



LIST OF DECISIONS AND GUIDANCE
97TH BUREAU MEETING (ONLINE), 26 JANUARY 2023

Agenda item	Outcome	Comments
Opening of the meeting	The Chair welcomed participants.	Ingunn Limstrand, Management Board member from Norway, joined her first Bureau meeting as part of her two-year mandate as non-EU Member State observer for the Bureau.
FOR ADOPTION		
1 Agenda of the 97 th Bureau meeting	The meeting agenda was adopted.	
FOR DECISION		
2 Adoption of the draft Single Programming Document 2024-2026, including draft budget submission 2024	<p>The Bureau adopted the draft Single Programming Document (SPD) 2024-2026.</p> <p>The Bureau approved the approach proposed for the SPD consultation with the countries, aiming for more consolidated input and increased engagement in the SPD process.</p> <p>The Bureau thanked EEA for all the work done in providing a comprehensive draft early in the process. They welcomed the high quality and readability of the draft, as well as the clear outputs and priorities.</p>	<p>The European Commission (DG ENV) advised EEA to consider the uncertainties regarding the timing of the adoption of the Nature restoration law, which foresees additional resources for EEA. EEA confirmed that they would take a prudent approach with the resources related to new tasks, which may lead to challenges in delivering on these tasks in a timely manner.</p> <p>EEA will send the draft SPD 2024-2026 to the EU institutions on 31 January 2023. The draft SPD will serve as the basis for the stakeholder consultations to take place over the coming months.</p> <p>EEA will provide guidelines to the countries on how to organise themselves for the new approach on the country consultation for the SPD.</p>
FOR GUIDANCE		
3 Overview of Management Board and Bureau activities in 2023	<p>The Bureau welcomed the overview of Management Board and Bureau activities in 2023.</p> <p>The Bureau recommended the MB to change the date of the December MB meeting to 14 December 2023, due to the overlap of the current date with high-level meetings.</p> <p>The Bureau acknowledged that it will be challenging to hold an online MB meeting in 2023 due to the upcoming governance changes.</p>	<p>The MB approved the ways forward on the review of MB and Bureau operations at the December 2022 meeting. As part of this, it is foreseen that active participation in hybrid meetings is foreseen in person. One participant highlighted the need for flexibility in case an active participant is not able to take part in person. MB members will be encouraged to be present in these meetings if possible.</p>



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	<p>The Bureau welcomed the invitation from the JRC to host a future MB meeting in Ispra, Italy. They agreed that the March 2024 MB meeting would be suitable, provided that this option is agreeable with the JRC.</p>	
FOR INFORMATION		
<p>4 Update on 2023 Conference</p>	<p>The Bureau thanked EEA for all the work in relation to the upcoming EEA-Eionet day in Copenhagen on 1 March 2023 and the high-level European Environment Network Conference on 22 March 2023 in Brussels.</p>	<p>EEA will send the final agenda and the invitation for the 22 March conference to the MB in the coming days.</p> <p>EEA thanked the European Commission for offering a venue for the MB meeting of 23 March in Brussels.</p>
<p>5 Feedback from Bureau members</p>	<p>The Bureau took note of the additional comments from members.</p>	<p>One member thanked EEA for the work and cooperation on enhancing societal resilience in Europe.</p> <p>The Scientific Committee (SC) Chair highlighted that the next SC meeting on 7-8 February would focus on plans for input to the SPD, the SOER 2025, and the JRC's 2023 report on strategic foresight.</p> <p>Upon request of a member, the MB Secretariat confirmed that a call for volunteers to join the future Management Board Advisory Committee (MBAC) to follow the EEA-Eionet evaluation 2017-2021 would be launched in the coming weeks.</p>
CLOSED SESSION		
<p>6 Standing agenda point: selection procedure for EEA's next Executive Director</p>	<p>The Bureau took note of the update from the European Commission on the ongoing steps of the selection procedure for EEA's next Executive Director (ED) before the interviews and selection of the successful candidate by the MB. The Bureau noted that the procedure is on track for the MB selection to take place during the MB meeting of 23 March.</p> <p>The Bureau expressed their support to the proposals by the MB Chair and MB Secretariat on the details of the MB interview procedure, the voting procedure for the MB selection, and the approach on the management of conflicts of interest for shortlisted candidates and MB members and other participants in the selection procedure. The Bureau</p>	<p>Upon completion of the ongoing steps of the selection procedure led by the European Commission, a list of shortlisted candidates will be transmitted to the MB ahead of the MB interviews and voting.</p> <p>The European Commission will inform the MB Chair should there be any unforeseen issues ahead of the MB selection on 23 March.</p> <p>Further to the nomination of the successful candidate by the MB, the candidate will be invited to provide a statement in front of the European Parliament's ENVI Committee.</p>



