



Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks

SCENIHR

6th Meeting of the Working Group on Synthetic Biology

Venue: HITEC building, Rue Eugène Ruppert 11, L- 2453 Luxembourg

Meeting room: 02/280

04 April 2014, starting at 9:00

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the participants and announced apologies received. 12 members attended the meeting, 4 excuses. 2 representatives from DG SANCO E1 joined the meeting by audio.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Declaration of interests on matters on the agenda

The Chair requested to participants to declare any interest on the matters on the agenda. No declarations of any conflict of interest were made by participants.

4. DISCUSSION OF THE OPINION

Opinion 1: Scope and definition of Synthetic Biology:

- The first part of the discussion was focused on the *Definition* part of the opinion so as to try to address all comments received from SCs and different members of the WG;
- The final text should be circulated to all SCs for adoption by written procedure by the mid of May;
- The public consultation will be launched in the second half of May;

Opinion II: Methodological and safety aspects

The discussion was focussed on:

- Consideration of current texts and scope of the draft opinion
- Discussion and definition of additional work
- Attribution of tasks.

5. Any Other Business

Next meetings

- week 20 (12-16 May)
- 12-13 June or during the week 25 -16-20 June