



**LIST OF DECISIONS AND GUIDANCE  
85<sup>TH</sup> BUREAU MEETING, 12 OCTOBER 2020**

Agenda item	Outcome	Comments
<b>FOR ADOPTION</b>		
1 Agenda of the 85th Bureau meeting	The meeting agenda was adopted with one additional point: verbal update from the European Commission.	The meeting agenda is included in Annex 1.
<b>FOR BUREAU GUIDANCE</b>		
2A 89 <sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting agenda	The Bureau took note of the agenda for the 89 <sup>th</sup> MB meeting. The address to the MB from Florika Fink-Hooijer, Director-General at DG Environment, will be rescheduled due to conflicting priorities.	The Bureau did not identify any issues of concern to be brought to the attention of the Board.
2B Stock-taking and prospects on virtual meetings	Given the continuation of the COVID-19 crisis, the Bureau put forward the following advice to the MB: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To hold the 10 December MB meeting as a virtual meeting.</li> <li>- To hold future MB meetings as virtual meetings until further notice.</li> </ul>	The Bureau did not identify any issues of concern to be brought to the attention of the Board.
2X Verbal update from the European Commission (new item)	<p>The Bureau took note of the update by the European Commission on the latest policy developments.</p> <p>The Bureau recommended to have an agenda point on the 8<sup>th</sup> EAP at the MB meeting on 10 December.</p>	<p>The European Commission (DG ENV) flagged that the adoption of the 8<sup>th</sup> EAP and the Chemicals strategy for sustainability is foreseen on 14 October 2020.</p> <p>As part of the recently announced 2030 climate target plan, the European Commission (DG CLIMA) highlighted that they welcome discussions with the Member States on the 2030 greenhouse gas emission reduction target of 55% compared to 1990, in particular on ways forward and learnings on implementation of legislation.</p> <p>The Commission (DG CLIMA) also raised the issue of the European Climate Change Council (ECCC) which was proposed by the European Parliament as part of the European Climate law. They invited EEA, the Bureau and the Management Board to reflect on the structure and governance of the ECCC, and its implications on the work of the EEA, as the proposal enters the</p>



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2C Standing agenda point: UK withdrawal from the European Union	The Bureau took note of the update by the European Commission and the EEA on the latest information regarding UK's withdrawal from the European Union.	interinstitutional negotiation phase between European Parliament and Council.  The UK and the European Commission are discussing that compliance data for Northern Ireland may still need to be reported to the EU for a range of environment and climate legislation after the end of the transition period. EEA may be requested to maintain Eionet accounts for UK account holders for the purposes of reporting via Reportnet for Northern Ireland.
2D Preparation for the discussion on the final draft EEA-Eionet Strategy 2021-2030	The Bureau prepared the MB discussion on the final draft EEA-Eionet Strategy 2021-2030, before its formal adoption on 10 December 2020.  The Bureau welcomed the inclusive consultation and the work done until this stage of the process. They advised to maintain the discussions at the MB meeting at a high level.	The Bureau recognised the extensive and inclusive consultation process that had led to the final draft Strategy.  The European Commission confirmed that the existing draft incorporates sufficiently the main elements of the 8 <sup>th</sup> EAP proposal.  EEA will fine-tune the visual aspects of the Strategy before its adoption in December, to maximise its readability and usability.
2E Meeting dates 2021	The Bureau recommended the MB to adopt the proposed MB meeting dates for 2021, with an additional virtual MB meeting in October 2021 (tentative date: 7 October 2021). The Bureau took note of the dates of the Scientific Committee and NFP meetings.	The aim of the additional virtual MB meeting in October 2021 is for the MB to decide on the review of the National Reference Centres (NRC) and of Eionet Core Data Flows (ECDF), as suggested by the Eionet modernisation Working Group.  The updated list of meeting dates is available in Annex 3.
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
3A Report from the ETC Review Committee	The Bureau took note of the report from the ETC Review Committee, which concludes the work of the Committee. The Bureau also took note of the next steps, with the upcoming calls for seven ETCs.	EEA will bring the call for the new ETCs to the 10 December MB meeting. The calls will be launched early 2021.
3B IAS audit on project-financed actions	The Bureau took note of the update on EEA's response to the IAS audit on project-financed actions.	In the context of the implementation of the strategy and the managed diversification of resources, EEA is reviewing its internal coordination and management plan processes, and will seek to avoid duplication of administrative work and organisational inefficiencies when project-financed actions are brought to the MB.



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3C Updated Commission guidelines on CAAR and SPD	The Bureau took note of the changes resulting from the updated Commission guidelines on CAAR and SPD, mainly on the templates and the timing of both processes.	The Bureau did not identify any issues of concern to be brought to the attention of the Board.
3D Feedback from Bureau members	<p>The Bureau took note of the end of Switzerland's mandate as non-EU observer in the Bureau by the end of 2020 and welcomed Switzerland's valuable contributions to the work of the Bureau.</p> <p>The Bureau welcomed Riyong Kim, new head of the Natural Capitals and Ecosystems (NCE) programme at EEA.</p>	The Bureau did not identify any issues of concern to be brought to the attention of the Board.