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	<p>discussed the options for these items and agreed on ways forward.</p> <p>The Bureau acknowledged the likelihood that the MB would need to designate an interim Executive Director for a short period between the end of Hans Bruyninckx's mandate (31 May 2023) and the date when the future successful candidate will be able to start their duties. The Bureau welcomed the approach proposed by the MB Chair to take a decision on this matter.</p>	<p>The MB Secretariat will share further details with the MB on the guidance and decisions by the Bureau under this item.</p> <p>The MB Chair and MB Secretariat will continue preparations for the MB selection and keep the MB informed accordingly.</p>

The meeting closed at 12:00

Approved by the EEA Bureau at its 97th meeting
MS Teams video conference, 26 January 2023

Signed

Laura Burke
Chair, EEA Management Board

Annexes

- Annex 1: Final agenda of 97th Bureau meeting, 26 January 2023
- Annex 2: Participants list, 97th Bureau meeting, 26 January 2023



Annex 1:

Draft agenda of the 97th Bureau meeting
Thursday, 26 January 2023, 10:00-12:00 CET, Microsoft Teams

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENTS
FOR ADOPTION	
1. Agenda of the 97 th Bureau meeting	EEA/BU/97/01

FOR DECISION	
2. Adoption of the draft Single Programming Document 2024-2026, including draft budget submission 2024	EEA/BU/92/02

FOR GUIDANCE	
3. Overview of Management Board and Bureau activities in 2023	EEA/BU/92/03

FOR INFORMATION	
4. Update on 2023 conference	[Verbal update]
5. Feedback from Bureau members	[Verbal update]

CLOSED SESSION	
6. Standing agenda point: selection procedure for EEA's next Executive Director*	EEA/BU/92/06

** The document for agenda point 6 is confidential and will not be uploaded to Eionet Forum. Bureau members will receive it separately.*



Annex 2: Participants list, 97th Bureau meeting, Thursday, 26 January 2023, 10:00–12:00 CET, virtual meeting: Microsoft Teams

Name	Represented country/organisation	Role	Attendance
Laura Burke	Ireland	Chair	<i>Present</i>
Michal Pastvinsky	Czech Republic	Vice-Chair	<i>Present</i>
Margit Martinson	Estonia	Vice-Chair	<i>Present</i>
Diane Simiu	France	Vice-Chair	<i>Present</i>
Alessandro Bratti	Italy	Vice-Chair	<i>Present</i>
André Weidenhaupt	Luxembourg	Vice-Chair	<i>Present</i>
Gilles Gantelet	European Commission (DG ENV)		<i>Present</i>
Yvon Slingenberg	European Commission (DG CLIMA)		<i>Present</i>
Josiane Masson	European Commission (DG ENV)		<i>Present</i>
Claudia Fusco	European Commission (DG ENV)		<i>Present</i>
Saverio Marcaletti	European Commission (DG ENV)		<i>Present</i>
Vicky Pollard	European Commission (DG CLIMA)		<i>Present</i>
Jürgen Salay	European Commission (DG CLIMA)		<i>Present</i>
Lena Neij	Member designated by the European Parliament		<i>Present</i>
Claire Dupont	Chair of the Scientific Committee		<i>Present</i>
Ingunn Limstrand	Observer from non-EU member state (Norway)		<i>Present</i>
Hans Bruyninckx	EEA		<i>Present</i>
Martin Adams	EEA		<i>Present</i>
Eva Jensen	EEA		<i>Present</i>
Riyong Kim	EEA		<i>Present</i>
Jock Martin	EEA		<i>Present</i>
Søren Nielsen	EEA		<i>Present</i>
Katja Rosenbohm	EEA		<i>Present</i>
Chris Steenmans	EEA		<i>Present</i>
Milan Chrenko	EEA		<i>Present</i>
Jasmiina Laurmaa	EEA/ MB Secretariat		<i>Present</i>