



**LIST OF DECISIONS AND GUIDANCE**  
**91<sup>ST</sup> MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING, 25 MARCH 2021**

Agenda item	Outcome	Comments
<b>AGENDA AND FOLLOW-UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS</b>	The Management Board (MB) welcomed new members and alternates since the December meeting, as well as representatives from Kosovo*.	Kosovo took part in the meeting as part of the rotating observership of the Western Balkan countries in MB meetings
FOR ADOPTION		
1 Agenda of the 91 <sup>st</sup> Management Board meeting	The Management Board (MB) adopted the agenda of the meeting.	The final meeting agenda is included in Annex 1.
<b>FOR INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK</b>		
2 MB Decision list 90 <sup>th</sup> meeting (10 December 2020)	The MB adopted the decision list of the 90th meeting.	
3 Update by the Management Board Chair	<p>The MB took note of the update from the Chair.</p> <p>Decisions taken since the 10 December meeting via written procedure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Amendment to EEA budget 2021</li> </ul> <p>Topics covered at the Bureau on 24 March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update on audits</li> <li>- <u>Ongoing SNE call for nominations</u>: The MB was encouraged to nominate experts by the deadline of 30 April.</li> <li>- <u>European Parliament study on the Management Boards of the Decentralised Agencies</u> will be carried out by the Centre for Strategy &amp; Evaluation Services to examine the established practices in the EU Agencies with regard to the Management Boards. The study aims to look at working methods and identify whether there is room for improvement. MB members may be asked to participate in interviews and/or surveys during April and May.</li> <li>- <u>The Internal Audit Service</u> would like to access MB/Bureau information on EEA intranet as part of an audit to analyse the relations between DG CLIMA/ENV with the decentralised agencies. The ED and MB members may receive interview requests in this regard.</li> <li>- <u>CAAR 2020</u>: The Bureau has received a draft version of the CAAR 2020 and will</li> </ul>	<p>The complete outcomes of the 24 March Bureau meeting are available in decision list EEA/BU/2021/005.</p> <p>The Bureau received documents for information (update on the discharge 2019, overview of audits, provisional accounts 2020)</p>



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	<p>proceed to draft the MB analysis of the CAAR.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Revised 2021 calendar of meetings:</u> includes cancellation of the 6 May Bureau meeting and the June networking event.</li> <li>- An additional item to be taken up during the closed session was added to the agenda: 11A MB authorisation for acceptance of ED award and associated monetary reward.</li> </ul>	<p>The revised 2021 calendar of meetings is included in Annex 3.</p>
<b>FOR GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION</b>		
STRATEGIC ORIENTATION		
4 Digitalisation to support the EEA/Eionet work programme	<p>The MB took note of the EEA presentation on how it will embrace digitalisation as a building block to implement the EEA-Eionet strategy 2030. The Board also gave input on concrete activities that the EEA intends to carry out in 2021.</p> <p>A proposed multispeed implementation in the countries will be linked to the new Eionet model foreseen in the EEA-Eionet strategy 2021-2030.</p>	<p>The MB welcomed the initiative.</p> <p>A new European Topic Centre on digitalisation will be set up to support the process.</p> <p>The MB highlighted the importance of aligning digitalisation activities with European Green Deal ambitions and of sharing countries' knowledge and experience.</p>
5 Discussion on Eionet mapping exercise	<p>The MB took note of the Bureau decision on the Eionet mapping exercise from January 2021 and the establishment of the Management Board Advisory Committee to guide the process. The Board also provided guidance on the next steps regarding the Eionet modernisation exercise.</p>	<p>The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Eionet mapping exercise debriefed from the first meeting of committee on 22 March.</p> <p>Denmark and Norway presented their national approaches and lessons learned from recent reviews of their national Eionet networks.</p> <p>The MB recommends that the exercise should take a pragmatic approach, build on already existing strong foundations and link to other ongoing processes such as the Eionet modernisation and digitalisation processes.</p>



