

Decision EEA/MB/2023/019

LIST OF DECISIONS AND GUIDANCE 100TH MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING, 14 DECEMBER 2023

Agenda item		Outcome	Comments
	AGENDA AND FOLLOW-UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS	The Management Board (MB) welcomed new MB members and alternate members that were nominated since the June meeting, as well as the representative from Kosovo ¹ .	Kosovo took part in the meeting as part of the rotating observership of the Western Balkan countries in MB meetings.
	FOR ADOPTION		
1	Agenda of the 100 th Management Board meeting	The Management Board (MB) adopted the agenda of the meeting.	
	FOR INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK		
2	MB decision list: 99 th meeting (8 June 2023)	The MB adopted the decision list of the 99 th meeting.	
3	Update by the Management Board Chair	The MB took note of the update by the MB Chair. Decisions/written procedures since the 8 June MB meeting: Bureau approval of first amendment to EEA's procurement plan 2023 Decision list from 5 October Bureau meeting Written procedure for MB comments on draft Eurostat Work Programme 2024 MB Chair approval of revised composition of the Management Board Advisory Committee on EEA/Eionet evaluation 2017-2021	The MB will be informed in due time of the temporary replacement in the MB Secretariat due to the maternity leave of Jasmiina Laurmaa.
		 Topics covered at the Bureau meeting of 13 December: The 101st Bureau decision list covers the recommendations from the Bureau. The Bureau agreed not to proceed further on the issue of voting rights of non-EU Member States in the MB, in the absence of unanimity between the five non-EU 	

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	UPDATE BY THE EEA EXECUTIVE DIR	RECTOR FOR INFORMATION AND FEEDBA	СК
4	Update by the Executive Director	The MB welcomed the update by the Executive Director on her experience in her first six months in her role and on her outlook on the future, including strengthened partnerships with key stakeholders, enhanced collaboration with civil society, and improved internal ways of working.	Two members commented on the fitness for purpose of the EEA's Key Performance Indicators (KPIs): one suggested that the reporting period is adapted to give a more up-to-date status overview, and the other highlighted that the KPIs are not helpfu to know whether the Agency is on track to fulfil its commitments.
	UPDATE BY THE EEA STAKEHOLDER	S FOR INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK	
5	Update by the European Commission	The MB took note of the update by the European Commission (DG ENV, DG CLIMA, DG RTD and JRC) on the latest policy developments and asked some questions.	
6	Update by the Scientific Committee Chair	The MB took note of the update by the Scientific Committee (SC) Chair on the SC's recent activities.	The SC Chair reminded the MB of the upcoming call for new SC members in 2024 and encouraged MB members to disseminate the call to their academic networks once it is launched.
			The SC Chair invited MB members to join future SC seminars.
7	Priorities of the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the EU (first half of 2024)	The MB took note of the presentation of the priorities of the upcoming Belgian Presidency of the Council of the EU.	The Spanish MB member thanked the EEA for the good cooperation during the recent Spanish Presidency of the Council of the EU. The MB Chair invited future EU Presidency holders to initiate cooperation with the EEA where the Agency could support them.
8	EEA-Eionet evaluation 2017-2021 (European Commission + MBAC)	The MB took note of the state-of-play and next steps of the EEA-Eionet Evaluation 2017-2021. The MB thanked the Management Board Advisory Committee (MBAC) Chair for the work of the MBAC.	The upcoming formal outcome of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board meeting of 1 December will have an impact on the next steps of the evaluation, particularly the timing of the Draft Staff Working Document (SWD). Besides the challenge of the budget structure of the EEA, the MBAC Chair highlighted two major areas for future improvement for the EEA: better priority setting and better use of IT. The MBAC Chair would welcome further discussions on the conclusion in the draft SWD on the need for more strategic discussions within the MB. MB members highlighted the following
			points: • The draft SWD gives too much weight to the online survey.

