

LIST OF DECISIONS AND GUIDANCE
102ND MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING, 13 JUNE 2024

| Agenda item | Outcome | Comments |
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| AGENDA AND FOLLOW-UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS | The Management Board (MB) Chair welcomed new MB members and alternate members that were nominated since the March meeting. | New MB members: Martine Rohn-Brossard (CH) previously alt; Sébastien Truffer (CH) new alt. member; Arturo de la Fuente (Eurostat) alt. member replacing Viveka Palm; Rosalina Indzhieva (BG) previously alt; Tanya Vladimirova (BG) alt. member (also NFP); Konstantinos Dimopoulos (GR) alt. member; Henrik Hedeman Olsen (DK) previously alt; Thomas Nicolai Pedersen (DK) alternate member |
| FOR ADOPTION | | |
| 1 Agenda of the 102 nd Management Board meeting | The Management Board (MB) adopted the agenda of the meeting. | |
| FOR INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK | | |
| 2 MB decision list: 101 st meeting (21 March 2024) | The MB adopted the decision list of the 101 st meeting. | The revised decision list was adopted with incorporation of suggestion from DG ENV. The 101 st meeting revised Decision list is available on Eionet Forum |
| 3 Update by the Management Board Chair | <p>The MB took note of the update by the MB Chair.</p> <p>Decisions/written procedures since the 21 March MB meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision list from 7 May 2024 Bureau meeting, and the tentative overview of topics to be covered by the MB and Bureau in 2024. Two written procedures on the EEA budget amendments and written procedure on adoption of CAAR 2023 have taken place since the MB March meeting. No comments received. | <p>The Chair informed about upcoming MB written procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendment to the 2024 Procurement Plan (closed on 3 July) Update of Implementing rule on types of post and post titles in the EEA (July)* Eurostat work programme (autumn) Appointment of new EEA accounting officer (shared on 28 June 2024) <p><i>*MB Secretariat note: since the MB meeting five additional WPs have been identified for MB. These will come in late August.</i></p> |

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| | <p>Topics covered at the Bureau meeting of 7 May:</p> <p>The 104th Bureau Decision list, shared with MB members, covers the recommendations from the Bureau.</p> | |
| 4 EEA-Eionet Evaluation 2017-2021 – update by DG ENV and MBAC Chair | <p>MB members took note of the status of the evaluation by DG ENV and on the next steps towards adoption of the MB position on the EEA/Eionet evaluation 2017-2021 by MBAC Chair</p> | <p>Staff Working Document (SWD) was revised, and the revised version approved by the Regulatory Scrutiny Board. The next step is the Interservice consultation. Final SWD expected before end July. MBAC is working towards the preparation of the draft MB opinion on the final SWD that shall be discussed and adopted by the MB at its November 2024 meeting. EEA Scientific Committee (SC) will consider its opinion at its October meeting. Steps and timeline adapted to take account of schedule for SC opinion.</p> |
| 5 Achievements of Belgian Presidency of the Council of the EU (first half of 2024) and priorities of the Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the EU (second half of 2024) | <p>MB took note of the updates on the Belgian and Hungarian Presidencies of the Council of the EU</p> | <p>BE highlighted the main achievements, agreed legislative files and ENVI Council conclusions of the BE PRES and praised the support and cooperation with the EEA.</p> <p>HU presented the key priorities of the upcoming HU PRES including highlights of the key meeting dates (full programme available here)</p> |
| FOR DECISION (PREPARED IN THE BUREAU) | | |
| 6 104th Bureau meeting 12 June 2024: decision list, including A. EEA final accounts 2023 B. MB/Bureau meeting calendar 2025 | <p>MB adopted an opinion on the final accounts 2023, confirming that the accounts form a correct basis for requesting the discharge of the Executive Director by the European Parliament.</p> <p>MB adopted MB and Bureau dates for 2025, MB agreed on which of the MB meetings will be online.</p> | <p>The MB opinion on the final accounts was adopted with the factual correction to Annex 3, page 4 as proposed by the BU (Decision EEA BU 2024 013 Decision list 105th BU). In response to the question EEA clarified that the MB will be given access to full report of the Court of Auditors, once available.</p> <p>The MB Chair proposed the MB meeting in June 2025 is held online and meetings in March and December 2025 in a hybrid format. The MB chair encouraged all MB members to participate in future meetings in person.</p> |
| CLOSED SESSION | | |
| 7 Election of two Management Board Vice-Chairs/BU members | <p>MB elected two MB Vice-Chairs: one from 13 June 2024 to 12 June 2027, and another from 24 June 2024 to 23 June 2027.</p> | <p>The MB elected two new MB Vice-Chairs: Ms. Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler - for the period 13 June 2024 to 12 June 2027, and</p> |

