



## **Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks SCHEER**

### **Meeting of the Working Group on FORENV cycle VI**

**Meeting date: 29 August 2024**

#### **Minutes**

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

The Chair welcomed the participants. There was one apology. The agenda was adopted without changes.

The 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**

- List 5 issues received from DG ENV to be assessed in the opinion:
  - 2. Will preserving biodiversity become an increasingly polarising topic, in the light of rising inequality? Could this lead to disparities in how biodiversity is managed?
  - 5. Unintended consequences of technological solutions and developments in the context of the intensification of all drivers of biodiversity loss
  - 6. Will innovations in the food system help protect and enhance biodiversity?
  - 7. The power of genetic technologies to create, modify or destroy nature
  - 8. Risks and opportunities of hidden ecosystems
- Rapporteur and Chair selected,
- Issues divided according to the expertise of the working group members and discussed; first draft prepared.

#### **3. Next meeting(s): September and October**

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

None.