



**LIST OF DECISIONS AND GUIDANCE  
85TH MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING, 20 JUNE 2019**

Agenda item	Outcome	Comments
<b>1 Adoption of agenda and minutes of previous meeting</b>		
<b>1A</b> Draft agenda of the 85th Management Board meeting	The Management Board (MB) adopted the agenda of the meeting as drafted.	The final agenda is included in <b>Annex 1</b> .
<b>1B</b> 84th Management Board, 7 March 2019: Meeting minutes	The Board adopted the attached draft minutes of the 85th Management Board meeting, held on 7 March 2019, in Copenhagen.	The minutes will be published on the EEA website and on the MB Interest Group on the Eionet Forum <sup>(1)</sup> .
<b>2 Operational/administrative items</b>		
<i>Feedback from the Chair on decisions between meetings, and on 8 May and 18 June Bureau meetings</i>		
<b>2A</b> 79th Bureau meeting, 8 May 2019: Decisions and guidance	The Board took note of the decision list of the 79th Bureau meeting, held on 8 May 2019 (video-conference).	The decision list will be published on the MB Interest Group on the Eionet Forum.
<b>2B</b> 80th Bureau meeting, 18 June 2019: Decisions and guidance, including recommended decisions on: - Final accounts for 2018 (for MB opinion) - Meeting calendar 2020 (for MB approval) - Eurostat Work programme for 2020 (for MB approval)	<p>The Management Board took note of the update from the Bureau, introduced by the Chair, on the basis of the list of decisions and guidance of the 80th Bureau meeting of 18 June.</p> <p>The Management Board decided as follows, in accordance with the Bureau's recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MB approved the Update of the EEA procurement plan for 2018.</li> <li>- MB approved modifications to MB meeting calendar for 2019.</li> <li>- MB noted the Overview of audits.</li> <li>- MB noted the Outcome of Discharge 2017.</li> </ul> <p>The Board decided to endorse the following draft decisions recommended by the Bureau:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opinion on EEA Final accounts for 2018 (Annex 3 to the Decision list);</li> <li>- Proposed meeting calendar for 2020 (Annex 4 to the Decision list); and</li> <li>- Conditional approval of draft Eurostat Work Programme for 2020 (Annex 5 to the Decision list).</li> </ul>	More detailed information on the 80th Bureau's decisions and guidance to the Board is provided in Decision EEA/BU/2019/010.

<sup>1</sup> All decisions of the Management Board and Bureau are published on the Eionet Forum Interest Group at : <https://forum.eionet.europa.eu/eea-mb/library/decisions-mb-and-bu/2019-decisions>



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<b>3 Updates for information and feedback</b>		
3A Update by the Scientific Committee Chair	<p>The Management Board took note of the update by the Chair of the EEA Scientific Committee on activities since the 84<sup>th</sup> MB of March 2019, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The formal SC meetings and other collective actions;</li> <li>- Building the long term knowledge base: the joint EEA-SC seminars; and</li> <li>- Activities by individual members of the SC</li> </ul>	
3B Update by the Executive Director	<p>The Board took note of the update by the Executive Director on activities in the period March – mid-May 2019.</p>	
3C Update by the European Commission	<p>The Board took note of the update by the European Commission on activities and legal processes during the period March – June 2019, including a presentation by DG CLIMA on ‘Delivering the Energy Union and Climate Action - Assessment of the draft national energy and climate plans’.</p>	
<b>4 Strategic items Subject to pre-assessment by the 80th Bureau</b>		
<i>For adoption</i>		
4A EEA publication plan for 2019: Revision	<p>The Management Board adopted some modifications to the Publication plan presented at the Management Board meeting in March.</p> <p>The Board agreed with the recommendations by the Bureau to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ensure that care is taken in future when carrying over to Q5 yearly data-based reports in order to avoid publishing outdated data; and</li> <li>- to include information on the communication approach taken for each publication in future EEA Publication Plans.</li> </ul>	<p>The Executive Director informed that revisions were made in order to avoid risks of bottlenecks and delays during the year, as well as to ensure the optimal uptake of messages.</p>
4B EEA/Eionet evaluation: Management Board recommendations	<p>The Board was asked to take note of the Working Group’s second draft of the Management Board response to the EEA/Eionet evaluation (Annex 2).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Board adopted the Working Group’s recommendations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Given this decision aims at providing a response to the Commission evaluation of the EEA and Eionet, the Commission representatives in the EEA Management Board have recused themselves from this decision;</li> <li>- EEA will ensure appropriate distribution of the MB response.</li> </ul>