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			 The evaluation could give mor weight to the impact of the Agency, how the EEA works with countries and how the EEA/Eionet can support the implementation of the European Green Deal. Since the last evaluation, the MB has improved on their strategic work. In order to further improve, it is essential to wait for the final conclusion in the SWD. 	
			The Executive Director stated that the EEA is ready and committed to provide additional data and support as the evaluation progresses.	
	CLOSED SESSION			
9	Election of two Management Board Vice-Chairs/Bureau members	The MB took note of the statements from candidates for the two vacant posts of MB Vice-Chair/Bureau member and the details of the voting procedure, including proxys.	There were 2 candidates for the Vice-Chair election. Both candidates were elected by unanimity during two separate voting rounds (24 votes out of 24 voters present).	
		The MB appointed a member from a non-EU member country as teller for the voting procedure to ensure that the voting procedure is followed and to confirm the voting results with the MB Secretariat.		
		As a result of a voting procedure, the MB elected Julia Werner, MB member from Germany, and Aljoša Duplić, MB member from Croatia, as Vice-Chairs/Bureau members for a first mandate from 14 December 2023 to 13 December 2026, renewable once.		
10	Approval of Key Performance Indicators for the Executive Director (reporting year 2023)	The MB approved the Key Performance Indicators for the appraisal of the EEA Executive Director for reporting year 2023.		
11	Appraisal of the Executive Director: Appointment of reporting officers (reporting year 2023)	The MB appointed the reporting officers for the appraisal of the EEA Executive Director for reporting year 2023.	The Bureau's approach is to aim for a team of reporting officers combining a senior Vice-Chair and a newly elected one to ensure continuity.	
	FOR CELEBRATION			
12	100 th Management Board meeting	The MB celebrated its 100 th MB meeting.		

Plans for 2024 MB meetings: March MB meeting hosted by the JRC (Ispra), June MB meeting with joint MB/SC/NFP seminar, November online MB meeting	The MB reflected on the implications of the changing policy context for EEA-Eionet engagement and welcomed the EEA's document as a good first step before deepening the reflections at MB and Bureau meetings during 2024. The MB agreed to keep the timing of the EU institutional changes in mind when discussing next steps. The MB took note of the plans for 2024 MB meetings, including the preliminary plans for the MB visit to JRC Ispra in connection to the March MB meeting.	The MB is invited to provide further feedback on the topic in writing to the MB Secretariat by mid-January ahead of the next discussion in the January Bureau meeting. A member suggested to clarify what is meant by implementation in the document, as this may be interpreted in different ways. Another member suggested to focus on EEA activities and where the Agency can add value, whilst supporting the modernisation of Eionet. The Bureau meeting of 25 January will take place in person to allow team building.
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	connection to the March Mb meeting.	The Bureau meeting of 20 March will take place in the morning, followed by the MB visit to JRC Ispra in the afternoon.
		The background documents for the March meeting will include information on how the JRC and the EEA collaborate
2024 work programme of the European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change and update on implementation of the 2023 work programme	The MB welcomed the presentation of the implementation of the 2023 work programme and of the draft 2024 work programme of the European Scientific Advisory Board for Climate Change by Prof. Ottmar Edenhofer, the Chair of the Advisory Board.	
	The MB expressed their support for the 2024 work programme and asked clarifying questions on its scope.	
FOR DECISION (PREPARED	IN THE BUREAU)	
 2023: Decision list, including: A. Eurostat Work Programme for 2024 B. Adoption of Single Programming Document (SPD) 2024-2026 including EEA Annual budget 2024 and financing decision on 	Eurostat Work Programme for	B. DG ENV requested the EEA to make additional changes to the SPD 2024-2026 (including elements related to the reporting of the single use plastics directive, the forest monitoring law and the one substance one assessment approach) without prejudice to its adoption. The inclusion of these edits to the SPD will be subject to the MB's approval via written procedure. E. The updated calendar of meeting dates is available in annex 3.
	FOR DECISION (PREPARED 101st Bureau meeting 13 December 2023: Decision list, including: A. Eurostat Work Programme for 2024 B. Adoption of Single Programming Document (SPD) 2024-2026 including EEA Annual budget 2024 and financing decision on ETCs for 2024 C. Amendment to EEA budget 2023	programme of the European Scientific Advisory Board for Climate Change by Prof. Ottmar Edenhofer, the Chair of the Advisory Board. The MB expressed their support for the 2024 work programme and asked clarifying questions on its scope. FOR DECISION (PREPARED IN THE BUREAU) 101st Bureau meeting 13 December 2023: Decision list, including: A. Eurostat Work Programme for 2024 B. Adoption of Single Programming Document (SPD) 2024-2026 including EEA Annual budget 2024 and financing decision on ETCs for 2024 C. Amendment to EEA Programme of the European Scientific Advisory Board for Climate Change by Prof. Ottmar Edenhofer, the Chair of the Advisory Board. A. The MB approved the European Scientific Advisory Board for Climate Change by Prof. Ottmar Edenhofer, the Chair of the Advisory Board. The MB expressed their support for the 2024 work programme and asked clarifying questions on its scope. A. The MB approved the Programming Document (SPD) 2024-2026, the EEA annual budget 2024 and the financing decision on European Topic Centres (ETCs) for 2024. C. The MB approved the amendment to the EEA budget 2023

