

Decision EEA/MB/2015/018

**Decision of the Management Board of the European Environment Agency
on the extension of the period of validity of the multiannual work programme to include the
year 2019**

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

HAVING REGARD to Regulation (EC) No 401/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the European Environment Agency (hereinafter referred to as “the EEA”) and the European Environment Information and Observation Network (codified version)¹, and in particular Article 8 thereof,

WHEREAS:

- (1) Article 8 of Regulation (EC) No 401/2009 provides that the Management Board shall adopt a multiannual work programme;
- (2) The present multiannual work programme² runs from 2014 to 2018, and a new multiannual work programme for the following 5-year period 2019-2023 would need to be developed and adopted in 2017-2018;
- (3) The European Commission has announced its intention to evaluate and, if appropriate, propose amendments to the EEA/Eionet Regulation in the period 2016-2019, creating uncertainty as to the mandate and tasks of the EEA for the next multiannual work programme;
- (4) The present multiannual work programme, building as it does on the EU 7th Environmental Action Programme and other major EU policy frameworks with a horizon of 2020, can form a robust basis for the work of the EEA for a longer period than hitherto foreseen;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole article

The period of validity of the present multiannual work programme of the European Environment Agency is extended to include the year 2019.

Approved by the Management Board on 26 November 2015

SIGNED

Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler
Chair EEA Management Board

¹ OJ L 126/13 of 21.5.2009.

² Multiannual Work Programme 2014-2018: Expanding the knowledge base for policy implementation and long-term transitions, adopted by the EEA Management Board on 27 November 2013.