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<i>For guidance</i>		
4C SOER 2020, including Board engagement in Stakeholder Interaction Process	<p>The Board took note of and provided feedback on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the updates on SOER 2020 communication and outreach planning since the last Board meeting in March 2019; and</li> <li>- the project plan for the SOER 2020 Stakeholder Interaction Process (SIP).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The EEA informed that it is on track with preparations for the 4 December launch of SOER in Brussels and confirmed the date of 10 September for the first Stakeholder Interaction Process event (SIP1).</li> <li>- Several members expressed interest in country launches and the Stakeholder Interaction Process. The EEA will finalise the stakeholder toolkit in the coming weeks and will produce an overview of country outreach events.</li> </ul>
4D Cooperation with the West Balkan countries	<p>The Board endorsed the proposals on future enhanced cooperation with the Western Balkan (WB) countries, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to develop and sign memoranda of understanding with the six Western Balkan countries; and</li> <li>- to allow WB observer status at Management Board meetings.</li> </ul>	<p>The Board noted the need to clarify roles and resources required to help strengthen capacity building in the six WB countries. The Board also welcomed the preparation of an overview of support (including regional and bilateral support) in the West Balkans.</p>
4E Brexit	<p>The Management Board took note of the European Commission's (EC) update on Brexit, noting that there is still a high level of uncertainty regarding UK withdrawal date and conditions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The 'withdrawal date' is currently set for 31 October 2019.</li> <li>- The Executive Director informed that the EEA is prepared for the possible scenarios and has addressed the various concerns and issues in as far as is possible.</li> </ul>



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4F Single Programming Documents (SPD): Process and timelines for SPD 2021-2023 and finalisation of SPD 2020-2022	<p><i>SPD 2020-2022:</i> The Board: - took note of the progress in the consultation to date on SPD 2020-2022; and - provided guidance on the response to the opinions of the European Parliament ENVI Committee and the EEA Scientific Committee.</p> <p><i>SPD 2021-2023:</i> The Board: - took note of the uncertainties affecting the preparation of the EEA Single Programming Document 2021-2023; and - provided guidance on the proposal to submit a considerably slimmed down draft SPD 2021-2023 for consultation in January 2020.</p> <p>- The Board will take stock of progress on both SPDs at its 87th meeting in March 2020.</p>	<p>The European Commission opinion is expected in late August/early September. - Supporting deliverables will be included in the final version of the SPD 2020-2022 to be presented for MB approval.</p> <p>Uncertainties affecting the delivery of SPD 2021-2023 include: -The outcome of current discussions on the new EEA/Eionet strategy which will be presented to the Board in June 2020; -The possible proposal of the 8th EAP, which if approved, would be finalised in the spring of 2020 and adopted during the German presidency in the second half of 2020; -The new Multiannual Financial Framework, which will come into force from 2021.</p>
<b>5 Special session – SDG monitoring</b>		
SDG Monitoring: presentation by DG ESTAT	The Board took note of and thanked DG ESTAT for their presentation on progress towards the SDGs in an EU context.	The latest version of DG ESTAT's brochure: <i>Sustainable development in the European Union</i> will be published next week.
<b>6 EEA/Eionet Strategy 2021-2030</b>		
6A Management Board Seminar of 19 June 2019: Follow-up	The Board agreed that the seminar was productive and successful in exploring the key areas to be reflected in the EEA/Eionet Strategy.	<p>- The EEA will collect and assess the outcomes of the seminar, as well as the main outcomes of the EEA staff seminar on the strategy which took place on 9 April. -The EEA will commence the drafting of the strategy in line with these outcomes and focusing on key environmental issues and responses to EU priorities.</p>

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6B EEA/Eionet Strategy 2021-2030: Stakeholder engagement in development process	The Board endorsed the proposal to establish of a Management Board Committee to support the development of the EEA/Eionet strategy 2021–2030. Board representatives and NFPs are invited to submit expressions of interest by 15 July.	- At its 83rd meeting (December 2018), the Management Board agreed to look into how to engage with EEA (e.g. through a Committee or Working Group, in addition to support from the Bureau), during the strategy development phase, on the basis of a proposal from EEA. - At its 84th meeting (March 2019), the EEA Board endorsed the scope of the strategy to cover EEA and Eionet, and the time horizon 2021–2030 (to align with the expected 8th Environment Action Programme).
<b>7 For information</b>		
7A Update by Finland: Priorities Finnish Presidency of the Council of the European Union	The Board took note of the Finnish MB member’s presentation on the main themes of the Finnish EU Presidency: - Sustainable growth through better functioning Single Market; - Security including countering hybrid threats; - Transition to a low-carbon economy, climate policy.	The EEA will liaise with the presidency with regard to the launch of the SOER 2020 report.
7B Feedback from Management Board members	None.	

*The meeting closed at 15h30.*

Approved by the EEA Management Board at its 85th meeting in Copenhagen, 20 June 2019

*[Signed]*

Laura Burke  
Chair, EEA Management Board

## Annexes

- Annex 1: Final agenda of 85th Management Board meeting, 20 June 2019
- Annex 2: Participants list, 85th Management Board meeting, 20 June 2019