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	E.	and adoption of the procurement plan 2024 Updated calendar of Bureau/Management Board meeting dates 2024	D. The MB approved the amendment to the EEA's procurement plan 2023 and the procurement plan 2024.	1
			November MB meeting online	
	FOR INF	ORMATION		
17	Feedbac member	k from Management Board s	The MB Chair thanked all MB members, the EEA's Executive Director and staff.	The Chair expressed the wish for more interventions from MB members in future meetings.

The meeting closed at 15:30.

Approved by the EEA Management Board at the 100th Management Board meeting

14 December 2023, Copenhagen

[Signed]

André Weidenhaupt Chair, EEA Management Board

Annexes

Annex 1: Final agenda of 100th Management Board meeting, 14 December 2023

Annex 2: Participants list, 100th Management Board meeting, 14 December 2023

Annex 3: Meeting dates 2024, version 14 December 2023

Annex 1:

Draft agenda of 100th Management Board meeting Thursday, 14 December 2023, 9:00-16:30, EEA, Copenhagen and Teams

AGENDA AND FOLLOW-UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

FOR ADOPTION

- 1. Adoption of draft agenda
- 2. MB decision list: 99th meeting (8 June 2023)
- 3. Update by the Management Board Chair

UPDATE BY THE EEA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK

4. Update by the Executive Director

UPDATE BY EEA STAKEHOLDERS FOR INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK

- 5. Update by the European Commission
- 6. Update by the Scientific Committee Chair
- 7. Priorities of the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the EU (first half of 2024)
- 8. EEA-Eionet evaluation 2017-2021 (European Commission + MBAC)

CLOSED SESSION

- 9. Election of two Management Board Vice-Chairs/Bureau members*
- 10. Approval of Key Performance Indicators for the Executive Director (reporting year 2023)*
- 11. Appraisal of the Executive Director: Appointment of reporting officers (reporting year 2023)*

FOR CELEBRATION

12. 100th Management Board meeting

FOR GUIDANCE/STRATEGIC ORIENTATION

- 13. EEA engagement with EU institutional stakeholders
- 14. Plans for 2024 MB meetings: March MB meeting hosted by the JRC (Ispra), June MB meeting with joint MB/SC/NFP seminar, November online MB meeting
- 15. 2024 work programme of the European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change and update on implementation of the 2023 work programme

FOR DECISION (PREPARED IN THE BUREAU)

- 16. 101st Bureau meeting 13 December 2023: Decision list, including:
 - A. Eurostat Work Programme for 2024
 - B. Adoption of Single Programming Document (SPD) 2024-2026 including EEA Annual budget 2024 and financing decision on ETCs for 2024
 - C. Amendment to EEA budget 2023
 - D. Amendment to EEA procurement plan 2023 and adoption of the procurement plan 2024
 - E. Updated calendar of Bureau/Management Board meeting dates 2024

FOR INFORMATION

17. Feedback from Management Board members

Annex 2:

Participants list, 100th Management Board meeting, Thursday 14 December 2023, 09:00–16:30 CET, Copenhagen and Teams

