



Luxembourg, 24 October 2024

**Scientific Committees on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks
(SCHEER) 9th Plenary meeting (2022-2026)**

22-23 October 2024

MINUTES

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

The Chair welcomed the participants, including the SCCS representative.

This was an audio meeting.

One apology was received for both days and two for first day.

The agenda was adopted without changes.

The Chair invited participants to declare any interest regarding matters on the agenda. None of the participants declared any new interest conflicting with the matters on the agenda. Any interest already reported in the annual declaration remains valid.

2. Information from Members/Commission/Secretariat

Upon request from DG SANTE, the SCHEER discussed the update of the factsheets on EMF I and EMF II opinions (high and low frequency).

3. Points for discussion/decision

3.1 Mandates for adoption

- The members adopted a new mandate from DG ENV (Unit C1) on Draft Environmental Quality Standards for total PFAS¹ under the Water Framework Directive. Deadline for Preliminary opinion is March 2025, for Final opinion June 2025.

¹ Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances [ed9fe497-0cee-4f1e-8486-9f04d02fbf17_en](https://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees_on_health/files/default.asp?lang=en&nav=5c911111-1111-1111-1111-111111111111)

3.2 Opinions for adoption

- Memorandum on Weight of Evidence – update 2024 – the members finalised the text and adopted the document. The factsheet will also be updated.

3.3 Opinions for discussion/ongoing work

- FORENV cycle VI on biodiversity (mandate from DG ENV A3)
The rapporteur of the working group presented the ongoing work, and the members adopted the final text.
- WG on the brain stimulators (mandate from DG SANTE D3)
The Chair of the working group presented the ongoing work. Deadline for the Opinion is end of 2025 with a public consultation planned after summer 2025.

3.4 Other points discussed

- The draft mandate for a scientific Opinion related to the revision of the EU Ecolabel on Detergents (related to biological risk (micro-organisms) used in detergents), as announced by DG ENV/JRC at the last plenary meeting, will not be submitted to the SCHEER.
- The members discussed the need for reconvening the work on the Emerging Risks for the update of the SCHEER Memorandum. All members have been invited to contribute to a further brainstorm session during the next plenary meeting. Rapporteur and Chair have been selected and will be appointed by the Commission.

4. A.O.B.

Dates of the next plenary meetings:

- March 2025 audio meeting
- June 2025 hybrid meeting
- October 2025 audio meeting

Dates to be agreed on.
