



Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks

SCENIHR

8th Meeting of the Working Group on Synthetic Biology

Venue: HITEC building, Rue Eugène Ruppert 11, L- 2453 Luxembourg

Meeting date: 16 – 17 June 2014

Notes of the meeting

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants and announced apologies received. 3 members joined by audio the first day of meeting and 1 member joined the second day. 5 apologies received. 1 representative from DG ENTR joined the meeting by audio.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Declaration of interests on matters on the agenda

The Chair requested to participants to declare any interest on the matters on the agenda. No declarations of any conflict of interest were made by participants.

4. Discussion on Opinion I, update and way forward:

The discussion was postponed for the second day of the meeting. It was decided to elaborate a letter referring to the WG position towards the minority opinion formulated by SCCS. The letter was sent to SCCS Secretariat to be distributed to members before SCCS plenary on 18/06.

DHoU mentioned that, during SCCS plenary on 18/06, there will be a time slot allocated for a discussion on Opinion 1: process, principles of having a joint opinion, work procedures and importance of having SCCS representatives in the WG. The Chair of the WG and the rapporteur will join the SCCS plenary by audio.

5. Discussion on Opinion 2:

- Various contributions have been discussed and agreed by WG members.
- Additional tasks distributed by the Chair of the WG.

6. Distribution of tasks and time schedule:

- Version 1.4 of the work plan was reviewed.

7. Any Other Business and closure

- The Secretariat has to check and to inform the WG about the planning of PCs for opinions 2 and 3
- Doodle to be launched for an additional audio meeting in July (7,8, 10, 11 July, preferably in the afternoon)
- Doodle to be launched to set up the date for a physical meeting during the week 25-29 August.