



LIST OF DECISIONS AND GUIDANCE
86TH BUREAU MEETING, 9 DECEMBER 2020

Agenda item	Outcome	Comments
Opening of the meeting	The Chair welcomed participants and highlighted upcoming changes in Bureau representatives and EEA participants.	<p>Martine Rohn-Brossard (Switzerland) finishes her two-year term as non-EU Member State observer in the Bureau on 31 December 2020. The Bureau will welcome Herdís Schopka (Iceland) as Bureau observer for a two-year term starting on 1 January 2021.</p> <p>Following the forthcoming retirement of Artur Runge-Metzger, Yvon Slinbenberg is the new Director for Climate strategy, Governance and Emissions from Non-trading Sectors in DG CLIMA.</p> <p>Further to the departure of Paul McAleavey from EEA at the end of 2020, Teresa Ribeiro will replace Paul in an acting capacity as head of Coordination and Strategy.</p>
FOR ADOPTION		
1	Agenda of the 86th Bureau meeting	The meeting agenda was adopted with an additional update on the withdrawal of the UK from the European Union.
		The meeting agenda is included in Annex 1.
FOR BUREAU ORIENTATION IN PREPARATION OF 90TH MB		
2	90 th Management Board meeting agenda	The Bureau took note of the agenda for the 90 th MB meeting.
		The Bureau did not identify any issues of concern to be brought to the attention of the Board.
3	MB adoption of the EEA-Eionet Strategy 2021-2030	The Bureau advised the MB to adopt the EEA-Eionet Strategy 2021-2030.
		The Bureau welcomed the final Strategy, its alignment with EU policy priorities, as well as the ongoing strong engagement in the 18 months leading to its adoption.
		The Bureau anticipated that the discussions in the MB meeting on 10 December would focus on implementation aspects of the Strategy, including resourcing in the countries.
		The Bureau also highlighted the importance of outreach activities to promote the Strategy.
4	Eurostat Work Programme for 2021	The Bureau advised the MB to adopt the Eurostat Work Programme for 2021.
		The Bureau did not identify any issues of concern to be brought to the attention of the Board.



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5 MB adoption of Single Programming Document (SPD) 2021-2023 including (1) EEA Annual budget 2021 and (2) financing decision on ETCs for 2021	<p>The Bureau advised the MB to adopt the Single Programming Document 2021-2023, the EEA budget for 2021 and the financing decision on European Topic Centres for 2021.</p> <p>Due to the likely delay in the adoption of the overall EU budget 2021, the Bureau advises to launch a MB written procedure to request a deviation to the provisional 12th scheme for the EEA budget 2021, as foreseen in the EEA Financial Regulation.</p>	<p>The delayed approval of the EU budget for 2021 by the budgetary authorities would in principle mean that EEA would have to (i) fall back ad interim to the 2020 budget and (ii) to freeze the establishment table to the 2020 level and (iii) could commit only provisional 12th of the budget on a monthly basis until the new EU budget 2021 is approved . Consequently, the limits on commitments would make it difficult to start ETC contracts and to pay the rent for the EEA building, hence the recommendation to request a deviation to the provisional 12th scheme via MB written procedure, as foreseen in the EEA Financial Regulation. The MB adoption of the EEA budget for 2021 remains a requirement regardless of the timing of the adoption of the EU budget for 2021.</p>
6 Initial draft Single Programming Document (SPD) 2022-2024, including (1) draft EEA budget 2022, (2) Management Board review, and (3) delegation of adoption to the Bureau	<p>The Bureau advised the MB to delegate the adoption of the initial draft EEA Single Programming Document 2022-2024 to the Bureau.</p>	<p>The Bureau did not identify any issues of concern to be brought to the attention of the Board.</p>
7 Decision on ETC calls	<p>The Bureau advised the MB to adopt 3 decisions: the terms of reference for the award of Framework Partnership Agreements, the designation process and mandate to the EEA Executive Director to launch the calls for proposals for new European Topic Centres, the delegation of the appointment of members of the Opening and Evaluations Committees to the Chair of the Management Board.</p>	<p>These decisions will enable EEA to launch early in 2021 the calls for proposals for the new European Topic Centres, to be operational from 2022 onwards.</p>
8 Designation of new Scientific Committee members	<p>The Bureau advised the MB to appoint the proposed Scientific Committee members. They welcomed the high quality of the nominations put forward.</p>	<p>The Bureau did not identify any issues of concern to be brought to the attention of the Board.</p>
9 Revised meeting calendar 2021	<p>The Bureau advised the MB to approve the revised meeting calendar 2021.</p>	<p>An extraordinary virtual MB meeting is foreseen to take place on 16 September 2021, with a Bureau meeting on 15 September. The aim of the meeting is for the MB to decide on the review of National Reference Centres, and on Eionet core data flows. The MB will also discuss resourcing of Eionet in countries, further to the initial discussion at the MB meeting on 10 December 2020.</p>