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<b>UPDATES FOR INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK</b>		
6 Update by the European Commission	The MB took note of the update by the European Commission including national recovery and resilience plans, Zero pollution action plan, LULUCF, European Climate Law and the launch of the EU Climate and Health observatory as well as the upcoming launch of the knowledge centre on Earth observations.	The MB is invited to participate in the public consultation on the EU Biodiversity strategy.
7 Update by the Scientific Committee Chair	The MB took note of the update by the Scientific Committee (SC) Chair, including its work to provide input to the SPD 2022-2024 opinion and 2020 EEA staff recruitment opinion, support the European Commission Foresight for Environment 2021 cycle and to draft a 2021-2024 EEA-SC engagement plan. Several meetings have been set up with EEA management in order to introduce the many new members of the SC to EEA counterparts and joint understanding of strategic priorities.	
8 Update by the Executive Director	The MB took note of the update by the Executive Director, including innovations in monitoring and reporting, constructive collaboration with partners and taking over the Chairmanship of the European Union Agencies' Network. The Executive Director highlighted the resilience of staff and the network in delivering on the work plan despite the COVID-19 crisis.	
<b>FOR DECISION (PRE-PREPARED IN THE BUREAU)</b>		
9 88 <sup>th</sup> Bureau meeting 24 March 2021: Decision list, including: A. Establishment of ETC evaluation committees	The MB took note of the decision list from the 88th Bureau meeting (EEA/BU/2021/005). The MB took the following decisions based on the advice from the Bureau: A. The MB are encouraged to express their interest to participate in the ETC evaluation committees. B. The MB adopted the revised meeting calendar 2021.	The 6 May Bureau is cancelled and any administrative matters arising before the June meetings will be dealt with by written procedure. The foreseen June networking event is cancelled due to the continued Covid restrictions. The revised meeting calendar 2021 is available in Annex 3
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
10A EEA Chairmanship of the European Union Agencies Network (EUAN)	The MB took note of the proposed work of the EEA during its chairmanship of the EUAN which will focus on sustainability. The EEA will also chair several subgroups of the EUAN.	The EEA will chair the EU Agencies Network from 1 March 2021 until 28 February 2022.
10B Feedback from Management Board members	The MB expressed its congratulations on the birth of Jasmiina's daughter.	



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	The MB took note of the fact that the MB Alternate member for Luxembourg will take up a Seconded National Expert position at the EEA and will therefore leave his seat in the MB. The MB thanked the alternate member for his valuable contributions over the years.	
<b>CLOSED SESSION</b>		
11 Appraisal of the Executive Director for reporting year 2020: outcome	The MB took note of the very positive outcome of the Executive Director's appraisal for 2020.	The launch of the recruitment exercise for the successor of the Executive Director should commence at the end of 2021.
11A Authorisation for the Executive Director to accept Award	The MB took note of the nomination of the Executive Director as the laureate of the Rudi Verheyen Award 2020.  The MB authorises the ED to accept the award as well as the associated monetary reward under the condition, as indicated by the ED that it will not be used for personal gain but exclusively to support young researchers working on EU policies. The MB congratulated the ED on his receipt of this prestigious award.	

*The meeting closed at 14:40.*

Approved by the EEA Management Board at the 91<sup>st</sup> Management Board meeting

6 April 2021

*[signed]*

Laura Burke  
Chair, EEA Management Board

\*This designation is without prejudice to positions on its status and is consistent with UN Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999) and the Opinion of the International Court of Justice on Kosovo's declaration of Independence.

#### Annexes

- Annex 1: Final agenda of 91<sup>st</sup> Management Board meeting, 25 March 2021
- Annex 2: Participants list, 91<sup>st</sup> Management Board meeting, 25 March 2021
- Annex 3: Meeting dates (revised) 2021





## Annex 1:

ITEM 01  
 91<sup>ST</sup> MANAGEMENT BOARD  
 DOC. EEA/MB/91/01  
 24 MARCH 2021

**Subject: Draft agenda of 91<sup>st</sup> Management Board meeting (Microsoft Teams)  
 Thursday, 25 March 2021, 09:30 – 15:30**

<b>AGENDA AND FOLLOW-UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS</b>
FOR ADOPTION
1. Adoption of draft agenda
FOR INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK
2. <a href="#">MB decision list: 90<sup>th</sup> meeting</a> (10 December 2020)
3. Update by the Management Board Chair
<b>FOR GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION</b>
STRATEGIC ORIENTATION
4. Digitalisation to support the EEA/Eionet work programme
5. Discussion on Eionet mapping exercise
<b>UPDATES FOR INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK</b>
6. Update by the European Commission
7. Update by the Scientific Committee Chair
8. Update by the Executive Director
<b>FOR DECISION (PREPARED IN THE BUREAU)</b>
9. 88 <sup>th</sup> Bureau meeting 24 March 2021: Decision list, including: A. Establishment of ETC evaluation committee
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>
10A. EEA Chairmanship of the European Union Agencies Network (EUAN)
10B. Feedback from Management Board members
<b>CLOSED SESSION</b>
11. Appraisal of the Executive Director for reporting year 2020: outcome 11A. Authorisation for the Executive Director to accept Award



**Annex 2: Participants list, 91<sup>st</sup> Management Board meeting, Thursday 25 March 2021, 09:30–15:30 CET, video conference**

