



## **Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks**

### **SCENIHR**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Synthetic Biology**

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

**Meeting room HTC 02/280**

**Meeting date: 4-5 February 2014**

#### **Minutes**

##### **1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed the participants and the representatives of DG RTD and EFSA. 3 apologies; 1 member joined the meeting by audio on 04/02/2014.

##### **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 matters on the agenda. No declarations of any conflict of interest were made by participants.

##### **4. Literature search**

The WG agreed to send to the Secretariat the list with the papers needed in full copy.

##### **5. Discussion on the work plan (13:00 -13:30)**

The Chair briefly introduced the work plan and a quick revision of the main points was made. It was specified that the mandate has 3 main parts: definition, hazards and risks and future aspects, research priorities and knowledge gaps. The WG will submit the definition part to SCENIHR for revision during the plenary on 26/02. SCCS and SCHER will receive the definition part for comments and discussions during their plenaries.

## **6. Discussions on the progress made on the attributed tasks**

The coordinators of different sub working groups have been asked to briefly introduce the state of play of their specific tasks as described in the work plan.

Part 1- Definition: A short summary of the status of the work was done by a member of the WG. Further work was undergone to progress with the opinion.

Part 2 and 3: An overview of the section was made. Further work was undergone to progress with the opinion. The discussion was focused on the methodology for risk assessment.

## **7. Time schedule (15:30)**

An audio meeting scheduled on 20/02/2014 between 9:00-11:00 to discuss mainly the definition part of the opinion.

## **8. Any Other Business**

None