

## **MIDDAY EXPRESS**

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### **New term for three independent scientific committees**

Today, the newly appointed scientists who are to provide the Commission with independent advice on scientifically complex and sensitive issues relating to consumer safety, public health and the environment, meet for the first time in Luxembourg. The committees have been relocated from Brussels to Luxembourg to bring their risk assessment activities closer to the Luxembourg-based Public Health section of the Commission's Directorate-General for Health and Consumers and thus enable better synergies on risk assessment activities. The three committees are: The Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS); The Scientific Committee on Health and Environmental Risks (SCHER); The Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks (SCENIHR). These committees have adopted more than a thousand scientific opinions, since 1978, on subjects ranging from the safety of ingredients in cosmetics and hair dyes, to the potential dangers of fluoride in drinking water, electromagnetic fields and security scanners for passenger screening. Their opinions serve as a basis for regulations, contributing to a more evidence-based EU policy-making which ensures a high level of health protection to European citizens. They also serve to inform the Commission on new and emerging problems. For more information on the independent scientific committees and their 3-year term: [www.ec-scientific-committees.eu](http://www.ec-scientific-committees.eu).