



Luxembourg, 24 June 2022

**Scientific Committees on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks (SCHEER)**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary meeting**  
**Term 2022-2026**

15-16 June 2022, Luxembourg (AUDIO)

**Minutes**

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

The Secretariat and the new Chair of the term 2022-2026 welcomed the participants. Two apologies have been received.

The agenda was adopted without changes.

The Secretariat 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.

**2. Points for discussion/decision**

**2.1. New draft mandates (adoption)**

- The EU environmental foresight system (FORENV) by DG ENV is a process for detecting, characterising and prioritising emerging environmental issues. The main objective is to enable EU policy makers and other stakeholders to exploit emerging opportunities and to manage risks. Various partners are involved (Commission services, external experts, scientific committees, contractor). Cycle 4 is starting in 2022 and a short list of 10 issues has been set. The SCHEER adopted the mandate to confirm selected emerging issues as the right ones, to check if there is any additional issue omitted, to inform about plausible timeframe of emergence, and to qualitatively assess their impacts on human health and environment. A Chair and rapporteur were selected. The deadline for the opinion is October 2022. External experts will be potentially involved.
- DG ENV submitted a mandate to SCHEER concerning a targeted revision of Annexes III (accommodation and care of animals) and IV (allowed killing methods) of Directive 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes (fully revised in 2010, and further amended in 2019 including 3Rs: replace, reduce, refine). External experts might be requested to join members in the WG. SCHEER adopted the mandate subject to the deadline being prolonged to the end of Q1 2023. A Chair was selected. External experts will be involved.

## **2.2. Opinion for adoption**

### **SCHEER opinion on environmental quality standards for water framework directive**

#### **Final opinion on chlorpyrifos**

The rapporteur presented the final text to the SCHEER members and the SCHEER adopted the document.

The Chair presented the state of play of the work of EQS WG, including the finalisation of the Groundwater opinion. Quality and completeness of data in the submitted dossiers was briefly discussed and the SCHEER discussed the possibility to develop a guidelines document.

## **2.3. Opinions for discussion and adoption after plenary meeting (written procedure)**

### **SCHEER Opinion on EMF**

The Chair of the WG updated the SCHEER on the state of play of the draft Opinion on EMF. The next meeting of the WG is planned on 29 June 2022.

### **SCHEER Opinion on titanium dioxide in toys**

The Chair of the working group presented the preliminary Opinion which is under public consultation until 4 July: see [Public consultation titanium dioxide in toys](#).

### **SCHEER Opinion on cobalt in toys**

The Chair of the WG presented the preliminary Opinion to SCHEER Members. Comments will be received via written procedure. Public consultation is planned to be launch in the beginning of July 2022.

## **3. Information from Commission and members of the SCHEER**

SCHEER has been informed about the following points:

- SCHEER discussed their future and possible reattribution of mandates under the Chemical Strategy for Sustainability and ‘One Substance-one Assessment’ approach.
- SCHEER WG RRA: update by the WG Chair
- Updated list of ongoing mandates/opinions in both SCCS/SCHEER.
- SCHEER representative reported on the participation in the DG ENV FORENV workshops
- 27<sup>th</sup> Emerging Risks Exchange Network meeting on 11-12 May 2022 - SCHEER representative reported.
- RECIPES EU-project, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022. A summary of the project has been provided to the SCHEER members.
- ONTOX project is one of the EU funded projects that is part of ASPIS ([Home | ASPIS Cluster \(aspis-cluster.com\)](#)). ONTOX focusses on probabilistic risk assessment of chemicals to protect human health and environment. SCHEER briefly discussed their (as well as SCCS) invitation to join the project and agreed that they would consult with SCCS and a joint response would be sent.
- The SCHEER discussed the format of meetings and agreed that some face-to-face meetings would be foreseen, but that there should also be a hybrid option.
- Finally, ways of improving SCHEER communication to the outside world were discussed, namely through publication in scientific journals and as an outcome of the subjects covered in the Opinions.

## **4. A.O.B.**

**Date of the next SCHEER plenary meeting:** 12-13 October 2022