Represented country/	Name	Role (member, alternate member, observer/ expert)
organisation		
Austria	Georg Rebernig	Alternate member
Belgium	Christelle Van Wesembeeck	Member
Croatia	Aljoša Duplić	Member
Cyprus	Irene Constantinou	Alternate member
Czech Republic		Member
Denmark	Henrik Hedeman Olsen	Alternate member
Finland	Laura Höijer	Member
France	Amélie Coantic	Member
France	Umar Dahoo	Expert
Germany	Julia Werner	Member
Greece	Petros Varelidis	Member
Hungary	Zita Gellér	Alternate member
Iceland	Bergþóra Guðmundsdóttir	Member
Ireland	Laura Burke	Member
Italy	Stefano Laporta	Member
Italy	Stefania Minestrini	Expert
Latvia	Andris Ķēniņš	Member
Liechtenstein	Regula Imhof	Member
Luxembourg	André Weidenhaupt	Chair, member
Luxembourg	Paul Rasqué	Alternate member
Malta	Darrin Stevens	Alternate member
Malta	Maria Masini	Expert
Netherlands	Willem Evers	Member
Norway	Ingunn Limstrand	Member
Poland	Magda Gosk	Member
Portugal	Águeda Silva	Expert
Romania	Andrei Corlan	Member
Slovakia	Mária Fischerová	Member
Slovenia	Joško Knez	Alternate member
Spain	Antonio Nieto Magro	Member
Sweden	Petter Mahrs	Alternate member
Switzerland	Sébastien Truffer	Expert
Switzerland	Alexis Kurth	Expert
Türkiye	Eda Alagöz	Expert
Türkiye	Saadet Senem Eedem	Expert
Kosovo*	Afrim Berisha	Observer
Designated by	Lena Neij	Member
the EP	,	
EC – DG ENV	Claudia Fusco	Observer
EC – DG ENV	Josiane Masson	Observer
EC – DG ENV	Saverio Marcaletti	Observer
EC – DG RTD	Jean Dusart	Observer
EC – JRC	Alessandra Zampieri	Alternate member
EC – JRC	Greet Janssens-Maenhout	Observer
EC – DG CLIMA	Yvon Slingenberg	Observer

Represented	Name	Role (member, alternate member, observer/ expert)
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organisation		
EC – DG CLIMA	Jürgen Salay	Observer
EEA Scientific	Claire Dupont	SC Chair
Committee		
European	Ottmar Edenhofer	Guest
Scientific		
Advisory Board		
on Climate		
Change		
EEA	Leena Ylä-Mononen	EEA Executive Director
EEA	Martin Adams	EEA
EEA	Eva Jensen	EEA
EEA	Stefan Jensen	EEA
EEA	Riyong Kim	EEA
EEA	Jock Martin	EEA
EEA	Søren Nielsen	EEA
EEA	Katja Rosenbohm	EEA
EEA	François Dejean	Secretariat of the European Scientific Advisory Board
		on Climate Change
EEA	Milan Chrenko	EEA
EEA	Wouter Vanneuville	EEA Staff Committee
EEA	Jasmiina Laurmaa	MB Secretariat
EEA	Pia Schmidt	MB Secretariat
EEA	Dana Bjurner	MB Secretariat

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Annex 3:

MEETING DATES IN 2024 MANAGEMENT BOARD, BUREAU, SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND NFP/EIONET

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Meeting	Date
Bureau (Copenhagen)	Thursday 25 January 2024
NFP/Eionet meeting (virtual)	Tuesday 5 to Thursday 7 March 2024
87 th SC meeting and seminar (virtual)	Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 February 2024
Bureau (hosted by JRC in Ispra, Italy)	Wednesday, 20 March 2024 (morning)
Management Board visit to JRC Ispra	Wednesday 20 March 2024 (afternoon)
Management Board (hosted by JRC in Ispra,	Thursday 21 March 2024
Italy)	
Bureau (virtual)	Tuesday 7 May 2024
88 th SC meeting	Tuesday 11 June 2024
NFP/Eionet meeting	Tuesday 11 June 2024
Joint MB/NFP/SC seminar (Copenhagen)	Wednesday 12 June 2024 (9:00-16:00)
Bureau (Copenhagen)	Wednesday 12 June 2024 (16:30-18:30)
Management Board (Copenhagen)	Thursday 13 June 2024
NFP/Eionet meeting	Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 October 2024
Bureau (virtual)	Thursday 10 October 2024
89 th SC meeting and seminar	Tuesday 22 to Thursday 24 October 2024
Bureau (online)	Wednesday 27 November 2024
Management Board (online)	Thursday 28 November 2024