



**Decision of the Management Board of the European Environment Agency  
on the extension of the period of validity of the multiannual work programme to include the year 2020**

**THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY**

**HAVING REGARD** to Regulation (EC) No 401/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the European Environment Agency (hereinafter referred to as “the EEA”) and the European Environment Information and Observation Network (codified version)<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 8 thereof,

**WHEREAS:**

- (1) Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 401/2009 provides that the Management Board shall adopt a multiannual work programme;
- (2) The present multiannual work programme<sup>2</sup> runs from 2014 to 2019, and a new multiannual work programme for the following period starting in 2020 would need to be developed and adopted in 2018-2019;
- (3) The current evaluation and fitness check of the EEA/Eionet Regulation by the European Commission, leading subsequently, if appropriate, to a proposal to amend the Regulation, creates uncertainty as to the mandate and tasks of the EEA for the next multiannual work programme;
- (4) The present multiannual work programme, building as it does on the EU 7<sup>th</sup> Environmental Action Programme and other major EU policy frameworks with a horizon of 2020, can form a robust basis for the work of the EEA for a longer period than hitherto foreseen;

**HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:**

*Sole article*

The period of validity of the present multiannual work programme of the European Environment Agency is extended to include the year 2020.

Approved by the Management Board on 7 December 2016

*SIGNED*

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Chair EEA Management Board

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 126/13 of 21.5.2009.

<sup>2</sup> Multiannual Work Programme 2014-2019: Expanding the knowledge base for policy implementation and long-term transitions, adopted by the EEA Management Board on 27 November 2013, and extended by the EEA Management Board to include 2019 on 26 November 2015.