



**Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS), and  
on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks (SCHEER)  
JOINT PLENARY of the new Committee term (2016-2021)**

**Venue: Luxembourg**

**Meeting date: 28 April 2016 (first day)**

**Minutes**

Mr John F. Ryan, Acting Director SANTE C, welcomed the participants. He introduced each speaker:

- ***Dr Jean-Claude Schmit, Director of Health, Ministry of Health, Luxembourg***

He welcomed the newly appointed members on behalf of the Minister and the Ministry of Health and thanked them for their role in putting science and innovation at service of the European citizens and for protecting citizens' health.

- ***Mr Xavier Prats Monné, Director General Health and Food Safety - European Commission***

He welcomed the newly appointed members on behalf of the Commission and said that the Commission was very grateful for their commitment and their desire to help the EU.

- ***Mr Philippe Roux, Head of Unit SANTE C2***

He presented the mission and tasks of the Scientific Committees and announced that the database of experts would be reopened from September 2016, providing an invaluable resource to call upon should additional expertise be needed.



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- ***Mrs Donata Meroni, Deputy Head of Unit SANTE C2***

She presented the Scientific Committees' past and current activities as well as future challenges. She also presented some statistics regarding the Opinions provided by the former Committees.



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- ***Prof Henrik Wegener, Chair of Scientific Advise Mechanism (SAM) High level Group***

He congratulated all members and presented the Scientific Advise Mechanism and discussed its interaction with the Scientific Committees. The SAM and the Scientific Committees will interact whenever it is useful to do so, he said.



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- **Mr Jukka Malm, ECHA Deputy Executive Director**

His presentation focused on the interaction among EU risk assessment bodies, including synergies and complementarities. There are substances, scientific developments and working methods of common interest with the Scientific Committees, he said.



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- **Mr Hubert Deluyker, EFSA Scientific Adviser**

He talked about the need for more robust risk assessment (weight of evidence, uncertainties). He is the Chair of EU Agencies Network for Scientific Advice (ANSA), a network of EU agencies that focuses on the safety assessment. Cross-agency cooperation and coordination is of utmost importance, he said.



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- **Mr Carlo Pettinelli, Director Consumer, Environmental and Health Technologies GROW**

He introduced the Scientific Committees at the service of the Commission and discussed the impact of their Opinions. He reminded the participants that the work of the Scientific Committees is very important for many fields of GROW activities, like cosmetics and medical devices.

- **Questions/answers session**

*The following participants introduced activities from their respective Directorate:*

- Krzysztof Maruszewski, JRC I Director from Ispra
- Mike Catchpole, ECDC Chief Scientist
- Christoph Klein, Scientific Committee for occupational exposure limit (SCOEL) - DG EMPL

*A question/answer session followed.*

- **Closure of the meeting by Mrs Lydia Mutsch, Minister of Health – Luxembourg**

Minister Mutsch thanked the former members for their commitment and congratulated the new members on their appointment. She was honoured that Luxembourg was selected as the new location of the Secretariat of the Scientific Committees three years ago, as it has a reputation as a centre of excellence based on sound scientific evidence.