



## **Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental and Emerging Risks**

**(SCHEER)**

### **Meeting of the Working Group on Rapid Risk Assessment (exercise NIMBUS)**

**Meeting date: 17 and 23 October 2018**

#### **Minutes**

On 17 October 2018 the SCHEER WG on rapid risk assessment (RRA) and the pool of experts on RRA of chemical threats organised an exercise to test the SCHEER's ability to reply to the request from the Commission in the event of a cross border chemical threat.

The exercise was a one-day event where participants worked from their normal work places. 26 experts (3 from RRA WG plus 23 from the pool participated in the Nimbus exercise which took place on 17 and 23 October. In addition, 8 experts were in preparing the exercise (planning group). Participants were divided into two groups/day, 6-8 participants in each group. The groups consisted of experts with a variety of previous experience and expertise.

The scenario involved an explosion at a port causing a large cloud travelling over the city centre and moving towards the border of Slovenia; the chemicals involved were chloric acid and dichlorisocyanurate. The groups were asked to deliver a case definition, a hazard statement and a RRA answering the Commission's critical questions.

The exercise was an opportunity for the working group members to train new experts and refresh experienced network experts on procedures and key documents and to test the new communication tools in order to be prepared in case of a real event.