

Decision EEA/MB/2021/039

## LIST OF DECISIONS AND GUIDANCE 94TH MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING, 9 DECEMBER 2021

Age	enda item	Outcome	Comments	
	AGENDA AND FOLLOW-UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS	The Management Board (MB) welcomed new alternate members since the September meeting, as well as the representative from North Macedonia.	North Macedonia 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 94 <sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting	The MB adopted the agenda of the meeting.		
	FOR INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK			
2	MB decision list: 93 <sup>rd</sup> meeting (16 September 2021)	The MB adopted the decision list of the 93 <sup>rd</sup> meeting.		
3	Update by the Management Board Chair	<ul> <li>The MB took note of the update from the Chair.</li> <li>Decisions taken since the 16 September meeting: <ul> <li>Amendment to EEA budget 2021</li> <li>MB Chair decision on the designation of the members of evaluation committee to the European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change</li> </ul> </li> <li>Upcoming written procedures (WP): <ul> <li>Bureau WP on Internal Audit Capability work plan 2022</li> <li>MB WP on anti-fraud policy</li> <li>MB WP on policy on the prevention and management of conflict of interest</li> </ul> </li> <li>Topics covered at the Bureau on 8 December: <ul> <li>The 91st Bureau decision list covers the decisions and recommendations from the Bureau.</li> <li>The Bureau adopted an amendment to the procurement plan 2021.</li> <li>The Bureau approved a change to the May 2022 Bureau meeting date: the new date is 11 May 2022.</li> <li>The Bureau received the following documents for information: process and timeline for the Consolidated Annual Activity Report 2021, overview of audits, outcome of EEA discharge process 2019 and follow-up of discharge 2020.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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4	Update by the European Commission	The MB took note of the update by the European Commission, in particular on the European Green Deal actions, followed by a session of questions and answers to European Commission representatives.		
5	Update by the Scientific Committee Chair	The MB took note of the update by the Scientific Committee (SC) Chair on the preparations on the SC opinion on recruitment of EEA scientific staff in 2021, SC contributions to EEA work and engagement in knowledge development.	MB members are welcome to take part in SC seminars in 2022 if they wish to do so (February: knowledge for action in support to EU strategic policies, May: foresight/resilience knowledge to inform sustainability transitions, October: new indicators in support to EU policy monitoring and SOER 2025).  The MB suggested that DG RTD, JRC and EEA could provide an update at a later meeting in 2022 on the work related to the cross-cutting issue of availability of raw materials.	
6	Update by the Executive Director	The MB took note of the update by the Executive Director on the overview of EEA's activities. The MB expressed their appreciation towards EEA staff for their commitment and dedication to deliver the work programme, including recruitment, under these difficult times.	EEA thanked the colleagues in the countries for implementing the EEA-Eionet Strategy 2021-2030, which is a key enabler for EEA to deliver its work programme.	
			The MB highlighted the importance of Copernicus being a core aspect of EEA's activities in coming years.	
7	Priorities of the French Presidency of the Council of the EU	The MB welcomed the presentation of the priorities of the French Presidency of the Council of the EU in the field of environment.		
	FOR GUIDANCE AND			
	INFORMATION			
<u> </u>	STRATEGIC ORIENTATION  Management Board Advisory	The MB thanked the MBAC for their excellent	The MBAC will develop	
8	Committee (MBAC) on Eionet mapping of resources: progress on Eionet mapping exercise in the	work on Eionet mapping to facilitate the work at country level.  MB took note of the key outcomes of the country	updated terms of reference for their activities in 2022.	
	countries and next steps	progress reports on Eionet mapping as presented by the Chair of the MBAC.	MB members who wish to volunteer to be part of the MBAC in 2022 are invited to contact the MB Secretariat.	

Agenda item **Outcome** Comments

> The MB agreed on the proposals put forward by the MBAC on the scope of the MBAC's work in 2022:

- Develop guidance on how countries could express their needs and actions in a plan for modernising their national **Eionet**
- Explore and summarise what the countries need from EEA to successfully modernise their national Eionet
- Provide opportunities for countries to share examples and experiences
- Support the EEA in organising the March 2023 EEA-Eionet network event

The MB highlighted that the transformation of Eionet will be a fundamental shift in Eionet and how the network functions. This transformation will require efforts to step away from its current functioning in order for the network to be fit-forpurpose for future needs and to focus on knowledge sharing-. The MB welcomed the idea of a co-creation workshop between EEA and countries to improve the uptake of national ideas into the EEA-Eionet work plan.

