



Luxembourg, 30 October 2024

## Inter-committee Coordination Group (ICCG) meeting

29 October 2024, Luxembourg, 9:30 – 13:00

AUDIO MEETING

### Minutes

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

One apology has been received.

The agenda was adopted as presented.

The minutes of the previous ICCG meeting were adopted by the members via written process and published on the website [Inter-committee coordination group \(2022-2026\) \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu/inter-committee-coordination-group).

The SCHEER Chair invited participants to declare any interest regarding matters on the agenda. None of the participants declared any interest conflicting with the matters on the agenda.

#### 2. List of points discussed

##### 2.1 Information from the Commission

- The Secretariat informed the group on the news related to the Commission's Chemicals Strategy and developments of the 'One Substance-One Assessment' objective of Commission. Next meeting of the expert working group on 1S1A in November.
- In the context of 1S1A, EFSA commissioned a study, titled '*Mapping of data requirements and assessment methodologies linked to the regulatory frameworks and remits of the relevant EU Agencies (ECHA, EFSA and EMA) and EC Scientific Committees (Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety, SCCS, and Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks, SCHEER)*' (published in December 2023 <https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.2903/sp.efsa.2023.EN-8540>). SCCS/SCHEER contributed with Commission and EU scientific bodies to exchange relevant information and will follow-up. A clear agreed definition of NAMs is needed. EFSA is organising a workshop on 29 November 2024.
- New reference for the Commission Decision from 2015 establishing the SCs -> now published in Official Journal as EU (2024) 1514.

##### 2.2. Exchange of information on working procedures and activities of the Committees

SCHEER work – highlights/issues, feedback from the last SCHEER plenary meeting and ongoing opinions:

- Opinion on FORENV cycle VI on biodiversity/ecosystems adopted and sent to DG ENV.
- Finalisation of the update of the Memorandum on Weight of Evidence (WoE) and uncertainties. One SCCS member is involved in that work.

- SCHEER will work on the new list of emerging risks (self-mandate).
- New mandate adopted: Request for a scientific opinion on an (environmental) quality standard for PFAS Total in surface and groundwater under the Water Framework Directive [ed9fe497-0cee-4f1e-8486-9f04d02fbf17\\_en](#)

SCCS work – highlights/issues, feedback from the last SCCS plenary meeting and ongoing opinions

- SCCS informed about new mandates, ongoing opinions which are under assessment and on the preliminary scientific opinions open for commenting period (see [SCCS - Opinions - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#))
- The SCCS is planning a Methodology Workshop on New Generation of Risk Assessment (NGRA) on 10 December 2024 in Brussels to discuss more deeply the PBPK modelling and to tentatively agree on needed criteria. SCHEER will also be represented by two members.

Other work of the SCCS and SCHEER:

- DG ENV and DG GROW workshop on animal testing phasing out in risk assessment of chemicals on 25 October - participation by both Committee representatives.
- OECD Guidance on the regulatory use of research data – 1st draft commented by SCCS/SCHEER (via JRC internal consultation).
- EFSA read-across document - SCCS sent contribution.
- Commission Roadmap on phasing out animal testing in chemical safety assessments - SCCS sent contribution ([Feedback from: The Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety \(SCCS\)](#)).

### **3. Date of the next meeting**

March 2025

### **4. Any other business**

None