*The meeting closed at 12:00*

Approved by the EEA Bureau at its 85<sup>th</sup> meeting  
MS Teams video conference, 12 October 2020

*signed*

Laura Burke  
Chair, EEA Management Board

### Annexes

- Annex 1: Final agenda of 85<sup>th</sup> Bureau meeting, 12 October 2020
- Annex 2: Participants list, 85<sup>th</sup> Bureau meeting, 12 October 2020
- Annex 3: Draft meeting dates in 2021 – Management Board, Bureau, Scientific Committee, NFP/Eionet



## Annex 1:

**Draft agenda of the 85th Bureau meeting**  
**Monday, 12 October 2020, 10:00-12:00 CEST, video conference**

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENTS
<b>FOR ADOPTION</b>	
1. Agenda of the 85 <sup>th</sup> Bureau meeting	EEA/BU/85/01

<b>FOR BUREAU GUIDANCE IN PREPARATION OF THE 89<sup>th</sup> MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING</b>	
2A 89 <sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting agenda	EEA/MB/89/01
2B Stock-taking and prospects on virtual meetings	[Verbal update]
<i>2X Verbal update from the European Commission (new item)</i>	<i>[Verbal update]</i>
2C Standing agenda point: UK withdrawal from the European Union	[Verbal update]
2D Preparation for the discussion on the final draft EEA-Eionet Strategy 2021-2030	EEA/MB/89/04
2E Meeting dates 2021	EEA/MB/89/05A

<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>	
3A Report from the ETC review Committee	EEA/BU/85/3A
3B IAS audit on project-financed actions	EEA/BU/85/3B
3C Updated Commission guidelines on CAAR and SPD	[Verbal update]
3D Feedback from Bureau members	[Verbal update]


**Annex 2: Participants list, 85th Bureau meeting, Monday 12 October 2020, 10:00–12:00 CET, video conference**

<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>ROLE</b>	<b>COUNTRY/AFFILIATION</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
Laura BURKE	Chair	Ireland	<i>Present</i>
Michal PASTVINSKY	Vice-Chair	Czech Republic	<i>Present</i>
André WEIDENHAUPT	Vice-Chair	Luxembourg	<i>Present</i>
Julia WERNER	Vice-Chair	Germany	<i>Present</i>
Alda OZOLA	Vice-Chair	Latvia	<i>Present</i>
Alessandro BRATTI	Vice-Chair	Italy	<i>Present</i>
Lena NEIJ		Member designated by European Parliament	<i>Present</i>
Gilles GANTELET		European Commission (DG ENV)	<i>Present</i>
<b>GUESTS/OBSERVERS</b>		<b>COUNTRY/AFFILIATION</b>	
Per MICKWITZ		EEA Scientific Committee	<i>Present</i>
Artur RUNGE-METZGER		European Commission (DG CLIMA)	<i>Present</i>
Josiane MASSON		European Commission (DG ENV)	<i>Present</i>
Jan NILL		European Commission (DG CLIMA)	<i>Present</i>
Martine ROHN-BROSSARD		Switzerland	<i>Present</i>
Pierre PRUM		Luxembourg	<i>Present</i>
<b>EEA PARTICIPANTS</b>			<i>Present</i>
Hans BRUYNINCKX			<i>Present</i>
Paul McALEAVEY			<i>Present</i>
Soren NIELSEN			<i>Present</i>
Chris STEENMANS			<i>Present</i>
Katja ROSENBOHM			<i>Present</i>
Eva JENSEN			<i>Present</i>
Jock MARTIN			<i>Present</i>
Riyong KIM			<i>Present</i>
Martin ADAMS			<i>Present</i>
Jasmiina LAURMAA			<i>Present</i>


**Annex 3: Draft meeting dates in 2021 – Management Board, Bureau, Scientific Committee, NFP/Eionet**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Proposed date</b>
<b>Bureau (virtual)</b>	<b>Thursday 28 January 2021 (14:00-16:30)</b>
NFP/Eionet meeting	Tuesday-Wednesday, 2-3 February 2021
Scientific Committee	Wednesday-Thursday 10-11 February 2021
<b>Bureau</b>	<b>Wednesday, 24 March 2021</b>
<b>91<sup>st</sup> Management Board</b>	<b>Thursday, 25 March 2021</b>
<b>Bureau (virtual)</b>	<b>Thursday, 6 May 2021 (14:00-16:30)</b>
Scientific Committee	Wednesday-Thursday, 26-27 May 2021
NFP/Eionet meeting	Tuesday-Wednesday, 18-19 May 2021
OR	
MB/NFP/SC/EEA strategic networking event (with NFP meeting on previous day)	Wednesday, 16 June 2021
<b>Bureau</b>	<b>Wednesday, 16 June 2021</b>
<b>92<sup>nd</sup> Management Board</b>	<b>Thursday, 17 June 2021</b>
<b>Bureau (virtual)</b>	<b>Wednesday, 6 October 2021 (14:00–16:30)*</b>
<b>93<sup>rd</sup> Management Board (virtual)</b>	<b>Thursday, 7 October 2021 (14:30-17:30)*</b>
NFP/Eionet meeting	Tuesday-Thursday, 12–14 October 2021
Scientific Committee	Tuesday-Wednesday, 19-20 October 2021
<b>Bureau</b>	<b>Wednesday, 8 December 2021*</b>
<b>93<sup>rd</sup> Management Board</b>	<b>Thursday, 9 December 2021*</b>

*\*At the time of the proposal, the ENV Council dates were not known. Should the proposed dates coincide with ENV Council dates, alternative dates are 2 December 2021 for the 93<sup>rd</sup> Management Board meeting and 1 December 2021 for the Bureau meeting.*

*\*Dates may be revised*