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| 8 Appointment of new EEA accounting officer | MB was informed about the procedure towards appointment of the accounting officer | Ms. Laura Höijer - for the period 24 June 2024 to 23 June 2027. The written procedure for the EEA accounting officer was launched on 28 June 2024. |
| FOR GUIDANCE/STRATEGIC ORIENTATION | | |
| 9 EEA-Eionet Strategy 2021-2030 – presentation by EEA | <p>A. EEA change process MB took note of the Change process at the EEA.</p> <p>B. New implementing rule MB took note of the changes in the implementing rules and of the upcoming written procedure.</p> <p>C. ETC design 2027-2030 MB provided a guidance and decision enabling EEA to initiate a process leading towards the designation by the MB of new ETCs including establishment of the MBAC to support the process.</p> | <p>EEA Executive Director informed about the focus of the change process at the EEA with the aim to further strengthen the implementation of the EEA/Eionet Strategy. This process addresses the management of the EEA as a larger organisation, its tasks, technological developments, as well as the organizational structure to meet new needs. One of the major changes in the structure will be the introduction of a formal middle management structure – Heads of Unit. The new structure is expected to be in place from January 2025.</p> <p>The discussion on ETC design for 2027-2030 addressed several aspects of the ETC work. Members of the Management Board highlighted the need to better clarify the contribution of ETCs to the implementation of the EEA/Eionet strategy. They also emphasized the importance of addressing the recommendations from the EEA/Eionet evaluation concerning ETCs. Additionally, the funding model for the next period shall be discussed, with a focus on supporting agility in meeting EEA/Eionet knowledge needs. Several MB members expressed interest in contributing to the work of the MBAC (Austria, France, Finland, Belgium through NFP, DG ENV, DG CLIMA, EP, SC). MB members are invited to indicate their interest in joining MBAC by 15 August 2024 to the EEA MB Secretariat.</p> |

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| 10 Eionet modernisation – progress in 2023 | MB took note of the Eionet modernisation progress and developments within the Eionet. | <p>Management Board (MB) members welcomed the overview and progress within Eionet modernization, co-creation activities, and the work of the NFP Working Group. They also appreciated the access to detailed information about network activities, which provides a valuable overview of Eionet functioning, especially in the context of the next evaluation. MB members acknowledged the need for strong MB involvement and support for national Eionet. Countries have made significant efforts in establishing new structures at the national level, which also require the involvement of experts from new institutions.</p> <p>The MB recognized that not all Eionet Groups are equally active and highlighted the importance of in-person meetings. Additionally, they suggested that the EEA consider addressing inactive groups. Some MB members expressed difficulties with the use of the new communication platform based on MS Teams.</p> |
| 11 Reflections on joint seminar in Copenhagen | MB/NFP/SC MB reflected on the outcomes of the Seminar | <p>The Chair of the Management Board summarized the outcomes of the successful Seminar, thanked all participants and the EEA for preparations and well-prepared background documents. Members of the Management Board praised the focus and discussion at the Seminar, highlighting the benefits of bringing together MB, the SC, National Focal Points, and European Topic Centre managers to freely exchange opinions on the EEA/Eionet work in the new policy context. Some countries also indicated that they would use seminar materials to support national discussions. The EEA will harvest the outcomes of the discussion and share them during autumn as well as information about the follow-up process toward the decision on the review of the EEA/Eionet Strategy for 2026-2030 at the Management Board meeting in December 2025.</p> |

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| 12 Update by the Executive Director | The MB took note of the verbal update by the Executive Director and the written EEA update. | The MB thanked the EEA ED for a comprehensive update, highlighting several achievements, including the EUCRA report launch, media coverage, and discussions in various Council formations. The MB appreciated the good cooperation and synergies with other DGs and EU agencies and thanked the EEA for its cooperation during the EPA network meeting in Bratislava. The MBs emphasized the need to keep budget execution in line with the agreed budget and suggested providing more detailed information on recruitments in the next update. |
| 13 The European environment – state and outlook (SOER) 2025 – state of play | MB took note of state of play of SOER 2025, process, including the timeline, content, stakeholder engagement and plans for launch activities. | The MB discussed plans for SOER launches and expressed a strong interest in further cooperating with the EEA on country launches. The MB emphasized the need for close collaboration and suggested that the EEA reflect further on the indicators proposed for the Country space, ensuring a balanced overview while respecting country-specific contexts. |
| 14 Update by the European Commission | The MB took note of the update by the European Commission (DG ENV, DG CLIMA, Eurostat and JRC) on the latest policy developments. | |
| 15 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 highlighted the adoption of the SC opinion on SPD 2025-2027, preparations for the SC opinion on the evaluation at its October meeting, recent discussions on SOER 2025 and EUCRA, and preparations for the SC retreat. The SC Chair also encouraged the MB to share the SC's call for new members with potential candidates. |



