	Done
EEA to distribute an update MASPP , when available	To do
EEA to outline areas where the Agency engages, specifying roles for each area ( steering, leading, coordinating) in the draft document for the EEA Annual Management Plan 2012	On-going Part of MB seminar discussion tables

**ANNEX 4 DECISIONS taken at the 59<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting, 16 March 2011, EEA**

Agenda item	Decisions	Comments
<b>Item 1.</b> Adoption of agenda	Adopted	–
<b>Item 2.</b> Adoption of the 58 <sup>th</sup> Management Board minutes, 24 November 2010	Adopted	–
<b>Item 6a.</b> Roles of EEA	The Board provided guidance on the different areas outlined in the paper and agreed to have a more in-depth discussion at the MB seminar and the MB meeting in June	<p>MB members should send their reflections to the EEA by 8 April. These would be incorporated in the Bureau paper on the roles of EEA.</p> <p>The SC would have a substantial discussion on their role and future set up at their meeting in May, and will communicate the outcome to the MB in June. MB members should send their reflections on the role of the SC to the EEA by the end of April.</p>
<b>Item 6b.</b> Resource efficiency, green economy, and physical ecosystem accounting	Took note of the information provided	The EEA would speed up the process of providing input to the green Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) in order to meet the deadline by July 2011.
<b>Item 7.</b> Astana Ministerial 2011 report, next steps	<p>Took note of the information outlined in the paper.</p> <p>Agreed to delegate to the Bureau the review of the Assessment of Assessments draft report</p>	The Board would discuss main messages of the ministerial conference at the 60 <sup>th</sup> MB in June.
<b>Item 8.</b> SOER2010: Indicators' developments and Part C next steps	The Board provided guidance on indicators' developments and Part C updating	<p>The MB reviewed the progress of dissemination of SOER2010 and welcomed the model of country visits.</p> <p>Recommended to develop the cleaning up of indicators further, in order to strengthen its policy relevance.</p>

<b>Item 9.</b> SEIS, Inspire, GMES, GEOSS and 'Group of Four' developments	Took note of the state of affairs in SEIS, Inspire, GMES, GEOSS and 'Group of Four'	The EEA will provide an update on outcome of the inter service consultation on the Delegation agreement at the next MB meeting in June.
<b>Item 10.</b> Topic(s) for Dimesa-EEA MB seminar, 22 June 2011	The Board endorsed the proposed topic for the joint Dimesa-EEA MB seminar	-
<b>Item 11.</b> Election of new Vice-Chair/Bureau member	Agreed to postpone the election until the next Board meeting in June	No nominations for the vacant Vice-Chair/Bureau member post had been received for this meeting. The MB will revisit this item in June.
<b>Item 12.</b> Possible observer from non-EU Member States in the Bureau	The Board took note of the information provided by the Chair	The issue will be revisited at the Bureau meeting in May, pending outcome of discussions with the five non-EU Member States.
<b>Item 13.</b> Scientific Committee, update on memberships	The Board decided to postpone the call for SC areas of expertise until 2012	MB members should send views on the future role and size of the SC by end of April.
<b>Item 14.</b> Update on MASPP (Multiannual Staff Policy Plan) and Budget 2012	Took note of the interim information	The EEA will distribute an updated list of ENDs and MASPP when available.
<b>15.</b> Provisional accounts 2010 and discharge process 2009	Took note of the process of closing of the accounts 2010 and discharge 2009	The MB took note of the smooth running of the discharge process 2009 and closing of the accounts 2010.
<b>16.</b> Annual report 2010 and Annual Activity Report 2010, and delegation to the Bureau	The Management Board delegated to the Bureau the review and adoption of the Annual report 2010 and Annual activity report 2010 at its next meeting on 5 May 2011	In line with the procedure followed in previous years, the Annual report 2010 and the Annual activity report for 2010 will be produced as separate documents as requested by the Court of Auditors.

Approved by the Chairman of the Management Board on 16 March 2011

*Signed by Dr Karsten Sach*