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FOR INFORMATION		
XX Update on the withdrawal of the UK from the European Union	The Bureau took note of the latest developments on the withdrawal of the UK from the European Union.	The European Commission highlighted the lack of clarity on the situation regarding UK's withdrawal. The written update from the European Commission to the MB includes an update on the topic.
10 Feedback from Bureau members	The meeting was concluded without further comments.	The Bureau did not identify any issues of concern to be brought to the attention of the Board.

The meeting closed at 15:45

Approved by the EEA Bureau at its 86th meeting
MS Teams video conference, 9 December 2020

Signed

Laura Burke
Chair, EEA Management Board

Annexes

- Annex 1: Final agenda of 86th Bureau meeting, 9 December 2020
- Annex 2: Participants list, 86th Bureau meeting, 9 December 2020



Annex 1:

**Agenda of the 86th Bureau meeting
Wednesday, 9 December 2020, 14:30-17:00, Microsoft Teams**

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENTS
FOR ADOPTION	
1. Agenda of the 86th Bureau meeting	EEA/BU/86/01

ITEMS FOR BUREAU ORIENTATION IN PREPARATION OF THE 90TH MANAGEMENT BOARD	
2. 90 th MB meeting agenda	EEA/MB/90/01
3. MB adoption of the EEA-Eionet Strategy 2021-2030	EEA/MB/90/10
4. Eurostat Work Programme for 2021	EEA/MB/90/11A
5. MB adoption of Single Programming Document (SPD) 2021-2023 including (1) EEA Annual budget 2021 and (2) financing decision on ETCs for 2021	EEA/MB/90/11B
6. Initial draft Single Programming Document (SPD) 2022-2024, including (1) draft EEA budget 2022, (2) Management Board review, and (3) delegation of adoption to the Bureau	EEA/MB/90/11C
7. Decision on ETC calls	EEA/MB/90/11D
8. Designation of new Scientific Committee members	EEA/MB/90/11E
9. Revised meeting calendar 2021	EEA/MB/90/11F

FOR INFORMATION	
XX. Update on the withdrawal of the UK from the European Union	[Verbal update]
10. Feedback from Bureau members	[Verbal update]

Documents provided for information (no discussion in the meeting unless raised by a Bureau member under AP

10 Feedback from Bureau members):

- CAAR 2020: Process and timelines (EEA/BU/86/11)
- Overview of audits (EEA/BU/86/12)
- Outcome EEA discharge process 2018 and follow-up of discharge 2019 (EEA/BU/86/13)


Annex 2: Participants list 86th Bureau meeting, Wednesday 9 December 2020

Name	Role	Represented country/organisation	Attendance
Laura Burke	Chair	Ireland	Present
Alda Ozola	Vice-Chair	Latvia	Present
Julia Werner	Vice-Chair	Germany	Present
André Weidenhaupt	Vice-Chair	Luxembourg	Present
Michal Pastvinsky	Vice-Chair	Czech Republic	Present
Alessandro Bratti	Vice-Chair	Italy	Present
Lena Neij		European Parliament representative	Present
Gilles Gantelet		European Commission (DG ENV)	Present
Guests/observers			
Per Mickwitz		Chair of the Scientific Committee	Present
Yrjö Mäkelä		European Commission (DG CLIMA)	Present
Jürgen Salay		European Commission (DG CLIMA)	Present
Josiane Masson		European Commission (DG ENV)	Present
Martine Rohn-Brossard		Observer from non-EU Member State (Switzerland)	Present
EEA participants			
Hans Bruyninckx		EEA	Present
Paul McAleavey		EEA	Present
Teresa Ribeiro		EEA	Present
Soren Nielsen		EEA	Present
Chris Steenmans		EEA	Present
Katja Rosenbohm		EEA	Present
Jock Martin		EEA	Present
Martin Adams		EEA	Present
Eva Jensen		EEA	Present
Riyong Kim		EEA	Present
Tim Haigh		EEA	Present
Jasmiina Laurmaa		EEA/ MB Secretariat	Present