

The European Commission's non-food Scientific Committees



DG SANTE - Health Information and Scientific Committee Unit





SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES



The independent Scientific Committees ensure systematic assessment of risks, based on best practice for EU policy needs on health, consumers and environment.

Other EU risk assessment bodies are European Food Safety Authority (**EFSA**); the European Medicines Agency (**EMA**); the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (**ECDC**); and the European Chemicals Agency (**ECHA**)





Composition of the Scientific Committees



- Scientists from academia, research or other scientific bodies, appointed by the EC in their personal capacity, following an open call. Scientists have to provide a declaration of commitment, a declaration of interests and a declaration of confidentiality
- Selection criteria: competence and independence. As far as possible, geographical and gender balance
- External experts may be invited to WG when special expertise is needed





Mandates

- **SCHER:** advice on toxicity and eco-toxicity of chemical, biochemical and biological products, chemicals in toys, waste, environmental contaminants, drinking water quality, indoor and ambient air quality, endocrine disrupters
- **SCENIHR:** advice on emerging risks, newly identified risks, complex or multidisciplinary issues requiring comprehensive assessment, issues not covered by other bodies
- SCCS: advice on risks related to consumer products (non-food) mostly on cosmetics but also on toys, textiles, clothing, household products, non-chemical risks (mechanical, physical, biological), consumer services (for example, tattooing, tanning devices)





New decision re-organising the Scientific Committees

Commission Decision C (2015) 5383 of 7.08.2015

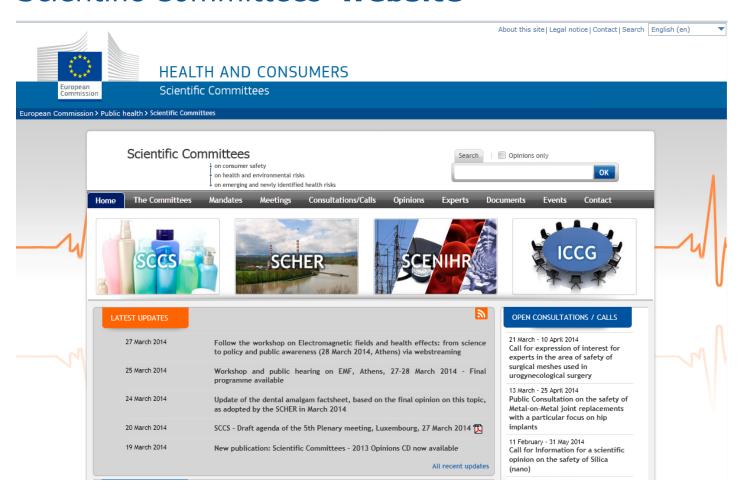
- two Committees SCCS and SCHEER (Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks) from the merge of SCHER and SCENIHR
- 5 year mandate
- Creation of a reserve list
- New term starting on 28 April 2016
- 17 Members appointed for each Committee after an open call for expression of interest





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The mandate of SCENIHR is to give advice to the European Commission on Emerging risks, Newly Identified Risks, broad, complex or multidisciplinary issues requiring comprehensive assessment and issues not covered by other bodies. This includes for example

linked to the subject, and their independence.



Thank you for attention!

Health and Food Safety