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| 16 Feedback from Management Board members | | In relation to the Seminar the MB member from Croatia highlighted the benefits for citizens and the environment in the Western Balkan resulting from the long-term cooperation with the EEA. This collaboration is crucial for placing environmental topics on the policy agenda in the region. The MB discussed the need to continue and strengthen this cooperation, which could eventually lead to full membership of the Western Balkans in the EEA. Representatives from the European Commission (COM) emphasized ongoing activities supporting the Western Balkans and outlined the steps toward EEA membership, emphasizing the importance of meeting technical and political requirements. MBs from several EU countries also highlighted their bilateral activities in the region and expressed support for closer cooperation. The MBs agreed that the BU would discuss this topic with the aim of preparing for a broader MB discussion in early 2025. |

The meeting closed at 16:00.

Approved by the EEA Management Board at the 102nd Management Board meeting

13 June 2024, EEA, Copenhagen

[Signed]

André Weidenhaupt
Chair, EEA Management Board

Annexes

- Annex 1: Final agenda of 102nd Management Board meeting, 13 June 2024
- Annex 2: Participants list, 102nd Management Board meeting, 13 June 2024
- Annex 3: Meeting calendar 2025

Agenda of 102nd Management Board meeting
Thursday, 13 June 2024, 9:00-16:00, EEA, Copenhagen

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| FOR ADOPTION |
| 1. Adoption of draft agenda |
| FOR INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK |
| 2. 101st MB Decision list (March 2024) |
| 3. Update by the Management Board Chair (verbal update) |
| 4. EEA-Eionet Evaluation 2017-2021 – update by DG ENV and MBAC Chair |
| 5. Achievements of Belgian Presidency of the Council of the EU (first half of 2024) and priorities of the Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the EU (second half of 2024) |
| FOR DECISION (PREPARED IN THE BUREAU) |
| 6. 104th Bureau meeting 12 June 2024: decision list, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. EEA final accounts 2023 B. MB/Bureau meeting calendar 2025 |
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| 8. Appointment of new EEA accounting officer |
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| 9. EEA-Eionet Strategy 2021-2030 – presentation by EEA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. EEA change process B. New implementing rule C. ETC design 2026-2030 |
| 10. Eionet modernisation – progress in 2023 |
| 11. Reflections on joint MB/NFP/SC seminar in Copenhagen |
| FOR INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK |
| 12. Update by the Executive Director |
| 13. The European environment – state and outlook (SOER) 2025 – state of play |
| 14. Update by the European Commission |
| 15. Update by the Scientific Committee Chair |
| 16. Feedback from the Management Board members |

Annex 2:

**Participants list, 102nd Management Board meeting, Thursday 13 June 2024,
09:00–16:00 CEST, EEA, Copenhagen and online**