### FOR DECISION (PREPARED IN THE BUREAU)

- 91st Bureau meeting 8 December 2021: Decision list, including:
  - A. Eurostat Work Programme for 2022
  - Adoption of Single **Programming Document** (SPD) 2022-2024 including (1) EEA Annual budget 2022 and (2) financing decision on ETCs for 2022
  - C. Standing delegation of adoption to the Bureau of the initial draft Single **Programming Document** (SPD) 2023-2025
  - D. Third amendment to the EEA budget 2021
  - Decision on the European Topic Centre (ETC) call on Biodiversity and Ecosystems

- A. The MB adopted the Eurostat Work Programme 2022.
- The MB adopted the Single Programming Document (SPD) 2022-2024, pending minor changes in the text related to 5 LULUCF posts allocated for 2024, for which EEA will start recruitment in 2023, and to an additional procedure in the procurement plan due to the late signature of the Copernicus contribution agreement. The MB also adopted the annual budget 2022 and the financing decision on ETCs for 2022.
- The MB adopted the standing delegation of the initial draft SPD, including the adoption of the initial draft SPD 2023-2025.
- D. The MB adopted the third amendment to the EEA budget 2021.
- The MB adopted the decisions required to launch the call on the European Topic Centre on Biodiversity and Ecosystems.

The MB called for improved ways of working and respecting timelines to ensure good governance, so that the SPD version tabled for adoption is the final version.

EEA will launch a call for volunteers to participate in the ETC evaluation committee.

### FOR INFORMATION

members

Feedback from Management Board The MB thanked EEA support staff for their flexibility in adapting to the changing circumstances in relation to the MB meeting.

Agenda item		Outcome	Comments
	FOR DECISION (PRE-PREPARED IN THE BUREAU)		
	CLOSED SESSION		
11		The MB approved the Key Performance Indicators for the appraisal of the EEA Executive Director for reporting year 2021.	
12	Appraisal of the Executive Director: Appointment of reporting officers	The MB appointed the reporting officers for the appraisal of the EEA Executive Director for reporting year 2021.	
13	Selection procedure of the EEA's next Executive Director: steps and timeline	The MB took note of the end of the EEA's current Executive Director's second mandate on 31 May 2023 and requested the European Commission to launch the selection procedure of the EEA's next Executive Director for the period of 1 June 2023 – 31 May 2028. The MB agreed on the overall process for the Management Board and Bureau in the selection procedure and took note of its indicative timeline. The MB appointed the Bureau as the preparatory group for the ED selection procedure and delegated the adoption of the vacancy notice to the Bureau. The MB also nominated an observer in the pre-selection phase of the process lead by the European Commission.	

The meeting closed at 14:30.

Approved by the EEA Management Board at the 94th Management Board meeting

9 December 2021

Signed

Laura Burke Chair, EEA Management Board

## **Annexes**

Annex 1: Final agenda of 94<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting, 9 December 2021

Annex 2: Participants list, 94<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting, 9 December 2021

#### Annex 1:

94TH MANAGEMENT BOARD DOC. EEA/MB/94/01 1 December 2021

Subject: Draft agenda of 94th Management Board meeting (virtual on Microsoft Teams)
Thursday, 9 December 2021, 10:00-16:30

## AGENDA AND FOLLOW-UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**FOR ADOPTION** 

1. Adoption of draft agenda

FOR INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK

- 2. MB decision list: 93<sup>rd</sup> meeting (16 September 2021)
- 3. Update by the Management Board Chair

## **UPDATES FOR INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK**

- 4. Update by the European Commission
- 5. Update by the Scientific Committee Chair
- 6. Update by the Executive Director
- 7. Priorities of the French Presidency of the Council of the EU

#### FOR GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION

STRATEGIC ORIENTATION

8. Management Board Advisory Committee on Eionet mapping of resources: progress on Eionet mapping exercise in the countries and next steps

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  - E. Decision on the European Topic Centre call on Biodiversity and Ecosystems\*

## **FOR INFORMATION**

10. Feedback from Management Board members

**CLOSED SESSION** 

- 11. Approval of Key Performance Indicators for the Executive Director  $^{st}$
- 12. Appraisal of the Executive Director: Appointment of reporting officers\*
- 13. Selection procedure of the EEA's next Executive Director: steps and timeline\*

Documents provided for information (no discussion in the meeting unless raised by a member under AP 10 Feedback from Management Board members):

- EEA product plan 2022 (EEA MB/94/14)

<sup>\*</sup>Documents for agenda points 9E, 11, 12 and 13 are confidential and will not be uploaded to Eionet Forum. MB members will receive them separately via email.

