

# Scientific Committees on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks (SCHEER) 6<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting (2022-2026)

## 6 October 2023, Luxembourg

#### **MINUTES**

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

The Chair welcomed the participants. Two apologies received for full day and one for half day.

The agenda was adopted with some revisions and additional points added.

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

#### 2. Points for discussion/decision

## 2.1 Opinions – feedback from working groups

#### WG on EMF

- New mandate: Technical advice to amend annexes to Council Recommendation 1999/519/EC - adopted by the SCHEER. Q&A session with mandating Unit SANTE B1
- Update from the WG on the technical advice for an amendment of Annexes to Council Recommendation 1999/519/EC
- Call for external experts published: <u>SCHEER Call for external experts for the SCHEER WG on technical advice for an amendment of Annexes to Council Recommendation 1999/519/EC (europa.eu) DL 24 October 2024
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- Preliminary Opinion on EMF II low frequencies adopted
- Factsheet on EMF I opinion adopted

#### WG on animal protection

Final Opinion in support of a targeted revision of Annexes III and IV of Directive 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes

 adopted on 27 September via written procedure and published
 SCHEER - Opinions (europa.eu)

#### WG on FORENV

• **Final Opinion on FORENV cycle V on water resilience** – opinion adopted. It will be published as part of the FORENV report by DG Environment.

## WG on TiO<sub>2</sub> in toys

- **TiO<sub>2</sub> in toys** SCHEER prepared a reply to industry on the final Opinion. A corrigendum adding a missing reference has been adopted and will be published.
- **Scientific article on this opinion** ready for publication in Reg. Tox. and Pharmacology endorsed by the SCHEER.
- SCCS TiO<sub>2</sub> in cosmetics SCCS shared information on their preliminary scientific advice and will seek for SCHEER comment once the draft will be ready for discussion.

#### Other WGs

- Update of Guidelines on the benefit-risk assessment of the presence of phthalates in certain medical devices covering phthalates, which are carcinogenic, mutagenic, toxic to reproduction (CMR) or have endocrine-disrupting (ED) properties Chair presented the status of the update of the guidelines and a timeline public consultation planned during April 2024.
- Self-mandate: update of the SCHEER **Weight of Evidence** document discussion about possible developments, initial meeting planned on 17 October.
- Self-mandate: update of the SCHEER **Emerging risks** statement work to start in 2024.

### 2.2 Information from Members/Commission/Secretariat

- Potential selection of new members ongoing process
- <u>Proposal amending Water Directives (europa.eu)</u> Proposal for a Directive amending the Water Framework Directive, the Groundwater Directive and the Environmental Quality Standards Directive, October 2022

## 2.3 Other points to discuss

 SANTE Cancer Team invited a SCHEER member to present their Opinion on Sunbeds: <u>scheer\_o\_003\_0.pdf (europa.eu)</u> to the Commissions Cancer Subgroup meeting (consisting of experts from Members States) on 25 October.

#### 3. A.O.B.

Dates of the next plenary meetings: 2024 to be decided