| Represented country/ organisation | Name | Role (member, alternate member, observer/ expert) | Physical or online participation |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Austria | Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler | Member | In person |
| Austria | Verena Ehold | Alternate member | In person |
| Belgium | Christelle Van Wesembecq | Member | In person |
| Bulgaria | Rossalina Indzhieva | Member | Excuses |
| Croatia | Aljoša Duplić | Member | In person |
| Cyprus | Costas Hadjipanayiotou | Member | Excuses |
| Czech Republic | Michal Pastvinský | Member | In person |
| Denmark | Henrik Hedeman Olsen | Alternate member | In person |
| Estonia | Taimar Ala | Alternate member | In person |
| Finland | Laura Höijer | Member | In person |
| France | Aude Charrier | Alternate member | In person |
| France | Umar Dahoo | Guest/observer | Online |
| Germany | Julia Werner | Member | In person |
| Greece | Konstantinos Dimopoulos | Alternate member | In person |
| Hungary | Krisztina Prém | Member | Online |
| Hungary | Zita Gellér | Alternate member | In person |
| Iceland | Bergþóra Guðmundsdóttir | Member | In person |
| Ireland | Laura Burke | Member | In person |
| Italy | Stefano Laporta | Member | In person |
| Italy | Stefania Ministrini | Guest/observer | In person |
| Latvia | Kristīne Kazerovska | Alternate member | In person |
| Liechtenstein | Regula Imhof | Member | Excuses |
| Lithuania | Milda Račienė | Member | Online |
| Luxembourg | André Weidenhaupt | Chair, Member | In person |
| Luxembourg | Paul Rasqué | Alternate member | In person |
| Malta | Kevin Mercieca | Member | In person |
| Malta | Darrin Stevens | Alternate member | Online |
| Malta | Elaine Cutajar | Guest/observer | In person |
| Netherlands | Willem Evers | Member | In person |
| Norway | Torfinn Sørensen | Member | In person |
| Norway | Lucrezia Gorini | Guest/observer | In person |
| Poland | Katarzyna Wiech | Alternate member | In person |
| Portugal | Ana Cristina Carrola | Member | In person |
| Romania | Andrei Corlan | Member | Online |
| Slovakia | Mária Fischerová | Member | In person |
| Slovenia | Barbara Berard-Vukadin | Guest/observer | In person |
| Spain | Antonio Nieto Magro | Member | Online |

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| Sweden | Anna Otmalm | Member | In person |
| Switzerland | Martine Rohn-Brossard | Member | In person |
| Türkiye | Cihan Tatar | Alternate member | In person |
| Türkiye | Fatma Nur Cebecioğlu | Guest/observer | In person |
| Montenegro | Milan Gazdic | Observer | Excuses |
| Designated by the EP | Lena Neij | Member | Online |
| EC – DG ENV | Claudia Fusco | Member | In person |
| EC – DG ENV | Josiane Masson | Observer | In person |
| EC – DG RTD | Philippe Tulkens | Guest/observer | In person |
| EC – JRC | Greet Janssens-Maenhout | Guest/observer | In person |
| EC – JRC | Alessandra Zampieri | Alternate member | In person |
| EC – Eurostat | Arturo de la Fuente | Alternate member | In person |
| EC – DG CLIMA | Yvon Slingenberg | Observer | In person |
| EC – DG CLIMA | Jürgen Salay | Observer | In person |
| EEA Scientific Committee | Claire Dupont | SC Chair | In person |
| EEA | Leena Ylä-Mononen | EEA | In person |
| EEA | Martin Adams | EEA | In person |
| EEA | Eva Jensen | EEA | In person |
| EEA | Karl Hamilton | EEA | In person |
| EEA | Riyong Kim | EEA | In person |
| EEA | Jock Martin | EEA | In person |
| EEA | Søren Nielsen | EEA | In person |
| EEA | Katja Rosenbohm | EEA | In person |
| EEA | Milan Chrenko | EEA/MB Secretariat | In person |
| EEA | Wouter Vanneuville | EEA Staff Committee | In person |
| EEA | Pia Schmidt | MB Secretariat | In person |
| EEA | Dana Bjurner | MB Secretariat | In person |

Annex 3

DRAFT MEETING DATES IN 2025
MANAGEMENT BOARD, BUREAU, SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND NFP/EIONET

VERSION 30 MAY 2024

| Meeting | Proposed date |
|---|--|
| Bureau (EEA, Copenhagen) | Tuesday 28 January 2025 |
| 90 th SC meeting and seminar | Tuesday 25 to Wednesday 26 February 2025 |
| NFP/Eionet meeting | Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 March 2025 |
| Bureau (EEA, Copenhagen) | Wednesday 19 March 2025 |
| Management Board (EEA, Copenhagen) | Thursday 20 March 2025 |
| Bureau (virtual) | Wednesday 7 May 2025 |
| 91 st SC meeting and seminar | Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 May 2025 |
| NFP/Eionet meeting | Monday 2 to Wednesday 4 June 2025 |
| Bureau (virtual) | Tuesday 17 June 2025 |
| Management Board (virtual) | Wednesday 18 June 2025 |
| Bureau (virtual) | Wednesday 1 October 2025 |
| NFP/Eionet meeting | Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 October 2025 |
| 92 nd SC meeting and seminar | Tuesday 21 to Wednesday 22 October 2025 |
| Bureau (EEA, Copenhagen) | Wednesday 3 December 2025 |
| Management Board (EEA, Copenhagen) | Thursday 4 December 2025 |