**Annex 1: Agenda of the 85th Management Board meeting  
Thursday, 20 June 2019, 10.00–17.00, EEA premises**

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENTS
<b>1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	
A. Draft agenda of the 85th Management Board meeting	EEA/MB/85/01.A
B. 84rd Management Board, 7 March 2019: Meeting minutes	EEA/MB/85/01.B
<b>2. OPERATIONAL/ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS</b> <i>Feedback from the Chair on decisions between meetings, and on 8 May and 18 June Bureau</i>	
EEA/MB/85/04	
A. 79th Bureau meeting, 08 May 2019: Decisions and guidance	EEA/MB/85/02.A
B. 80th Bureau meeting, 18 June 2019: Decisions and guidance, incl. recommended decisions on:	EEA/MB/85/02.B
- Final accounts for 2018 (for MB opinion)	(EEA/BU/80/03.C)
- Meeting calendar 2020 (for MB approval)	(EEA/BU/80/03.D)
- Eurostat Work Programme for 2020 (for MB approval)	(EEA/BU/80/03.E)
<b>3. UPDATES FOR INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK</b>	
A. Update by the Scientific Committee Chair	EEA/MB/85/03.A
B. Update by the Executive Director	EEA/MB/85/03.B
C. Update by the European Commission	EEA/MB/85/03.C
<b>4. STRATEGIC ITEMS</b> <i>Subject to pre-assessment by the 80th Bureau</i>	
<i>FOR ADOPTION</i>	
A. EEA publication plan for 2019: Revision	EEA/MB/85/04.A
B. EEA/Eionet evaluation: Management Board recommendations	EEA/MB/85/04.B
<i>FOR GUIDANCE</i>	
C. SOER 2020, including Board engagement in Stakeholder Interaction Process	EEA/MB/85/04.C
D. Cooperation with the West Balkan countries	EEA/MB/85/04.D
E. Brexit	[Verbal update]
F. Single Programming Documents (SPD): Process and timelines for SPD 2021-2023 and finalisation of SPD 2020-2022	EEA/MB/85/04.F
<b>5. SPECIAL SESSION – SDG MONITORING</b>	
SDG Monitoring: presentation by DG ESTAT	[Presentation]
<b>6. EEA/EIONET STRATEGY 2021-2030</b>	
A. Management Board of 19 June 2019: Follow-up	[Verbal update]
B. EEA/Eionet Strategy 2021-2030: Stakeholder engagement in development process	EEA/MB/85/06.B
<b>7. FOR INFORMATION</b>	
A. Update by Finland: Priorities Finnish Presidency of the Council of the European Union	[Presentation]
B. Feedback from Management Board members	[Verbal update]

**Annex 2: Participants list, 85th Management Board meeting, Thursday, 20 June 2019, 10.00-17.00, Copenhagen**

COUNTRY/AFFILIATION	NAME	ORGANISATION
CHAIR	Laura BURKE	Chair of the EEA Management Board
AUSTRIA	Georg REBERNIG	Austrian Environment Agency
BELGIUM	Véronique VERBEKE	Brussels Institute for the Management of the Environment
CYPRUS	Irene CONSTANTINO	Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment
CZECH REPUBLIC	Michal PASTVINSKÝ	Ministry of the Environment
DENMARK	Tejs BINDERUP	Danish Ministry of the Environment
ESTONIA	Margit MARTINSON	Estonian Ministry of the Environment
FINLAND	Tanja SUNI	Ministry of the Environment
FRANCE	Elisabeth LOUVET	Ministry for an Ecological and Solidary Transition
GERMANY	Julia WERNER	European Union - Strategic and Legal Aspects
GREECE	Maria PEPPA	Ministry of Environment and Energy
HUNGARY	Teréz Krisztina SZABÓ	Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Environmental Development
ICELAND	Herdís Helga SCHOPKA	Ministry for the Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Land and Natural Heritage
ITALY	Alessandro BRATTI	ISPRA
	Luca DEMICHELI	President's Staff, Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research - ISPRA
LATVIA	Alda OZOLA	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development
LITHUANIA	Rimgaudas ŠPOKAS	Environmental Protection Agency
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NETHERLANDS	Jetske VERKERK	Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment
NORWAY	Bjørn BJØRNSTAD	Norwegian Environment Agency
	Ingunn LIMSTRAND	Norwegian Environment Agency
POLAND	Paweł CIEĆKO	Chief Inspector of Environmental Protection



	Anna Katarzyna WIECH	Department of Environmental Assessment and Outlook
PORTUGAL	Nuno LACASTA	Portuguese Environment Agency
ROMANIA	Marilena DONCUTA	National Environment Guard
SLOVAKIA	Barbora DORIČKOVÁ	Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic
SPAIN	Javier CACHÓN DE MESA	Ministerio de Agricultura y Pesca, Alimentación y Medio Ambiente
SWEDEN	Anna OTMALM	Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
SWITZERLAND	Marc CHARDONNENS	Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN)
TURKEY	Arzu NURAY	Ministry of Environment and Urbanism
	Fatma Nur CEBECIOĞLU	Ministry of Environment and Urbanism
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	Greet MAENHOUT	DG JRC - Directorate D-Sustainable Resources
	Artur RUNGE-METZGER	DG CLIMA
	Josiane MASSON	DG ENV
	Christine WIRTZ	Eurostat
	Mireille DELPRAT	DG RTD
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT	Lena NEIJ	Professor, International Institute for Industrial Environmental Economics (IIIEE), Sweden
	Klaus JACOB	Dr. Research Director, Germany
SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE	Per MICKWITZ	Chair of EEA Scientific Committee