Represented country/organisation	Name	Role (member, alternate member, observer/expert)	Attendance
Austria	Georg Rebernig	Alternate member	X
Belgium	Michiel Van Peteghem	Member	X
Croatia	Branimir Pavlinec	Alternate member	X
Czech Republic	Michal Pastvinsky	Member	X
Denmark	Jakob Møller Nielsen	Member	X
Denmark	Henrik Hedeman Olsen	Alternate member	X
Denmark	Trine Bergholtz	Expert	X (item 5)
Estonia	Margit Martinson	Member	X
Finland	Tanja Suni	Member	X
France	Diane Simiu	Member	X
France	Regis Farret	Expert	X
Germany	Julia Werner	Member	X
Greece	Petros Varelidis	Member	X
Hungary	Ágnes Szijártó	Member	X
Hungary	Zita Gellér	Alternate member	X
Iceland	Bergþóra Njála Guðmundsdóttir	Member	X
Ireland	Laura Burke	Chair, member	X
Italy	Felice Cappelluti	Alternate member	X
Italy	Luca Demicheli	Expert	X
Kosovo*	Afrim Berisha	Observer	X
Latvia	Alda Ozola	Member	X
Latvia	Silvija Nora Kalnins	Alternate member	X
Lithuania	Aldona Margerienė	Alternate member	X
Luxembourg	André Weidenhaupt	Member	X
Luxembourg	Pierre Prum	Alternate member	X
Luxembourg	Eric De Brabanter	Expert	X
Malta	Michelle Piccinino	Member	X
Malta	Sergio Tartaglia	Expert	X
Netherlands	Marieke Spijkerboer	Member	X
Netherlands	Kees Schotten	Expert	X
Norway	Bjørn Bjørnstad	Member	X
Norway	Mari Bjørhei	Expert	X
Poland	Anna Katarzyna Wiech	Alternate member	X
Poland	Malgorzata Bednarek	Expert	X
Portugal	Nuno Lacasta	Member	X
Portugal	Águeda Silva	Expert	X
Romania	Sorin Ionut Banciu	Member	X
Romania	Marilena Doncuta	Alternate member	X
Slovakia	Katarína Belobradová	Member	X
Slovakia	Katarína Koskova	Expert	X
Slovenia	Barbara Bernard Vukadin	Alternate member	X
Spain	Antonio Nieto Magro	Alternate member	X
Sweden	Anna Otmalm	Member	X
Switzerland	Martine Rohn-Brossard	Alternate member	X
Switzerland	Nicolas Perritaz	Expert	X
Turkey	Mehrali Ecer	Alternate member	X
Designated by the European Parliament	Klaus Jacob	Alternate member	X
Designated by the European Parliament	Lena Neij	Member	X



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European Commission (DG ENV)	Gilles Gantelet	Member	X
European Commission (DG ENV)	Josiane Masson	Observer	X
European Commission (JRC)	Giovanni De Santi	Alternate member	X
European Commission (JRC)	Greet Janssens-Maenhout	Observer	X
European Commission (DG RTD)	Jose Jimenez-Mingo	Observer	X
European Commission (DG CLIMA)	Jürgen Salay	Observer	X
EEA Scientific Committee	Per Mickwitz	SC Chair	X
EEA	Hans Bruyninckx		X
EEA	Soren Nielsen		X
EEA	Katja Rosenbohm		X
EEA	Chris Steenmans		X
EEA	Martin Adams		X
EEA	Jock Martin		X
EEA	Eva Jensen		X
EEA	Ronan Uhel		X
EEA	Riyong Kim		X
EEA	Rasa Narkeviciute		X
EEA	Milan Chrenko		X
EEA	Malene Bruun		X (item 5)
EEA	Teresa Ribeiro		X
EEA	Marisa Turanzas	MB Secretariat	X
EEA	Pia Schmidt	MB Secretariat	X
EEA	Dana Bjurner	MB Secretariat	X



**Annex 3: Meeting dates 2021**

MEETING DATES IN 2021  
MANAGEMENT BOARD, BUREAU, SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND NFP/EIONET

VERSION OF 24.03.2021

<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>
Scientific Committee	Wednesday-Thursday, 26-27 May 2021
NFP/Eionet meeting	Tuesday-Wednesday, 18-19 May 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, 15 September 2021 (14:00–16:30)</b>
<b>93<sup>rd</sup> Management Board (virtual)</b>	<b>Thursday, 16 September 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>94<sup>th</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 94<sup>th</sup> Management Board meeting and 1 December 2021 for the Bureau meeting.*