



Luxembourg, 15 May 2017

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks</b><br/><b>Working Group on public health impacts and risks resulting from onshore hydrocarbon exploration and production in the EU</b></p> |
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**Minutes**

**1. Welcome and apologies, approval of the agenda and declaration of interests**

The Chair welcomed the participants and announced two apologies. The representatives of DG ENV joined the meeting. The agenda was adopted as presented.

The Chair invited participants to declare any interest regarding matters on the agenda. None of the participants declared any interest conflicting with the matter on the agenda.

**2. List of points discussed and conclusions**

**2.1 Call for experts:** The call was open until 7/05. The members discussed the applications received and decided to appoint two external experts with expertise in following areas:

- onshore hydrocarbon exploration and production techniques in the European Union
- occupational health and safety related to onshore hydrocarbon exploration and production

**2.2 Literature search and call for information**

- The results of literature search provided were not satisfactory for the WG. It was decided to update the list including more search terms and to perform the search once more.
- It was also proposed to publish a call for information in order to assure that all relevant information is available for the WG for its assessment ([https://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific\\_committees/consultations/calls/scheer\\_call\\_info\\_05\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/consultations/calls/scheer_call_info_05_en))

**3. Information from the Commission and WG members**

No information.

#### **4. Next steps**

To collect all input from the members related to the revision of the Guidance (DL 19 June) and to prepare a new version for the next meeting.

#### **5. Next meeting(s)**

June (Audio, tbc) and 3 July 2017 (physical meeting in Luxembourg)