



Luxembourg, 1 March 2024

**Scientific Committees on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks (SCHEER)
7th Plenary meeting (2022-2026)**

12 March 2024

MINUTES

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

The Chair welcomed the participants. One apology was received for full day and one for half day.

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 interest conflicting with the matters on the agenda.

2. Information from Members/Commission/Secretariat

- SCCS Working Group on Methodology and its Secretariat are organising a scientific workshop on Next Generation Risk Assessment **in Brussels on 10 December**. Draft program available. SCHEER members invited (see [sccs2016_miwg_057_0.pdf \(europa.eu\)](#) and [The way forward for assessing the human health safety of cosmetics in the EU - Workshop proceedings \(europa.eu\)](#)).

3. Points for discussion/decision

3.1 Mandates for adoption

- New mandate by DG SANTE D3 on the **brain stimulators**
- New mandate by DG ENV A3 on **FORENV 6: *Emerging risks and opportunities for biodiversity protection and ecosystem services in the context of economic and societal challenges.***
- Possible new mandate by DG JRC/GROW/ENV: Revision of the EU Ecolabel on Detergents related to biological risk (micro-organisms). The mandating Units did not submit the official mandate.

3.2 Opinions for adoption

- **First update of the 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 guidelines.** Preliminary text adopted. Public consultation will run from end March until the end April. Public hearing on organised on 11-12 April in Brussels.

- **Potential health effects of exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMF): Update with regard to frequencies between 1Hz and 100 kHz final opinion** – final opinion will be ready for adoption via written procedure after the plenary (i.e by the end of the month).

3.3 Opinions for discussion/ongoing work

- Memorandum on the Weight of Evidence (WoE) – the Chair presented the current status of the Memorandum. Few more meetings needed before sending to SCHEER members for their views and comments. Expected to be presented for adoption at the June plenary meeting.
- Technical advice for an amendment of Annexes to Council Recommendation 1999/519/EC (on the limitation of exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields (0 Hz to 300 GHz)) – the Chair presented the current status of the draft opinion. Few more meetings are needed to finalise and present to the SCHERR at the June plenary meeting.

3.4 Other points to discuss

- Factsheets on EMF I and II opinions – two separate factsheets will be drafted
- Reports from external meetings (EREN meeting in EFSA from November 2023)

4. A.O.B.

Dates of the next plenary meetings:

- 4 June – physical presence needed in Lux
- October date to be agreed