# Annex 2: Participants list, 94<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting, Thursday 9 December 2021, 10:00–16:30 CET, video conference

Represented	Name	Role (member, alternate	Attendance
country/organisation		member, observer/expert)	
Austria	Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler	Member	Present
Belgium	Michiel Van Peteghem	Member	Present
Bulgaria	Rositsa Karamfilova-Blagova	Member	Present
Bulgaria	Tanya Vladimirova	Expert	Present
Croatia	Aljoša Duplić	Member	Present
Croatia	Branimir Pavlinec	Alternate member	Present
Cyprus	Irene Constantinou	Alternate member	Present
Czech Republic	Michal Pastvinsky	Member	Present
Czech Republic	Klára Kipielová	Alternate member	Present
Czech Republic	Radoslav Povazan	Expert	Present
Denmark	Jakob Møller Nielsen	Member	Present
Denmark	Henrik Hedeman Olsen	Alternate member	Present
Estonia	Margit Martinson	Member	Present
Finland	Tanja Suni	Member	Present
France	Diane Simiu	Member	Present
France	Regis Farret	Expert	Present
Germany	Julia Werner	Member	Present
Greece	Petros Varelidis	Member	Present
Hungary	Ildiko Fieder	Expert	Present
Hungary	Zita Gellér	Alternate member	Present
Iceland	Bergþóra Guðmundsdóttir	Member	Present
Ireland	Laura Burke		
		Chair, member	Present
Ireland	Brian Donlon	Expert	Present
Italy	Alessandro Bratti	Member	Present
Italy	Luca Demicheli	Expert	Present
Latvia	Kristīne Kazerovska	Alternate member	Present
Lithuania	Aldona Margeriené	Alternate member	Present
Lithuania	Milda Raciene	Expert	Present
Luxembourg	André Weidenhaupt	Member	Present
Luxembourg	Paul Rasqué	Alternate member	Present
Luxembourg	Eric De Brabanter	Expert	Present
Malta	Michelle Piccinino	Member	Present
Norway	Bjørn Bjørnstad	Member	Present
Poland	Katarzyna Wiech	Alternate member	Present
Poland	Malgorzata Bednarek	Expert	Present
Portugal	Nuno Lacasta	Member	Present
Portugal	Águeda Silva	Expert	Present
Romania	Sorin Ionut Banciu	Member	Present
Romania	Marilena Doncuta	Alternate member	Present
Slovenia	Barbara Bernard Vukadin	Alternate member	Present
Slovenia	Tanja Bolte	Expert	Present
Spain	Antonio Nieto Magro	Alternate member	Present
Spain	Alberto Campos	Expert	Present
Sweden	Anna Otmalm	Member	Present
Sweden	Marcus Carlsson Reich	Alternate member	Present
Switzerland	Martine Rohn-Brossard	Alternate member	Present
Switzerland	Nicolas Perritaz	Expert	Present
Turkey	Fatma Nur Cebecioğlu	Expert	Present
Designated by the EP	Lena Neij	Member	Present
Designated by the EP	Klaus Jakob	Member	Present
EC – DG ENV	Gilles Gantelet	Member	Present

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country/organisation		member, observer/expert)		
EC – DG ENV	Josiane Masson	Observer	Present	
EC – JRC	Simone Manfredi	Observer	Present	
EC – JRC	Greet Janssens-Maenhout	Observer	Present	
EC – JRC	Alan Belward	Alternate member	Present	
EC – DG RTD	Philippe Tulkens	Observer	Present	
EC – DG CLIMA	Yvon Slingenberg	Observer	Present	
EC – DG CLIMA	Jürgen Salay	Observer	Present	
EC – DG CLIMA	Vicky Pollard	Observer	Present	
EC – DG CLIMA	Cecile Hanoune	Observer	Present	
EEA Scientific Committee	Per Mickwitz	SC Chair	Present	
North Macedonia	Kaja Shukova	Observer	Present	
EEA	Hans Bruyninckx	EEA SMT	Present	
EEA	Soren Nielsen	EEA SMT	Present	
EEA	Katja Rosenbohm	EEA SMT	Present	
EEA	Chris Steenmans	EEA SMT	Present	
EEA	Martin Adams	EEA SMT	Present	
EEA	Jock Martin	EEA SMT	Present	
EEA	Eva Jensen	EEA SMT	Present	
EEA	Luc Bas	EEA SMT	Present	
EEA	Riyong Kim	EEA SMT	Present	
EEA	Milan Chrenko	EEA CNS	Present	
EEA	Jose Miguel Rubio	Staff committee	Present	
EEA	Jasmiina Laurmaa	MB Secretariat	Present	
EEA	Pia Schmidt	MB Secretariat	Present	
EEA	Dana Bjurner	MB Secretariat	Present	